



# Borough of Walnutport

## Regular Meeting Minutes

### Thursday March 12, 2020 7:00 pm

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1. 6:00 executive session
2. William Turk President called the March 12, 2020 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.
3. 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; and Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
4. Present from the Public- Jeanne Boehrer, Allen Acker, Terry Ahner-Times News, Deb Paules, Brian Filchner, Jason Smith, Jeanne Boehrer, Bob Treskot, Ron Kuntz, Dennis Green, Shirley Harder, Marvin Navani, David Edwards, Leo DeVito, & Michael Wentz.
5. Laura Kurtz @ Walnutport Authority's refinancing- Laura explained everything and took questions. Motion to approve Ordinance 2020-03 made by Mike. Jen seconded the motion Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
6. Memorial grant- Leo Devito was here for the executive session to discuss this matter. Jen made the motion that the Borough of Walnutport withdraw its application for the grant issued by Northampton County for refurbishing of the Borough's Veteran's Memorial Park and authorize the special Solicitor to send a letter to the county advise them of the Borough's decision. Iris seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
7. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard –
  - A. Shirley Hader & Marvin Navani- 1 View Drive- discussed taxes and the road conditions
8. Patrice made the motion to approve A-G. Harold seconded the motion.
  - A. Minutes from January 6, 2020; January 30, 2020, & February 13, 2020 meetings
  - B. February 2020 Profit & Loss Report
  - C. February 2020 Bill List
  - D. Police report February 2020
  - E. Tax collector reports
  - F. January & February 2020 Zoning permit report
  - G. January & February 2020 UCC permit report. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
9. Standing Committees –
  - A. Finance – Jennifer



- Starting to work on Garbage contract- 2021-2024-recycling has to go out first. We are hoping to have bids back for June.

B. Law – Michael– need brief executive session

C. Streets –David– guys are doing a good job-Mike, Brian, Dennis. The trees behind the playground.

D. Recreation – Jennifer-

- Walnutport Recreation Board-Jennifer had a meeting with WCA about the lease. It was last done in 2012 and suppose to be renewed every 5 years. Patrice made the motion to approve resigning the lease agreement as of 2020. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- NL Recreation Authority-Patrice as of April 1<sup>st</sup> office will be moved to Washington Township. Patrice gave an update on upcoming events.
- WPA/WCA-Iris gave update from insurance company with answer to council's questions from last week. Then they had discussion about fence with Ron Kuntz, Dennis Green, Jason Smith, Brian Filchner, & Bob Treskot.

E. Harold made the motion to have Annette fix the minutes from 2/13/2020 to reflect the correct votes. Iris seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

8:30 pm

F. Ordinance – Harold – Mike made the motion to advertise Ordinance 2020-04 update to street excavating. David seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

G. Personnel – Bill – nothing

H. Secretary/Treasurer's report-Annette Lacko

- Pension-during audit borough contributed \$2,162.00 too much to non-uniform pension plan. Motion to approve Resolution 2020-03 made by Jen. Patrice seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

I. Engineer's Report –

- Complaint about Main Street- Jason explained the development that will be going in since property was sold again. Mike Wentz has been speaking to complainer and keeping her in look. This topic is tabled till council sees development plans.
- Street project out to bid-will have results at April's meeting

J. Solicitor's Report –

- Tax appeal was a success-will get paperwork
- Short executive session for personnel matter

10.New Business - none

11.Unfinished Business-

- A. unfinished complaint forms-
- B. dilapidated properties-

C. Volley Ball Court – target date 4-1-2020-spoke to Mr. Miller. He will do the digging with borough's backhoe

D. Pt police officer raises

E. Twin Alley (approved-target date April)

12.Upcoming events

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

13. Borough council entered into an executive session from 8:55-9:00 pm to discuss a personnel matter. No action taken.

14.Mayor's Announcements – nothing

15.Adjournment – Iris made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 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