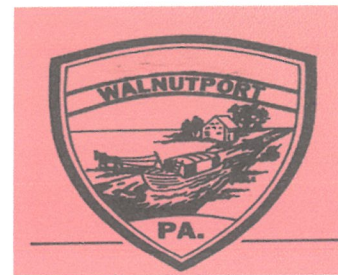


Borough of Walnutport

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday February 9, 2023 7:00 pm



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1. Jennifer Wentz, Vice-President called the February 12, 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; 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- Jim Logue-Times News, Kristie Wentling-NOVA, & Matt Flower.
4. Donald Breunig- had a discussion with council about his 2 complaints
 - A. When Cherry Street was “redone” several years ago the water washes the stones out of his driveway. Borough Streets Department and Engineer will take a look at it when the next rain storm happens.
 - B. Rental license-he doesn’t think he should have to pay his late fees since he didn’t get the notice in the mail.
5. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard –
 - A. Kristie Wentling gave an update on NOVA. Their fundraising efforts, number of calls, grants, staffing, etc.
6. Mike made the motion to approve A-H by general consent. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Patrice-yes. Motion carried.
 - A. January 12, 2023 regular meetings minutes
 - B. January 2023 Profit & Loss Report
 - C. January 2023 Bill List/transaction by vendor
 - D. January 2023 Police report
 - E. January 2023 Tax Collector Report
 - F. January 2023 Zoning permit report
 - G. January 2023 UCC permit report
 - H. January 2023 Code Enforcement Officers report
7. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Jennifer
 - 1) Motion to payout police unused holiday from 2022-table till council investigates further

- 2) Possible motion raise for cleaning person-Mike made the motion to give cleaning person a \$.50 raise. Iris seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Patrice-yes. Motion carried.
- 3) Executive session for a contractual matter
- 4) Pt asst secretary – will be setting up interviews soon

B. Public Safety – Michael

- 1) Handi-capped parking permits renewals (need motions)
 - a) 123 New Street- ask them to be at March's meeting. council has questions on why they need this handi-capped spot
 - b) 317 New Street-Mike made the motion to renew the handi-capped parking at 317 New Street. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Patrice-yes. Motion carried.
- 2) Motion to remove pt RB from probationary status and go to full rate made by Harold. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Patrice-yes. Motion carried.
- 3) Blight property-there was a discussion about Lehigh Gap property.
- 4) Cell tower maintenance

C. 7:35 pm Patrice arrived at meeting

D. Streets –David

- 1) January's report
- 2) Motion to list the following for sale on Municibid
 - a) 2001 Ford Truck Chassis-Dave made the motion to list the 2001 Ford Truck Chassis on Municibid. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Patrice-yes. Motion carried.
 - b) Old motor from blacktop roller-Dave made the motion to list the old motor from the blacktop roller on Municibid. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Patrice-yes. Motion carried.
 - c) Old pressure washer-Dave made the motion to list the old pressure washer on Municibid. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Patrice-yes. Motion carried.
 - d) Street work-possible motion to bid street project-table till March
 - e) Discuss issues about the recreation building-someone used the winterized men's bathroom. It sat in the bathroom. It was "very stinky" because it is winterized...can not be flushed.... Annette is to send a letter to WPA about them not using the building during the winter months unless they want to pay for the electric bill.

E. Recreation – Jennifer-

- 1) Request from NL Recreation Authority (letter attached)
 - a) They want to offer Paddling 101 program at the Walnutport Canal Pavilion on Thursday June 22, 2023 from 6-7:30 pm-Patrice made the motion to allow them to use the waterways/towpath as long as they get permission from WCA for use of the

pavilion. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Patrice-yes. Motion carried.

2) Walnutport Recreation Board-Jennifer

3) WPA/WCA-Iris

- a) Volleyball sand-after a discussion with councilmembers they are going to leave the sand the way it is. It will cost way too much to change and it is the same sand from the same places everyone around us is getting.

F. Ordinance –

- 1) Fire inspector-duties & possibly appointment-action to be taken-engineer and solicitor are still working on it.
- 2) Fireworks – Iris asked to put back on-She wants to know when there are state law changes how does council know if they need to take action...the solicitor explained the engineer or he would let council know.

G. Secretary/Treasurer's report- Annette

- 1) Annette & Iris need Newsletter articles by the 15th
- 2) Shredding question/discussion & fall event? Council agreed with having shredding event 2x a year and e-recycling event held in September instead of October.

H. Grant/Emergency Management Coordinator-Mike Wentz

- 1) Received word that Willow Avenue grant was awarded for \$90K. Not enough for what is needed. Will apply for other grants before project is started.
- 2) Received a grant from insurance company "loss prevention" for backup equipment, safety cameras for trucks \$4K
- 3) Next LSA meeting is scheduled for February 23rd lets hope they have a quorum so we know if we were awarded the grant.
- 4) ISO rating was dropped to 3. That is great for everyone's insurance ratings

I. Engineer's Report –

- 1) See report-nothing new to report

J. Solicitor's Report –

- 1) Gogel matter
- 2) Garbage/recycling contract-executive session needed

8. New Business

A. Hand out from NOVA

B. Hand out from Slatington Library

9. Unfinished Business –

A. Geese permit

B. WPA-dug out issue

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-Patrice made the motion to appoint Michael Kovach to civil service Commission. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Patrice-yes. Motion carried.

E. Recreation Board

12.Mayor's Announcements – nothing

13.Council entered into an executive session from 8:19-8:40 pm to discuss contractual matter and litigation issue. No action

14.Adjournment – Iris made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 pm. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Patrice-yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer