



Borough of Walnutport

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday December 19, 2019 7:00 pm

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1. William Turk President called the November 19, 2019 regular meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:01 pm in the Borough Municipal Building, 417 Lincoln Avenue, Walnutport, PA 18088. Mr. Turk led the Pledge of allegiance.
2. Roll Call: William Turk, President; Harold Greene, Vice-President (absent); Joan Rehrig, Councilwoman; Michael Gaston, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Jennifer Wentz, Councilwoman; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Chief Peter Wayda; and Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Present from the Public-Ed Zeigler, Todd Andrews, Samuel Hartman, Dusty Keyser, M. Hartman, W. Hartman, Ronald Marsteller, Kassie Summer, Jordon Summer, Mark Bradbury, & Brian Taylor.
4. Hiring FT Police Officer-Chief Wayda gave a little background on Nicholas Hartman and asked for council to hire Mr. Hartman as FT Police Officer. He was on the list recommended from the civil service commission. Patrice made the motion to hire Nicholas Hartman as a full-time police officer effective January 1, 2020 pending required evaluations/examinations. Jen seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried. Mayor Wayne Weidner sworn Mr. Hartman in.
5. Hiring FT public work-Mike made the motion to hire Brian Thomas Jr as assistant road foreman effective January 2, 2020. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
6. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard –
 - A. Dusty Keyser and Mark Bradbury discussed canal street project. See engineering report.
 - B. Todd Andrews asked about the water puddle issue by his house. The engineer explained that they will address that when there is patch work done next summer. He also asked about a late notice he received on his taxes. Annette asked which taxes and where it came from. She explained he needs to discuss with Berkheimer since we send delinquent to them every year. We don't send multiple years at a time.



7. Motion to approve A-G made by Patrice. David seconded the motion.
- A. Minutes of the workshop meeting November 7 & regular meeting November 14, 2019
 - B. November 2019 Profit & Loss Report
 - C. November 2019 Bill List
 - D. Police report November 2019
 - E. Tax collector reports January – November 2019
 - F. November 2019 Zoning permit report
 - G. November 2019 UCC permit report. Mike-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes.
- Motion carried.
8. Standing Committees –
- A. Finance – Jennifer
 - Budget
 - a) Motion to approve millage rate of 19.25 made by Mike. David seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Patrice-NO, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 - b) Motion to adopt 2020 budget made by Jen. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Patrice-NO, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 - B. Law – Michael & Harold – nothing
 - C. Streets –David & Harold – Mike is doing a good job keeping roads clean by himself. Christmas lights look good. Still having an issue with one. Waiting on PPL. Mrs. Knappenberger was able to sponsor a decoration in memory of her late husband Richard.
 - D. Recreation – Jennifer-
 - Walnutport Recreation Board-Jennifer hopes everyone enjoys their Christmas
 - NL Recreation Authority-Patrice gave Jen their financial statements
 - WPA/WCA-Patrice/Joan - nothing
 - E. Ordinance – nothing
 - F. Personnel – David & Michael – nothing further
 - G. Engineer's Report –
 - 203 S. Canal Street – 4 lot subdivision with a new duplex fronting on S. Canal St. The existing duplex on S. Railroad Street to remain. The planning commission reviewed at the 11/21/19 meeting and recommended conditional Preliminary /Final Approval conditioned upon the standard Borough conditions and meeting the comments in SSM's letter dated 11-14-19. Mike made the motion to approve the waivers from letter dated December 19, 2019 from Martin, Bradbury & Griffith, Inc. Patrice seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried. Mike made the motion to grant conditional preliminary/final approval conditioned upon the standard Borough conditions and meeting the comments in MMS's letter dated 11-14-19. Jen seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.



- H. Solicitor's Report – need executive session for 3 items 1) settlement; 2) bid issue; & 3) Green Street

Council entered into an executive session till 8:15. The only action to be taken

Mike made the motion to authorize the Solicitor and Engineer to proceed with the retaining wall and fence as reflected in the settlement agreement on Green Street. Jen seconded the motion Mike-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried..

9. New Business

- A. Patrice made the motion to approve the Per capita exoneration list. David seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- B. Motion to approve Debbie Moyer for 3-year appointment to Slatington Public Library Board of Directors (per letter from Slatington Public Library) term Jan 1, 2020- December 31, 2023 made by Mike. Jen seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

10. Unfinished Business -nothing

11. Upcoming events

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

12. Mayor's Announcements – Happy Hanukah, Merry Christmas & Happy Healthy New Year!

13. Adjournment – Jen made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer



Merry Christmas