

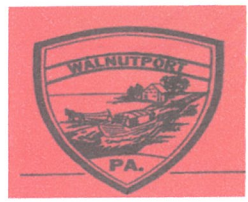
# Borough of Walnutport

## Workshop/Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday December 17, 2020 7:00 pm

### Meeting held at 110 Main Street-Diamond Fire Company Social Hall Due to COVID-19 and CDC guidelines

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1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance: William Turk, President
2. Roll Call: William Turk, President; Harold Greene, Vice-President (present online); Iris Blum, 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 Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Present from the Public- Earl Snyder, Ron Bauer, Leif Henry, Terry Ahner, & Sean Corey.
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard –
  - A. Earl Snyder wanted to thank the streets department and the water/sewer department for the outstanding job they did this storm. He has never seen Oak Street so clean so early. He then asked the Solicitor what is the story with the property on Oak Street. Solicitor explained he will set up a meeting with zoning officer and code enforcement officer to see which way they will move forward.
  - B. Bill also wanted to thank the streets department for a good job on the snow this storm.
5. Jen made the motion to approve A-H by general consent. Harold seconded the motion.
  - A. November 12, 2020 meetings minutes
  - B. November 2020 Profit & Loss Report
  - C. November 2020 Bill List
  - D. November 2020 Police report
  - E. November 2020 Tax Collector Report
  - F. November 2020 Zoning permit report
  - G. November 2020 UCC permit report
  - H. November 2020 Code Enforcement Officers report. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
6. Standing Committees –
  - A. Finance – Jennifer
    - Budget 2021-there was a discussion



- a) Jen made the motion to withdraw funding from the Northern Lehigh Recreation Authority for 2021. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-no, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- b) Jen made the motion to approve Resolution 2020-04 withdrawing from the NL Recreation Authority. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-no, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- c) Jen made the motion to approve milage rate Ordinance 2020-05 at 19.25. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- d) Motion to adopt 2021 budget as presented tonight made by Jen. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- Fees-zoning-look at the fees. Solicitor is working with ZHB solicitor. We will need to adjust our fees. We are really losing money on the hearings.
- Update to sanitation software- Jen made the motion to have VUB software updated @ \$2,600.00 coming out of sanitation account. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

#### B. Law – Michael

- Mike wants a meeting with Chief and mayor after new year about the fireworks, parking ordinance issues.
- Chief Peter Wayda asks to hire a pt police officer Leif Henry. Patrice made the motion to hire Leif Henry. Jen seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried. Mayor swore Officer Henry in.
- Chief told council they are doing no shave November and double down December as a fundraiser for a local woman suffering from breast cancer. They will all be clean shaven for the new year.
- Dave would like to recognize Chief Wayda for his heroic act the other day at Thomson's Meat Market when a person went into cardiac arrest and he started cpr by himself till the ambulance got there.

#### C. Streets –David

#### D. Dave read Mike's Wentz's November's report

#### E. Recreation – Jennifer-

- Walnutport Recreation Board-Jennifer we had about 40 some kids for tree lighting. Balloons by Robin handed out balloons to the kids. There were people there and Annette was live on Facebook for lighting. Jen was also in contact with Brian Filchner from WPA about lease. They would like to make it a 10-year lease instead of a 5 year. There weren't any objections from council.
- NL Recreation Authority-Patrice nothing
- WPA/WCA-Iris nothing

#### F. Ordinance – Harold nothing

- G. Personnel – Bill thanked everyone on council for a good year and all the cooperation.
- H. Secretary/Treasurer's report- Annette how does council want to handle meetings in 2021?
- Only one meeting till August. Annette will take care of advertisement
- I. Engineer's Report –
- See report nothing to act on
- J. Solicitor's Report –
- BRC Franchise waiting on BRC
  - Working on RCN Franchise renewal
  - Sent letter to PennDot about Main Street crossing issue
  - January meeting will need an executive session on blighted property and how council wants to move forward.
7. New Business - nothing
8. Unfinished Business - nothing
9. Mayor's Announcements – Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!
10. Adjournment Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Iris at 7:45 pm. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko Secretary/Treasurer

