

# Borough of Walnutport Workshop/Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday March 11, 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 March 11, 2021 regular meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:00 pm in the Diamond Fire Company Social Hall 110 Main St., Walnutport, PA 18088. Mr. Turk led the Pledge of allegiance.
2. Roll Call: William Turk, President; Harold Greene (by zoom), 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; and Deborah Paules, Assistant Secretary.
3. Present from the public- Cindy Miller, Nancy Treskot, Andy Gildner, GNLCC, Brian Filchner and Bob Treskot, Walnutport Playground Assoc. Terry Ahner, Times News
4. GNLCC-Cindy Miller-Andy Gildner- -Nancy Treskot; Cindy Miller spoke about the GNLCC and their meeting dates and times. They will meet once a quarter. The next meeting is March 18, 2021 at 8:00 am at the Vigilant. They were there to ask that the Borough have a representative at the meetings. This Committee is to try to discuss topics that all communities may have concerns with and help each other solve some issues. Mayor Weidner volunteered to attend the meetings as Walnutport's representative. Cindy will be the chair of this committee.
5. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard –
  - Bob Treskot representing the WPA had several concerns regarding activities at the playground for the coming year. The Easter egg hunt is probably not going to happen. The plans for the Carnival are moving ahead. Also plans for ball games were discussed. Council advised that they should keep up on CDC changes to make sure they are in compliance. He also asked if they will be able to use the building. Council again said yes but they needed to comply with CDC rules.
6. Motion to approve A-H was made by Mike. Motion was seconded by Jennifer. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Harold-yes & Bill-yes. Motion was carried.
  - A. January 14, 2020 regular meetings minutes
  - B. January & February 2020 Profit & Loss Report
  - C. January & February 2020 Bill List
  - D. January & February 2020 Police report
  - E. January & February 2020 Tax Collector Report
  - F. January & February 2020 Zoning permit report
  - G. January & February 2020 UCC permit report
  - H. January & February 2020 Code Enforcement Officers report

## Standing Committees –

### A. Finance – Jennifer

- Resolution 2021-01 workers comp-Motion was made by Mike Gaston to accept Resolution 2021-01. Motion was seconded by David Stankovic. Mike-yes, Iris-Yes. Patrice-yes, Jennifer-yes, David-yes, Harold-yes & Bill-yes. Motion was carried.
- Garbage issues -Jen discussed the meeting with the hauler. Mike Corriere informed council that we will have to honor our recycle contract. Patrice had several questions regarding recycling concerns and timely pickup of trash. Jen said she would follow up on those items.

### B. Law – Michael

- Letter of resignation from Michael Eckman. Motion was made by Mike to accept the letter. Motion was seconded by Iris. Mike-yes, Iris-Yes, Patrice-yes, Jennifer-yes, David-yes Harold-yes & Bill-yes Motion was carried.

### C. Streets –David

- January & February report David read his reports
- Parade David discussed the plans for the Diamond Fire Co. hold a parade and the permits needed from the State. He was informed that Annette has stated that she has never handled the permits. He will talk to Annette about reaching out to Northern Lehigh or Centennial committees for help. A motion was made by Jen to give the Diamond Fire Co. permission to hold The Diamond Fire Co. 125<sup>th</sup> Centennial Parade on June 12, 2021. Motion was seconded by Harold. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Harold-yes & Bill-yes. Motion was carried.
- Mutual aid-fire police – Wayne asked for permission to get help from outside to help with fire police for the parade. A motion was made by Jen allow Wayne to seek help. Motion was seconded by Iris. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Harold-yes & Bill-yes. Motion was carried.
- 2021 street projects - Jason discussed the proposed streets projects. Motion was made by David to have Jason open a liquid fuels street project. Motion was seconded by Mike. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Patrice-yes, Jennifer-yes, David-yes, Harold-yes & Bill-yes. Motion was carried.

### D. Recreation – Jennifer-

- Walnutport Recreation Board-Jennifer - Nothing to report
  - WPA/WCA-Iris – Nothing to report

### E. Ordinance – Harold – Nothing to report

### F. Personnel – Bill –Nothing to report

### G. Secretary/Treasurer's report-

- Garbage waiver- account #80008 Jennifer informed Council on some details regarding this issue. A motion to waive garbage fees for this account was made by Patrice. Motion was seconded by Iris. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes Harold- yes & Bill yes. Motion was carried.

- Zoning fees/resolution -Motion to accept Resolution 2021-03 Zoning fees was made by Patrice. Motion was seconded by Jennifer. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Harold-yes & Bill-yes. Motion was carried.
- Website-new one is up and running- Jen informed Council about the new website. Wayne felt that we should have more people trained in the Code Red program. Pete was asked if one of his officers could be trained. Topic open for discussion. Jen to follow up.
- Ethic forms – All council was informed that they needed to provide the information to Annette ASAP.

#### H. Engineer's Report –

- See report
  - Roof project – Jason presented the bids for the roof project. Patrice voiced her opinion on the contractor she felt would have been a better choice for the job. A motion was made by Mike to reward the bid to JB Roofing in the amount of \$51,528.00. The motion was seconded by Jen. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Harold-yes & Bill-yes. Motion was carried.

#### I. Solicitor's Report –

- BRC Franchise Resolution 2021-02 - Motion to approve was made by Mike. Motion was seconded by Jen. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Harold-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion was carried.
- Motion to accept updated fees was made by Mike. Motion was seconded by Iris. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Harold-yes & Bill yes. Motion was carried.
- Petition for Appeal – Motion to accept was made by Patrice. Motion was seconded by Mike. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Harold-yes& Bill-yes. Motion was carried.
- Motion to include late fees on rental license forms was made by Mike. Motion was seconded by David. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Harold-yes & Bill-yes. Motion was carried.
- Mike Corriere gave Debbie a paper for Sean to complete and the call him regarding Gogel.

#### 7. New Business

- A. Letter from Steckel & Stopp-Motion to accept Shirley Chimich's retirement from ZHB. Motion was made by Iris to accept letter of retirement. Motion was seconded by Harold. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Harold-yes & Bill-yes. Motion was carried.
- B. A letter of intent was received from Matt Newhard to fill the vacancy on the ZHB. A motion was made by David to accept Matt as the new member. The motion was seconded by Patrice. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Harold-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion was carried.

#### 8. Unfinished Business - NONE

#### 9. Mayor's Announcements – NONE. HAPPY EASTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS ASKED FOR BY JEN AT 8:22. Returned at 8:31. Solicitor reported it was a legal issue. NO ACTION AT THIS TIME.

10. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn was made by Iris at 8:32 pm. Motion was seconded by Patrice. Mike yes, Iris-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Harold-yes & Bill –yes. Motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted by

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