



Borough of Walnutport

Reorganization Meeting/regular Minutes

Tuesday January 3, 2022 7:00 pm

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1. Swearing in of reelected borough council and mayor. 7:00 pm by the Honorable Robert Hawke.

- Wayne Weidner, Mayor
- William Turk, Councilman
- Jennifer Wentz, Councilwoman
- Iris Blum, Councilwoman
- Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman



2. The January 3, 2022 Reorganization meeting of The Borough of Walnutport held at 417 Lincoln Avenue; Walnutport, PA 18088 was called to order by Mayor Wayne Weidner at 7:00 pm. Mr. Weidner led the Pledge of Allegiance let by Mayor Wayne Weidner.
3. Roll Call: Wayne Weidner, Mayor, Harold Greene, Michael Gaston, William Turk, Patrice Hunsicker, David Stankovic, Jennifer Wentz, Iris Blum, Michael Wentz, Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Jason Newhard (absent), Chief Peter Wayda, Scott Ledo (absent), and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
4. Present from the public-Debbie Paules, & Magistrate Robert Hawke.
5. Nomination for council president-
- A. Mike nominated Bill
 - B. Harold made the motion to close nominations. Jen seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, Dave-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
6. Motion to elect of Council President: (upon completion, Mayor turns the gavel over to the President) Mike made the motion to elect Bill Turk as council President. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, Dave-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
7. Nomination for vice president-Mike nominated Jen for vice president. Harold made the motion to close nominations. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, Dave-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
8. Motion to elect of Vice President-Dave made the motion to elect Jen as vice president. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, Dave-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
9. Nomination for president pro tem-Mike nominated Iris. Jen made the motion to close the nominations. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, Dave-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

10. Motion to elect president pro tem: Jen made the motion to elect Iris as president pro tem. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, Dave-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
11. Other Appointments:
- A. Reappointments-Jen made the motion to approve I-IX & XI. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, Dave-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 - I. Motion to retain The Engineering Firm of Spotts, Stevens and McCoy to serve as Borough Engineer:
 - II. Motion to retain the Solicitor: Corriere & Andres Esquire
 - III. Motion to retain Scott Ledo to serve as Code Enforcement officer for the Borough:
 - IV. Motion to retain Sean Corey to serve as Zoning and Building Code Officer:
 - V. Motion to confirm Fire Police (letter attached) for the Diamond Fire Company and the Borough of Walnutport for the year 2022
 - VI. Motion to authorizing the Diamond Fire Company to engage in fund raising activities, participate in mutual aid with any fire company and authorizing the fire police to serve during non-emergency functions during 2022:
 - VII. Motion to retain Anderson & Assoc., to manage Police & Borough Pension Plan
 - VIII. Motion to retain HA Thomson to manage our insurance policies
 - IX. Motion to retain Labor Council, Clark Hill PLC
 - X. Mike made the motion to reappoint Michael Wentz as Grant Coordinator. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-abstain, Dave-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 - XI. Motion to reappoint current planning commission members
12. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard-none
13. Harold left for a bit and came back in.
14. Motion to approve A-H Jen made the motion to approve A, B, C, D, F, & G. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, Dave-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 - A. Minutes of the workshop/regular meeting December 9, 2021
 - B. December 2021 Profit & Loss Report
 - C. December 2021 Bill List
 - D. Police report December 2021
 - E. ~~Tax collector reports December 2021~~
 - F. December 2021 Zoning permit report
 - G. December 2021 UCC permit report
 - H. ~~December 2021 Code Enforcement report~~
15. Executive session will be needed for contractual issue (streets issue)-didn't go into executive session. There was a discussion about an issue with day care and an invoice. Instructed Annette to send day care a letter along with the invoice to pay. Sign letter from borough council

16.Standing Committees –

A. Finance – Jennifer

- i. time clock is up and running
- ii. Need executive session

B. Law –

- i. Blight property/UCC board
- ii. Cell tower-maintenance

C. Streets –

- i. December report
- ii. Keys for borough hall & recreation building-council agreed WPA President and Vice President will get keys for rec building

D. Recreation – Jennifer-

- i. Walnutport Recreation Board-Jennifer
 - a. Trees to be undecorated January 10-18th
- ii. WPA/WCA- nothing to report

E. Ordinance –

- i. Jen made the motion to approve 2022-02 grass clippings. Iris seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, Dave-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- ii. Jen made the motion to approve 2022-01 No Parking. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, Dave-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

F. Secretary/Treasurer notes- Annette Lacko

- i. Reminder of Ethic forms

G. Grants/EMA-Michael Wentz nothing to update

~~H. Code Enforcement Officer Scott Lede~~

~~I. Engineer's Report—no report~~

J. Solicitor's Report –

- i. Gogel-need executive session

17.New Business

- A. Hire pt for streets department-they had an interview. Mike made the motion to hire Jefferey Nace as part time streets employee pending, he passes clearances. Starting rate \$15.00. Jen seconds motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, Dave-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- B. Proposed joint tax collection district -Mike made the motion to have Solicitor send letter to Borough of Slatington stating we will not be joining their joint tax district. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, Dave-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- C. Annette was asked to give new tax collector's email address to council
- D. Need zoning hearing board members

18.Unfinished Business

- A. Geese permit still waiting on permit
- B. Weekly recycling? -Annette will get solicitor a list of bullet points of all complaints/issues
- C. Christmas decorations-Mike Wentz is working on sponsorship

19.Council entered into an executive session from 8:00-9:25 for legal matter

- A. Mike made the motion to have the Solicitor take the necessary steps to file the appropriate Execution paperwork for the Real Estate and the personalty on the Gogel property. The fees to be provided to the Solicitor are for the execution on the real estate is a \$28.75 Filing fee (paid to the Civil Division) and \$2,500.00 deposit for the Sheriff. The fees to be provided for the Execution of the personal property is a \$28.75 filing fee paid to the Civil Division and a \$250.00 deposit paid to the Sheriff. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, Dave-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

- B. Mayor's Announcements – nothing

20.Adjournment-Iris made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 pm. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, Dave-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer