## Borough of Walnutport

## Regular Borough Meeting Minutes

## Thursday November 12, 2020 7:00 pm

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

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- 1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance: William Turk, President
- 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-Terry Ahner, Don Eckhart, Brian Filchner, Leslie Dixon, Robin Schmall, & Lindsay Taylor.
- 4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard -
  - **A.** Brian Filchner-questioned about the lease agreement-Jen has reviewed it. She will meet with Brian Friday at 3:00 at borough hall.
  - **B.** Lesley Dixon questioned Borough council about a pedestrian sign on Main Street. Council agreed they will have solicitor, along with Chief of Police send a letter to PennDOT and State representative.
  - C. Lindsay Taylor from NL Recreation Authority and Patrice talked about the community center and the NL Rec Authority. They are looking to lower their donation request from \$7.5 to \$6.00 per resident.
- 5. Mike made the motion to approve A-H. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried
  - A. October 8, 2020 meetings minutes
  - B. October 2020 Profit & Loss Report
  - C. October 2020 Bill List
  - D. October 2020 Police report
  - E. October 2020 Tax Collector Report
  - F. September/October 2020 Zoning permit report
  - G. September/October 2020 UCC permit report
  - H. October 2020 Code Enforcement Officers report
- 6. Standing Committees -
  - A. Finance Jennifer
    - 2021 budget-there was a discussion on non-profits donations, not wanting to raise taxes for 2021.



- Harold made the motion to advertise tax milage at 19.75 for 2021. Iris seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes.
  Motion carried
- Motion to advertise the preliminary 2021 budget for public review from November 23 through December 16, 2020 made by David. Jen seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Irisyes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried
- Jen made the motion to accept the balanced budget with the tax increase as approved to be advertised. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried
- **B.** Law Michael wanting to set up a meeting next week with Chief about parking and firework issues.
- C. Streets -David-
  - October report-
- D. Recreation Jennifer-
  - Walnutport Recreation Board-Jennifer
    - Tree lighting- as of earlier 32 trees. working on what else we can do with COVID restrictions. Balloons by Robin will be at tree lighting...maybe Santa Claus or an elf handing out candy canes.
  - NL Recreation Authority-Patrice discussed earlier...only other thing is they are doing letters from Santa.
  - WPA/WCA-Iris nothing
- E. Ordinance Harold nothing
- **F.** Personnel Bill nothing
- G. Secretary/Treasurer's report-Annette Lacko
  - Newsletter-Annette is pricing getting other companies who do newsletters since our residents still have not received our fall newsletter and it seems to go out later and later every time.
  - Garbage-motion to waive garbage service for 431 Main Street made by David. Jen seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried
  - Diversified update-looking to possibly upgrading programing. Hopefully to be able to do business licenses and mercantile in that system as well. Table till next month. Engineer's Report no action needed
- H. Solicitor's Report -
  - BRC Franchise-waiting on BRC
- 7. New Business nothing
- 8. Unfinished Business-
  - A. dilapidated properties- no action

- **B.** Volley Ball Court update– poles are in. sand is going to be completely paid for. Thank you to Edgewater Bulk Transport, Rehrig Repairs, & H&K.
- C. Memorial update everything is done except a little bit of top soil and seeding...maybe another tree or two in spring. Thank you to Blue Mountain Evergreen for promising to donate hydro seeding, and Casilio Concrete, DDR, CW Electric, Thomson's Meat Market, Walnutport Recreation Board for their donations to the project. Mike Wentz also spoke to the new commander at the VFW they are starting a new campaign to get names added to the monument. You will need to petition the VFW. Hopefully we can have a dedication for Memorial Day.
- **9.** Borough Council entered into an executive session at 8:00-8:25 for a personnel matter. No action taken.
- **10.**Mayor's Announcements -Happy Thanksgivings Day! & Thank you to our Veterans
- 11. Adjournment-Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Iris at 9:10 pm. Jen seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer