

Borough of Walnutport
Regular Borough Meeting Minutes
Thursday October 8, 2020 7:00 pm
Meeting held at 110 Main Street-Diamond Fire Comp Social Hall



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1. William Turk President called the October 8, 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 (absent); 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, & Michael Kovach.
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard – none
5. Motion to approve A-H –Mike made the motion to approve A, B, C, D, E, & H. Jen seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes.
Motion carried
 - A. September 10, 2020 meetings minutes
 - B. September 2020 Profit & Loss Report
 - C. September 2020 Bill List
 - D. September 2020 Police report
 - E. August & September 2020 Tax Collector Report
 - F. September 2020 Zoning permit report-no report given
 - G. September 2020 UCC permit report-no report given
 - H. September 2020 Code Enforcement Officers report
6. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Jennifer
 - 2021 budget- take a look at the beginning of the budget
 - B. Law – Michael–
 - Letter from Sergeant Nothstein- request for education \$600.00-Mike made the motion to approve Sergeant Nothstein's education disbursement. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried
 - Portable radio-Harold made the motion to allow the purchase of a hand radio for \$808.00. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried

C. Streets –David–

- September report
- David want to thank all the volunteers who helped with the mulch on Saturday. Mike Wentz, Brian Thomas and his kids-Carter-Devin-Madison, Carlton Miller, Robert Blum, Ron Bauer, Dean Wagaman, Gabe Diaz. Matt Kuhns for getting the tractor from the Walnutport Canal Association. Dave helped with the mulch as well.
- Issue with tank in the back of borough hall. Boyko was here. They will be helping fix it. Mantz fuel said they cannot fill it till the air is out of the lines. The parking lot will have to be cut some more. Mike will get some black top and fix parking lot once tank and line is fixed.
- Brian & Mike will be going to a storm water seminar on November 3rd.
- There is a lot of rust on the one truck. Buzzy's is fixing some of it however he can not fix the bed so Mike will take that to Szoke Iron Works to have that fixed.

D. Recreation – Jennifer-

- Walnutport Recreation Board-Jennifer
 - Tree lighting-we have 8 trees so far
- NL Recreation Authority-Patrice
- WPA/WCA-Iris had a list of issues from the WPA. The water heater-Annette can not find a bill. They must have paid them directly. They are complaining that someone hit the fence while cutting grass. Mike explained that it was not one of the zero turns. Council agreed with the way it was damaged. Jen will look at their lease renewal. The Volley Ball is being worked on. We are waiting on the poles to be delivered.

E. Ordinance – Harold made the motion to authorize engineer and solicitor to start the process of ordaining Spadt Alley. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried

F. Personnel – Bill – nothing

G. Secretary/Treasurer's report-Annette Lacko

- Requested financials- still waiting on a few to come in. deadline is tomorrow.
- Resolution 2020-03 police pension-Mike made the motion to approve. Jen seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried

H. Engineer's Report –

- Jen made the motion to authorize the installation of water main connecting Lehigh Street with S Canal Street by Walnutport Authority. It is funded by a grant. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried

- Mike made the motion to authorize engineer to prepare specs and bid out roof for 100 Carbon Street. Jen seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried

I. Solicitor's Report –

- BRC Franchise-letter sent out
- Letter sent to Giant and Cell Tower

7. New Business

- A.** Letter from Slatington Library asking for more funding

8. Unfinished Business-

- A.** dilapidated properties- Solicitor gave update on definitions and what process is to move forward.
- B.** Volley Ball Court – waiting on poles. Will get sand and pile by court to hopefully block off trespassers
- C.** Memorial-coming along good. This contractor and a local business owner are really working and making things more along-should be done by Veteran's day
- D.** We had to order a 3rd flag pole. Originally, we were going to use the existing one but it wont work. Motion to purchase flag pole for memorial for \$2,336.26 made by Jen. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried

9. Mayor's Announcements – reminder of trick or treat 10-28-20

From 6-8 pm using cdc guidelines

10. Adjournment- Iris made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30. Jen seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer

