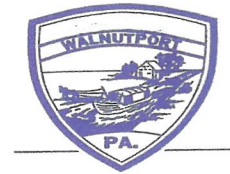


# Borough of Walnutport

## Workshop/Regular Meeting Minutes



Thursday June 10, 2021 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. William Turk President called the June 10, 2021 regular meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:03 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, Vice-President; Iris Blum, Councilwoman; Michael Gaston, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Jennifer Wentz, Councilwoman; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Chief Peter Wayda; Mike Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Scott Ledo, Code Enforcement Officer; and Annette S. Lacko Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Present from the Public- Nathan Prichard - water shed specialist Northampton County, Peggy Shannon, Dawn?, Denise ?, Donald Eckhart, and Tim Dennis.
4. Bertsch-Hockendaqua-Catasauqua Watershed Association- “presenting in person what remediation work they are able to provide to keep the Lehigh Canal free of invasive species that would ultimately overtake the waterway” -- Peggy Shannon introduced Nathan Prichard to discuss the process of what they would like to do at canal and answer any questions. There were also 2 other ladies there Denise & Dawn who did not speak. Council asked questions and had a discussion. The borough would not have to spray the pesticide after the Japanese knotweed was cut down. The union employees who normally cut down the Japanese knotweed are fine with this nonprofit organization cutting it down.
  - A. Jen made the motion to rescind the motion from May 13, 2021 meeting not allowing them to remove the knotweed. Dave seconded the motion. Harold and Mike did not vote since they were not here last month. Iris-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
  - B. Mike made the motion to allow this organization to remove the Japanese knotweed as long as there is not chemicals used. Jen seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
5. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard – none
6. Patrice made the motion to approve A-H by general consent. Jen seconded the motion.
  - A. May 13, 2021 regular meetings minutes
  - B. May 2021 Profit & Loss Report
  - C. May 2021 Bill List
  - D. May 2021 Police report



- E. March, April, May 2021 Tax Collector monthly report
  - F. May 2021 Zoning permit report
  - G. May 2021 UCC permit report
  - H. May 2021 Code Enforcement Officers report. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
7. Standing Committees –
- A. Finance – Jennifer – department heads start thinking of 2022 budgets
  - B. Law – Mike nothing. Pete said he spoke to the guy who does our camera security camera work. He gave a quote to realign the existing cameras and add 2 new cameras to the 215 building. What is there, they can not see most of the vandalism that has been occurring. Dave made the motion to accept the \$863.00 quote. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
  - C. Streets –David
    - May report
    - Mike Wentz and Jason Newhard updated council on their meeting/inspection for MS4. We are 100% in compliance. Mike’s monthly reports with what he does to the streets really helps with the reporting. There will be one recommendation about training but that is being ran through the CBU. He will be back in 5 years.
  - D. Recreation – Jennifer-
    - Walnutport Recreation Board-Jennifer - starting to work on tree lighting event
    - WPA/WCA-Iris – they are working on carnival for next month. Asked about band shell. Mike and Annette were told this is the last year we can get the bandshell. They will no longer be letting it out of the township.
  - E. Ordinance – Harold nothing
  - F. Secretary/Treasurer’s report- Annette
    - Copy of letter from NL School District about moving permits – this is their yearly advertisement so those who turn 18 know they need a moving permit to be added to the tax rolls.
    - Fall e-recycling? Annette received a letter from Northampton County about a possible reimbursement for e-recycling in fall. Council asked Annette to look into it along with tires, paint, and shredding.
  - G. Engineer’s Report – Jason Newhard- he let us know this is his 20<sup>th</sup> year coming to Walnutport borough council meetings. Council congratulated him.
    - See report – no action.
  - H. Solicitor’s Report –
    - Will need a brief executive session for possible litigation
8. New Business- nothing
9. Unfinished Business –
- A. Cell tower-Mike Gaston asked out Code Enforcement Officer to cite the renter. They have had more than enough notice from our solicitor and they are not doing what needs to be done.

B. 306 Oak; 202 Lincoln-Gogel he would like to make a motion to execute the executive order for him to sell-our solicitor explained that is what he has been working on. Just waiting on final paperwork from zoning officer.

10. Council entered into an executive session from 7:55-9:09 pm to discuss possible litigation and personnel matters. No action taken.

A. Mayor's Announcements – nothing other than A Night in the Country is requesting help with fire police coverage on August 21<sup>st</sup> with rain date of August 22<sup>nd</sup> in New Tripoli. Mike made the motion. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

B. Adjournment – Iris made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm. Jen 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