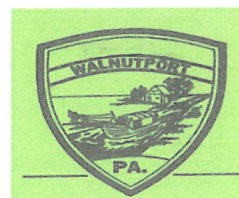


# Borough of Walnutport

## Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday April 7, 2022 7:00 pm

417 Lincoln Avenue; Walnutport, PA 18088



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1. William Turk President called the April 7, 2021 regular meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:03 pm in the Walnutport Borough Hall 417 Lincoln Avenue: Walnutport, PA 18088. Mr. Turk led the Pledge of allegiance.
2. Roll Call: William Turk, President; Harold Greene, Councilman (absent); Iris Blum, Councilwoman; Michael Gaston, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Jennifer Wentz, Vice-President (7:45); Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Mike Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Chief Peter Wayda (7:50); Scott Ledo, Code Enforcement Officer; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Present from the Public-Peggy Shannon, Marilyn Kaul, Jeanne Boehrer, Jason Smith, Brenda Morris, Robert Treskot, Don Eckhart, George Pandich, Kristie Wentling, Larry & Doneta Merkle, & Debbie Paules.
4. Peggy Shannon from Penn State Extension Master Watershed Stewards project & Jim Wilson from Northampton County Park & Recreation Department-discussion about the invasive knotweed- Ms. Shannon said if they (the groups she is representing) do the cutting of the knotweed and spray, it will save the borough money and the borough will not have to maintain it again. They (Ms. Shannon's groups) will maintain it for years to come. After a discussion with council, Ms. Shannon, Road Foreman Mike Wentz, and some representatives from the Walnutport Canal Association, this topic is tabled till next month again.
5. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard
  - A. Marilyn Kaul invited council and borough employees to a meeting with D&L when they visit on April 29<sup>th</sup> from 9-1. They want to visit the museum and the locks. Meeting point is the canal pavilion at 9:00 am
  - B. Jason Smith handed waivers in-Annette gave him the update on the Sunshine law to let them know we need the information ahead of time. It's not a borough rule the State change the law that we have to post our agenda 24 hours before meeting with any action needing to be taken.
6. Motion to approve A-H by general consent made by Patrice. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
  - A. March 10, 2022 regular meetings minutes
  - B. March 2022 Profit & Loss Report
  - C. March 2022 Bill List
  - D. March 2022 Police report

- E. March 2022 tax Collector Report
  - F. March 2022 Zoning permit report
  - G. March 2022 UCC permit report
  - H. March 2022 Code Enforcement Officer Report
7. Standing Committees –
- A. Finance – Jennifer - nothing
  - B. Law – Mike & Harold & Chief Wayda –
    - Blight property
    - Cell tower-maintenance
    - Handicapped parking
  - C. Streets –David
    - March report –
    - Patrice made the motion to repair S Canal Street hiring S&G \$21,500.00 (borough purchase material through costar agreement/American rescue funds). Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
    - Mike made the motion to approve \$4,200.00 DDR Construction to repair Washington Street. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
    - Mike made the motion to purchase more materials for street coating \$2,500.00. Iris seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
  - D. Recreation – Jennifer-
    - Walnutport Recreation Board-Jennifer – nothing
    - WPA/WCA-Iris -
      - a) Mike made the motion to approve facilities use forms for 2022 year. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
        - i. Egg hunt 4-16-22
        - ii. Softball picture day 5-1-22 (pavilion)
        - iii. Home run derby 6-4-22
        - iv. Softball practices and games dates vary
        - v. Senior night 5-5-22 with rain date of 5-6-22
  - E. Ordinance – Patrice
    - Spadt Alley 2022-03 – solicitor still working on. Looking to finalize and vote on in June
    - Alcohol at pavilion rentals-Council wanted WCA to be aware of what the ordinance reads. The mayor needs to approve each event. There was a discussion back and forth with council and WCA about this topic. The borough solicitor will be reviewing WCA hold harmless release and then come up with something for the borough to use. Put on next month's agenda.
  - F. Secretary/Treasurer-Annette Lacko



- Direct Deposit- waiting on 2 police officers and 2 council members other than that everything is going well
  - Garbage bills went out Wednesday
  - Newsletters are out in the mail
- G. Grants/EMA Director-Mike Wentz - think about grant ideas for June.
- H. Code Enforcement Officer, Scott Ledo- spoke to Solicitor about 645 Lehigh Gap Street and how to proceed
- I. Engineer's Report –
- See report- no action
  - Green Street
- J. Solicitor's Report – Gogel matter-real estate sale is scheduled for July 8<sup>th</sup>.
8. New Business-
9. Unfinished Business –
- A. Geese permit
- B. Weekly recycling?
10. Upcoming events
- A. E-Recycling event Wednesday May 18, 2022
11. Executive session for personnel matters from 8:00-8:20 pm
- A. Mike made the motion to allow employee #02 to go out on intermediate FMLA leave. Jen seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
12. Mayor's Announcements –
- A. Mike made the motion to allow Fire Police to help at event in Palmerton Borough on Saturday May 7, 2022. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- B. Happy Easter!
13. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Iris at 8:22 pm. Jen seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by

Annette S. Lacko  
Secretary/Treasurer