

Borough of Walnutport

Regular Meeting minutes

Thursday August 11, 2022 7:00 pm

417 Lincoln Avenue; Walnutport, PA 18088



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1. William Turk President called the August 11, 2021 regular meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:00 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; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Mike Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Chief Peter Wayda; Scott Ledo, Code Enforcement Officer; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Present from the public-Drew Snowberger-TV13; David Doremus, Ann Beil; Terry Ahner-Times News; Don Eckhart; & Sharon Staley.
4. Public Hearing/comment on Spadt Alley – Jason Newhard-borough engineer & Michael Corriere discussed the proposed plans of opening the gravel area now but ordaining the alley as a paper alley right now. Council had the opportunity to speak, and ask questions and discuss then the public the same. David Doremus & Ann Beil from 240 Main Street expressed their request to open the alley all the way through and thanked council for listening. Donald Eckert And Sharon Stanley from 320 Main Street asked a few more questions. Council discussed their options if they would leave alley the way it is or open all the way. Benefits vs negatives, snow plowing, traffic, etc.
 - A. Jen made the motion to amend Ordinance 2022-03 to correct Street to Avenue in title. Iris seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 - B. Mike made the motion to amend exhibit 1 that the section be Lincoln Ave to Parcel F for the opening of Spadt Alley. Jen seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 - C. Jen made the motion to adopt Spadt Alley Ordinance 2022-03 as amended. Iris seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 - D. Jen made the motion to authorize the engineer to prepare the Williams Ave extension plan to Spadt Alley and look into costs of opening Spadt Alley. Patrice seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
5. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard
6. Mike made the motion to approve A-I by general consent. Dave seconded the motion.
 - A. July 14, 2022 regular meetings minutes
 - B. July 2022 Profit & Loss Report

- C. July 2022 Bill List/transaction by vendor
- D. July 2022 Police report
- E. July 2022 tax Collector Report
- F. July 2022 Zoning permit report
- G. July 2022 UCC permit report
- H. July 2022 Code Enforcement Officer Report
- I. January – July 2022 Fire Inspector Report. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

7. Standing Committees –

A. Finance – Jennifer

- 2023 budget- going to start working on budget

B. Law – Mike & Harold –

- Blight property
- Cell tower-maintenance

C. Streets –David

- Dave read July report

D. Recreation – Jennifer-

- Walnutport Recreation Board-Jennifer –
- WPA/WCA-Iris –

- a) The Canal festival has a booklet. They sent the paperwork about sponsorship. We have always done a sponsorship and Annette has prepared that. Iris will make some changes to make it a little different if the rest of council is ok with doing this. Mike made the motion to continue placing the \$80.00 full page sponsorship in the Walnutport Canal Association's Festival booklet. Iris seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- b) Iris made the motion to allow discover Lehigh Valley to use Canal/section of D&L trail from Main Street north for ½ marathon on Sunday November 6th (see attached email). Patrice seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- c) Dave made the motion to allow fire police to help on November 6th to control traffic on Main Street during the above event. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

E. Ordinance – Patrice

- Alcohol at pavilion rentals-WCA-release form & questions-solicitor just send changes today. Asked Annette to forward to WCA
- MS4 Storm Water Management Ordinance Update- adoption in September

F. Secretary/Treasurer-Annette Lacko

- Phone system hacked-motion to set up monthly maintenance agreement \$65/month-Annette will look into how much other plans cost and what is included in those plans

- Patrice made the motion to approve 2023 financial requirement and minimum municipal obligation Police \$92654.00 & non uniform \$14,600.00 (required yearly). Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

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G. Grants/EMA Director-Mike Wentz -

H. Code Enforcement Officer, Scott Ledo-

I. Engineer's Report – Jason Newhard

- See report-
- Green Street
- Dave made the motion to pay Bellview Pump in the amount of \$38,071.25 after 5% retainage held by the borough pay ap #2. Jen seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

J. Solicitor's Report –

- Gogel matter
- Need executive session

8. New Business-

A. Motion to accept letter of resignation from John Kirchner as the fire inspector

B. Motion to approve trapping permit for Ronald Prutzman

9. Unfinished Business –

A. Geese permit-still no answer-call every week

B. Weekly recycling?

10. Upcoming events

A. Electronic recycling event & shredding event October 12, 2022 4-6 pm

B. Walnutport Canal Festival Sunday October 16th

C. Tree lighting, adopt a tree, Saturday December 3, 2022

Food trucks 2:00 pm

Candy cane hunt 3:00

Tree lighting 5:00

11. Executive session to discuss 2 litigation matters-no action

12. Mayor's Announcements – nothing

13. Adjournment – Iris made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 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