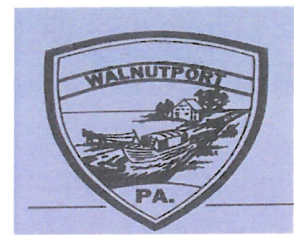


Borough of Walnutport

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday April 13, 2023 7:00 pm



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1. Jennifer Wentz, Vice-President called the April 13, 2023 regular meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:00 pm in the Walnutport Borough Hall 417 Lincoln Avenue: Walnutport, PA 18088. Mrs. Wentz led the Pledge of allegiance.
2. Roll Call: William Turk, President (absent); Harold Greene, Councilman; Iris Blum, Councilwoman (Absent); Michael Gaston, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Jennifer Wentz, Vice-President; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Mike Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Chief Peter Wayda; Scott Ledo, Code Enforcement Officer (absent); and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Present from the Public-Linda Benner, Jim Logue, Todd & Sheila Andrews, & Jonas Kreitzer-GFL.
4. Jonas Kreitzer from County Waste/GFL was here. Borough council asked him to be here so they can discuss and get answers on the recycling issues that have been going on between them, Cougle, and the borough. There was an email sent to Annette from Cougle after 5:00 today. Annette will forward that to Michael Corriere for review. A few other issues were discussed like the broken recycling cans. Jonas agreed they should replace them since it looks like it is their driver's error they are being broken by the video Annette sent him.
5. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard –
 - A. Linda Benner-she applied for pt secretary position and hasn't heard anything. Jen said her and Mike Gaston will be setting up interviews coming up. Jen invited any other council members if they were interested in being part of the interviews. No response. Linda thanked council.
 - B. Todd Andrews gave council his resume and asked if he could be considered for the part time grass cutting position that Earl Snyder had since he passed away. "I want to see what I can handle since I'm on disability". He doesn't care if he is called last, if he on 3rd or 4th on the list or if he gets called once in a while to just cut grass. Jen explained they hadn't even discussed filling the position yet.
6. Mike made the motion to approve A-H by general consent.
 - A. March 9, 2023, regular meetings minutes
 - B. March 2023 Profit & Loss Report
 - C. March 2023 Bill List/transaction by vendor
 - D. March 2023 Police report
 - E. March 2023 Tax Collector Report
 - F. March 2023 Zoning permit report

G. March 2023 UCC permit report

H. March 2023 Code Enforcement Officers report. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Patrice-yes. Motion carried.

7. Standing Committees –

A. Finance – Jennifer

- 1) Motion to payout police unused holiday from 2022-Jen has a meeting with Labor attorney tomorrow
- 2) Pt asst secretary-discussed earlier
- 3) Motion to open the agenda made by Dave. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Patrice-yes. Motion carried.
- 4) Dave made the motion to add Mike Gaston as a signer to all borough documents. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Patrice-yes. Motion carried.

B. Public Safety – Michael

- 1) Blight property-Lehigh Gap Street-solicitor is meeting with Northampton County to see what we can do and what we qualify for
- 2) Cell tower maintenance-Mike and Annette handle-can be removed

C. Streets –David

- 1) March's report
- 2) Street work-possible motion to bid 2023 street project-discussion-Dave made the motion to allow road foreman to proceed with 2023 street project for N Lincoln & shoulder of Washington Street in house up to \$18K. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Patrice-yes. Motion carried.
- 3) Motion to advertise hiring pt street employee and discussion hiring pt street employee – Mike Wentz said he doesn't see that we need to replace Earl at this.

D. Recreation – Jennifer-

- 1) Walnutport Recreation Board-Jennifer
- 2) WPA/WCA-Iris

E. Ordinance – Patrice

- 1) Ordinance 2023-01 Fire Code
Fire inspector-duties & possibly appointment-action to be taken-next month we will need motion for

F. Secretary/Treasurer's report- Annette

- 1) Newsletter-Annette discussed getting prices from another company
- 2) Garbage bills

G. Grant/Emergency Management Coordinator-Mike Wentz

- 1) Dave made the motion to apply for grow NOCO grant. Patrice seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Patrice-yes. Motion carried.
- 2) Harold seconded the motion to apply for Public Safety grant. Patrice seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Patrice-yes. Motion carried.

- 3) Grant fairy was nice to us. We were awarded \$100k for yard waste truck, \$27K for recycling, Walnutport Authority was awarded \$75K and DFC was awarded \$400K for a truck

H. Code Enforcement—Scott Ledo

I. Engineer's Report –

- 1) See report

J. Solicitor's Report –

- 1) Gogel matter

8. New Business

- A. Mike made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-01 Emergency Management Services Code Update. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Patrice-yes. Motion carried.
 - B. Mike made the motion to allow fire police to assist Lehigh Township Fire Company on April 22nd. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Patrice-yes. Motion carried.
 - C. Dave made the motion to accept letter of resignation from Michael Kovach from Civil Service Commission due to moving. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Patrice-yes. Motion carried.
 - D. Lehigh River Stocking Association requesting access to tow path North of Main Street (possible motion) see email - Dave made the motion to have it opened Friday and closed Saturday when they are completed. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Patrice-yes. Motion carried.
 - E. Harold made the motion to waive UCC permit fee for DFC sign-\$50K grant. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Patrice-yes. Motion carried.
 - F. Mike made the motion to order Freightliner M2 106 plus chassis-\$100K grant. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Patrice-yes. Motion carried.
 - G. Motion to approve application for use of facilities Walnutport Playground Association. Mike made the motion to approve G-1-4 & H-1. (need date for #5) Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Patrice-yes. Motion carried.
 - 1) April 8th – Egg Hunt
 - 2) April – October – Softball
 - 3) April – October – baseball
 - 4) June 3rd – HR Derby
 - 5) May ? – Picture Day (no date on form)
 - H. Motion to approve application for use of facilities Northern Lehigh Athletic
 - 1) May 8th – rain date May 9th for senior night
- 9. Unfinished Business –**
- A. Donald Bruinig's complaint about street/water-needs roll curbing-will do when next project
 - B. Geese permit-reapplied

- C. WPA-back stop issue-when season is over
- D. Pickle ball
- 10.Upcoming events
 - A. E-recycling and shredding event May 17th 4-6 pm
- 11.Opened seats yet
 - A. Planning Commission-1
 - B. Zoning Hearing Board-alternate needed
 - C. UCC Appeal Board-3
 - D. Civil Service Commission-1-
 - E. Recreation Board
- 12.Executive session for contractual matters from 8:10-8:13 no action taken
- 13.Mayor's Announcements – nothing
- 14.Adjournment – Mike made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Patrice-yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer