



Borough of Walnutport

Workshop Meeting Minutes

Thursday January 30, 2020 7:00 pm

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1. William Turk President called the January 30, 2020 workshop 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, Councilman; Michael Gaston, Councilman; Jennifer Wentz, Vice-President; David Stankovic, Councilman; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Chief Peter Wayda; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
 3. Present from the public- Terry Ahner-Times News, Bob Blum, Jeanne Boehrer, Don Eckhart, Jim Pollock, & Iris Blum.
 4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard:
 - A. Don Eckhart asked questions about the volley ball court. Tentative date set for April 1st to begin. We are waiting on a machine that will be donated to us.
 5. Appointment of vacant council seat
 - A. There are 2 letters from interest candidates. Annette introduced them and asked if anyone had any questions for them. There was a brief discussion.
 - B. Mike made the motion to approve resolution 2020-02 appointing Iris Blum to the vacant council seat. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- Mayor Wayne Weidner swore in Iris and she took a seat with the rest of council.
6. Standing Committees –

A. Finance – Jen a few things to think about. Not to make money but to recoup some of the fees. Think about this. We can discuss further in March.

- Late fees on business licenses? \$10.00?
- Post doors instead of certified mail? To save \$??

B. Law – Mike

- Dave made the motion to hire part time police officer 32-hour Officer (Chief Wayda request) Tyler Smith. Patrice seconded the motion. Iris-yes, Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- New computers \$4,300 (Chief Wayda explained his computers are out dated. They have a credit with cloud service. Jen made the motion to allow the computer work to be done up to the \$4,300.00. Harold seconded the motion. Iris-yes, Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

- discuss new patrol car (Chief Wayda) If we order new police car, we are out about 9 months to get it. Jen made the motion to allow Pete to order new police suv. Iris seconded the motion. Iris-yes, Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- Part time police officer haven't gotten a raise in 2 years. Jen will look into it. It was not budgeted.
- Duty hand guns-would like to order 2 extras-will hold off until we get more tax money in.

C. Streets - David

- Report from Road Foreman Michael Wentz
- Price Twin Alley-Mike made motion to pay up to \$5,000.00 with the understanding we will provide loader, truck, & labor and that we will do this in spring. Harold seconded the motion. Iris-yes, Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- Jen made motion to allow Engineer to open a Liquid Fuels project for 2020 Street improvements. Dave seconded the motion. Iris-yes, Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried. There was a brief explanation to public so they understand what that meant.

Jeanne Boehrer asked why we don't have money for guns. There was another explanation on how the borough needs to have roll over money to get through till tax money starts coming in.

- Jen made the motion to resin her motion on purchasing new computers. Harold seconded the motion. Iris-yes, Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- Motion to purchase hand guns made by Mike. Jen seconded the motion. Iris-yes, Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

D. Recreation – Jennifer-

- Walnutport Recreation Board – Jennifer - trees are down. They are all recycled either to the goats or chipped and spread in a farmer's field. Looking forward to 2020. If anyone is interested in adopting tree this year, they can contact the office and get put on the list.
- NL Recreation Authority-Patrice – will have report next month.
- WPA/WCA-Patrice nothing

E. Ordinance Review – Harold – nothing

F. Personnel –Bill nothing

G. Secretary/Treasurer – Annette Lacko

- Update payroll information-some of the files don't have anything. I just want to update incase anything has changed
- Ethic form-please remember to complete and get back to me

- Garbage
 1. 439 Main Street-water turned off-unoccupied-returned mail-Jen made the motion to exempt 439 Main Street. Harold seconded the motion. Iris-yes, Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 2. Keyser-211 Canal Street-trailer removed-Jen made the motion to exempt 211 Canal Street. David seconded the motion. Iris-yes, Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

H. Grants-Michael Wentz –

- FEMA-had a conference call with FEMA, Jason Newhard, Annette, & Mike. Looks like the entire project will be covered.
- LSA Monroe \$300K vac/sweeper-we were awarded the grant. Waiting on paperwork
- DEP leaf machine 904 total pay. Machine is here. Waiting on reimbursement.
- Block Grant-Lincoln Avenue-review done by end of February-go out to bid by April

I. Solicitor's Report

- Council salaries/raises-gave update on when raises could be given and what limits are.
- Counter offer-executive session
- Personnel matter-executive session

7. New Business – nothing

8. Unfinished Business/Reminders/work in process- nothing

9. Upcoming events

A. May 20, 2020 – E Recycling event held in borough parking lot

10. Mayor's Announcements –nothing

11. Council entered executive session from 8:20-8:35 to discuss a counter offer and a personnel matter. No action taken.

12. Adjournment – Mike made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 pm. Harold seconded the motion. Iris-yes, Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer