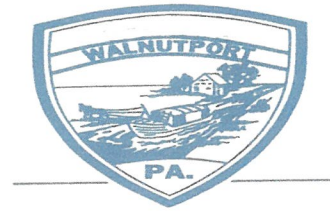


Borough of Walnutport
Regular Borough Meeting Minutes
Thursday July 9, 2020 7:00 pm



Meeting held at 110 Main Street-Diamond Fire Comp Social Hall

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June's Meetings were cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic.

1. William Turk President called the July 9, 2020 regular meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:00 pm in the Diamond Fire Company Social Hall 110 Main Street, Walnutport, PA 18088. Mr. Turk led the Pledge of allegiance.
2. Roll Call: William Turk, President; Harold Greene, Councilman; Iris Blum, Councilwoman; Michael Gaston, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Jennifer Wentz, Vice-President; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; and Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Present from the Public & via Zoom- Kristie Wilk-Nova; Ed Ziegler; David Edwards; Tim Dennis; Bob & Nancy Treskot; & Terry Ahner-Times News.
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard –
 - A. Kristie Wilk gave an update from Nova. Calls are 10.5% lower right now.
5. Jen made the motion by general consent to approve A-H. Iris seconded the motion.
 - A. Minutes from May 14, 2020 meetings
 - B. May & June 2020 Profit & Loss Report
 - C. May & June 2020 Bill List
 - D. Police report May & June 2020
 - E. May & June 2020 Tax Collector Report
 - F. June 2020 Zoning permit report
 - G. June 2020 UCC permit report
 - H. Code Enforcement Officers June report. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
6. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Jennifer
 - Recycling contract Bids- 2021-2024- We received one bid from Cougle's Recycling Inc.
 - Option A: Market Rate to be based on actual market conditions and would fluctuate with market trends. \$68.00 per ton charge-floating price based upon the market and no floor.

Option B: Static Rate- is based on both historical and current market conditions and would not fluctuate with market trends but rather stay static, as listed, for the length of contracted period. \$58.00 per ton charge.

Jen made the motion to approve Option B. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

- E-recycling event was very successful. We have not received numbers yet.
- Thank you letter from NOVA and Slatington Library.
- Jen would like each department head to start looking at 2021 budget.

B. Law – Michael–

- Fireworks-complaints-will discuss with Mayor, Chief and come up with a plan to enforce
- Boat ramp- will also talk to Chief, Mayor and come up with a plan to enforce.
 - a) Council agreed to allow extra PT police officer to cover boat ramp to handle traffic issue for next few weekends until new signage can be ordered and installed. Vehicles should be ticketed and towed.

C. Streets –David–

- David read Mike Wentz's reports for May & June. He thanked Brian and Mike for all their volunteer time at the memorial and volleyball court. That is about 8 hours each day for each of them. Bill also thanked them for a great job they are doing.
- Tractor-snow removal- Dave made the motion to allow Mike Wentz to start negotiating a price on a new tractor for snow blowing sidewalks around borough hall. This would be for 2021 budget. The existing tractor breaks down every time they use it. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

D. Recreation – Jennifer-

- Walnutport Recreation Board-Jennifer
 - a) After a brief discussion about pavilion rentals- Mike made the motion to not rent the pavilion out the rest of the year due to COVID-19. Jen seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 - b) Application for use of facility from NLRA- Dave made the motion to keep the pavilion closed the rest of 2020 and not allow anyone to use the rest of the year. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- NL Recreation Authority-Patrice everything already covered
- WPA/WCA-Iris-had meeting with softball coaches. They came up with an agreement what the coaches will be doing to allow them to practice again.

E. Ordinance – Harold

- Jen made the motion to approve Ordinance 2020-04 (a coverall to update a bunch of items). Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

F. Personnel – Bill – will need brief executive session

G. Secretary/Treasurer's report-Annette Lacko

- Chamber- council had a brief discussion on membership and if it is worth them joining for \$400 a year. They all said no. Annette got a head count for the ribbon cutting on Neff's National Bank's Walnutport opening.

H. Engineer's Report –

- See report-no action needed
- Will need a petition to open Spadt alley- Jen mad the motion to authorize Solicitor and Engineer to start process of petition and what needs to be done to get project moved forward. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

Council asked Annette to send Zoning Officer and Tax Collector a letter reminding them the building is opened to the public and they are expected to have office hours. They received complaints people were waiting for them and they did not show up.

I. Solicitor's Report –

- Update on Green Street-having meeting with them and their new attorney
- Jen made the motion to allow solicitor to move forward for taking next steps in garbage contract for opening bids at September 10th meeting. Iris seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- Mike Gaston asked Mike Corriere to prepare a letter to go to all nonprofits about supplying borough with total assets to borough
- Mike Gaston also asked Mike Corriere to review all the contracts with the NLRA

7. New Business

- A. Trapping permit-Prutzman-Mike made the motion to allow Mr. Prutzman to trap on borough property like the years in past. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- B. Complaint from Green Street about garbage...again...He should keep filing a police report and turning into his insurance company.
- C. Parade approval Jen made the motion to allow them to have the rolling parade. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried

8. Unfinished Business-

- A. dilapidated properties-Mike Gaston will get in touch with CEO and ZO
- B. Volley Ball Court – started- Iris made motion to spend up to \$1,400.00 for volleyball equipment. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried
- C. Pt police officer raises-Jen stated...since it is part way through the year and it was not budgeted, we can give the pt police \$.25 raise now and budget additional raise for new year. Patrice made the motion for the \$.25 raise. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried
- D. There will not be a meeting in August. We will have next meeting September 10, 2020.

Council entered into an executive session from 8:35-8:55 pm to discuss a personnel matter. No action taken.

9. Mayor's Announcements – nothing

10. Adjournment – Iris made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 pm. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer