



Borough of Walnutport Workshop/Regular Minutes Thursday July 11, 2019 6:30 pm

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1. William Turk President called the July 11, 2019 workshop/regular meeting of the Borough Council to order at 6:30 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 (6:33 pm); David Stankovic, Councilman; Jennifer Wentz, Councilwoman; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Present from the Public-Terry Ahner-Times News, Jeanne Boehrer, Berry Humanick, Brenda Morris, Don Eckhart, Marilyn Kaul, Mike Wentz, Ed Zeigler, Jody Wellington, Ron Bauer, and Barry Latshaw.
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard –
 - A. Jody Wellington asked what is happening with Twin Alley. Its been over 2 years now. Council asked Engineer to look at pricing for August meeting.
5. Motion to approve A-D by general consent made by Joan. Jen seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Joan-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 - A. Minutes of the workshop meeting June 6, 2019 and regular meeting June 13, 2019
 - B. June 2019 Profit & Loss Report
 - C. June 2019 Bill List
 - D. Police report June 2019
6. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Jennifer
 - Purchasing agreement-still working on it
 - Expedition- Jen made the motion to take the expedition to the junk yard since we are not getting any bids on minicibid. Joan seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Joan-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 - Memorial-cement work- bids came back in higher because of ADA. Dave made the motion for an additional \$2,700.00 for the cement work that includes the ADA ramp at the memorial. Jen seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Joan-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 - Raises-pt employees for street received a raise last year at this time. She would like to give them \$.25 effective tonight. Mike made the motion to give the part time streets employees a \$.25 raise. Joan seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Joan-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 - B. Law – Michael & Harold – nothing

C. Streets –David & Harold – letter of interest for a job from Earl Snyder. We are not hiring at this time. Dave will talk to Rick to see what this is about.

D. Recreation – Jennifer-

- Walnutport Recreation Board-Jennifer

Trees were cut/trimmed last week, and there was a discussion about the volley ball court going in.

- NL Recreation Authority-Patrice

1. Food truck festival-police coverage-Wayne said an officer will stop by every now and then. NL Recreation Authority will monitor the beer tent and id
2. Resolution for community center-Solicitor will work on this. Patrice made the motion to approve the Resolution and have Bill sign it. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Joan-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
3. Candy cane hunt-will defiantly be during the day this year
4. Night out-is scheduled for August 2nd

- WPA/WCA-Patrice/Joan

1. Jeanne from the WCA and a few others had a discussion about alcohol at the Walnutport Park and other borough owned properties. The Solicitor will review the ordinances again. Annette will contact the insurance company. Wayne will think about all of this going forward.

E. Ordinance – Harold nothing

F. Personnel – David & Michael –

- Executive session needed

G. Secretary/Treasurer-Annette Lacko

- Complaints-Annette handed a list out of complaints from the last month. She was questioned about the outcome of some of them. Annette said she only knows what is in the report on the right side.
- 3rd notices went out for delinquent garbage bills @ 25-they will go out tomorrow since she was unable to get to post office today.

H. Engineer's Report –

- TRAFFIC LIGHT IMPROVEMENTS -I submitted the reimbursement docs to PennDOT on 6/25/19 for the full \$24,000 in grant funds. I have not received any correspondence from PennDOT to date. PennDOT will reimburse \$17,600..just not engineering costs
- LOCK 23 RETAINING WALL AND REPAIRS -We have the wetlands report completed and will be finalizing the permit submission in conjunction with FEMA's approval of the project.
- LINCOLN AVE CDBG PROJECT -Continued from last month...We may need to reject the bids in August, if there is no commitment on additional funding. We received bids on 6/7. Two bids were received. The apparent bidder is Bellview Pump

with a bid price of \$251,938. My understanding is that the Borough is considering applying for a matching grant to offset costs. The bids are valid for 60 days unless we need to seek funding, then they are valid for 120 days.

- MEMORIAL PARK PROJECT -We have completed a tree planting plan and submitted to Northampton County for review. We owe a revised budget to the County, which is difficult to compile due to the amount of ever-changing new donations and in-kind services to be provided by the community and contractors. It looks very favorable for the Borough to not expend very much cash toward the project completion
 - I. Solicitor's Report – need executive session about Green Street
- 7. Council entered executive session to discuss personnel issue and litigation from 7:45-8:30 no action taken
- 8. New Business
 - A. Real Property Tax Exemption Certification-303 New Street- Mike made the motion to accept the exemption from real estate. Jen seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Joan-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 - B. Spotted lanternfly permit requirements and guidance -Wayne will make sure police department knows not to take vehicles out of quarantine area. Street department will not take any vehicles out of quarantine area.
- 9. Unfinished Business –
 - A. Lehigh Tax Collection District Delegate Census-additional information-Annette will look into who is the representative for the school district and see if they are interested in being borough representative. Jen is willing to be an alternate.
 - B. Water issue at lock-Jason already covered
 - C. Right of way issue on Washington Street-Solicitor will send another letter and include the tenants not just the owner of the property.
- 10. Reminders/work in process-
 - A. Volleyball court
 - B. 2018-03 Green Street
 - C. Twin Alley Storm water issue
- 11. Mayor's Announcements – nothing
- 12. Adjournment- motion to adjourn the meeting made by Joan at 8:45. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Joan-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer