



# Borough of Walnutport

## Regular Meeting Minutes

### Thursday January 11, 2018 7:00 pm

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1. William Turk, President called the January 11, 2018 regular meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:00 PM in the Borough Municipal Building, 417 Lincoln Avenue, Walnutport, PA 18088, Mr. Turk led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call: William Turk, President; Harold Greene, Vice-President; Joan Rehrig, Councilwoman; Michael Gaston, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Jennifer Wentz, Councilwoman; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Chief Peter Wayda; and Deborah Paules, Assistant Secretary. Absent Eric Strohl, Road Foreman.
3. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard –  
Al Acker; Ron Bauer 645 Williams Ave.; Ricky Smith; Don Eckert no comments.  
Ed Ziegler gave some additional information on previous subject.
4. Motion to approve A-G was made by Joan. Motion was seconded by David. Motion Carried
  - A. Minutes of the workshop meeting December 7, 2017; & regular meeting December 14, 2017
  - B. Tax Collector's Monthly Report for December 2017
  - C. Zoning Officer's Report for December 2017
  - D. Build Code Officials Report for December 2017
  - E. December 2017 Profit & Loss Report
  - F. December 2017 Bill List
  - G. Police report December 2017
4. Standing Committees –
  - A. Finance – Jennifer reported that she and Bill met with Rick and discussed needs for New Year. A motion was made by David for Rick to go ahead with ordering the truck body cost \$20,000.00. Motion was seconded by Harold. Motion Carried.
  - B. Law – Michael & Harold – Pete requested permission for conditional hiring of Joseph Cottington as a part-time police officer. He will be required to provide all paperwork needed to Pete. Motion was made by David. Motion was seconded by Patrice. Motion Carried.
    - Pete also requested that a part-time Police Officer be permitted to buy uniforms needed and reimburse the Borough by having \$25.00 deducted from their paycheck. Motion was made by Harold. Motion was seconded by Jennifer. Motion was carried.
  - C. Streets –David & Harold – David reported that Rick has started to get signatures re: Green St. He was out but some people were not home. Jason said he has not looked at Twin Alley because of the weather.
  - D. Solid Waste – Patrice
    - 237 Main Street (another request) regarding request for discontinuing garbage billing to this address. It was pointed that the ordinance reads if a property is deemed inhabitable and has water and sewer service garbage billing cannot be discontinued. Patrice requested that Annette call her to help with a letter.
    - A discussion was held regarding the garbage calendar showing pickup dates. Patrice said she looked at the contract and it doesn't seem that they are required to do a calendar but must notify residents of any Holiday changes. Bill requested that Annette look at the contract to be sure this is what is

indicated. A Motion was made by Harold that Annette prepare a calendar and make it available for people who come into the office. Motion was seconded by Patrice. Motion was carried.

- A discussion was again held regarding all the complaints regarding garbage pickup. Bill stated that he did not like that our employees were being asked to pick up garbage when missed by the hauler. Patrice explained why she made the request. A question was asked by Ron Bauer if it is possible to get out of the contract since there have been so many complaints. Atty. Corriere responded and said there are other steps that could be taken. Mr. Bauer also suggested if the complaints continue maybe Attorney Corriere should be asked to send a letter to the company.

**E.** Recreation – Jennifer- had nothing to report.

- NL Recreation Authority-Patrice – Meeting is next week.
  - ❖ Motion to approve resolution 2018-02-appointing Patrice to NL Rec Authority was made by David. Motion was seconded by Harold. Motion Carried.
  - ❖ WCA/WPA- Joan – Joan had nothing to report.

**F.** Ordinance – Harold

- Act 172 – Patrice asked that this topic be tabled until next meeting. Attorney Corriere agreed he would like to discuss the topic further.
- Mike informed everyone that a meeting will be held on February 22, 2018 at the Fire Co. There will be someone from the Fire Commissioner’s Office there along with some representatives.
- Harold reported that he sent Rick and e-mail regarding complaints received. He is requesting a copy of all complaints.

**G.** Personnel – David & Michael – Nothing to Report

**H.** Grants-Mike Wentz – Requested that Jason be given permission to move ahead with the Traffic light. He said there was a problem recently and it is getting harder to repair. Jason said he had plans to start working on the project. Mike also informed that Council that there will be funds available thru the 902 Grant. He asked permission to go ahead and apply. A motion was made by Jennifer. Motion was seconded by David. Motion was carried.

**I.** Code Enforcement Officer-Eric Strohl – Eric was not in attendance.

**J.** Engineer’s Report – NOTHING

**K.** Solicitor’s Report – Attorney Corriere recapped items discussed at workshop meeting.

**5.** New Business – Ricky Smith from the Fire Company reported that work should begin shortly and hopes are to be in the building by fall.

**A.** Motion to send delinquent – (to appropriate collections-yearly motions)

- Per capita taxes
- real estate taxes
- real estate interim taxes A motion was made by Patrice to send delinquent accounts for collections. Motion was seconded by Joan. Motion was carried.

**6.** Unfinished Business – Patrice requested that the Contract for the Day Care be looked at and completed. Patrice also requested that as she was looking back at last year’s minutes there are a few items she felt that should be carried over as unfinished business until they are completed. She is requesting that this be a part of the minutes moving forward. Council agreed.

**7.** Mayor’s Announcements - NONE

**8.** Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made by Joan. Motion was seconded by David. Motion was carried.

Respectively Submitted,