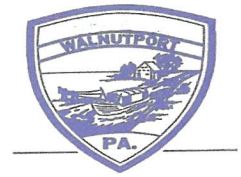


Borough of Walnutport

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday July 14, 2022 7:00 pm

417 Lincoln Avenue; Walnutport, PA 18088



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1. William Turk President called the July 14, 2021 regular meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:01 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; Iris Blum, Councilwoman; Michael Gaston, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Jennifer Wentz, Vice-President; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; Wayne Weidner, Mayor (Absent); Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Jason Newhard, Engineer (absent); Mike Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Chief Peter Wayda; Scott Ledo, Code Enforcement Officer; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Present from the Public-Don Eckhart, Stephanie Heckman, Kayla Heckman, Jessica Freed, John Freed, Ron Freed, Terry Ahner-Times News, Shannon (can't read), Joy (can't read).
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard - none
5. Public Hearing/comment on Spadt Alley- Solicitor Corriere explained what is planned and what could happen in the future with the paper alley. Everyone is welcome to come back to August 11th meeting for hearing. Some of the residents had questions. They were all answered.
6. Patrice made the motion to approve A-H by general consent. Harold seconded the motion.
 - A. June 9, 2022 regular meetings minutes
 - B. June 2022 Profit & Loss Report
 - C. June 2022 Bill List/transaction by vendor
 - D. June 2022 Police report
 - E. June 2022 tax Collector Report
 - F. June 2022 Zoning permit report
 - G. June 2022 UCC permit report
 - H. June 2022 Code Enforcement Officer Report. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
7. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Jennifer
 - 2023 budget-starting to get numbers ready
 - Dave made the motion to transfer money from American rescue (COVID \$) to pay portion of skid loader. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 - Diamond Fire Company's yearly Donation-
 - B. Law – Harold & Chief Wayda –
 - ~~Motion to hire pt police officer~~

- Jen made the motion to approve Chief Wayda to attend Glock class \$250.00 out of his education budget. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- Jen made the motion to approve Sargent Jason Nothstein to attend PA DUI conference out of his education budget like he does every year \$700.00. Motion seconded by Mike. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- Blight property-no action
- Cell tower-maintenance-no action

C. Streets –David

- June report
- Dave made the Motion to award street repair project on S Canal Street to Bracalente for m\$17,940.00. Jen seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

D. Recreation – Jennifer-

- Walnutport Recreation Board-Jennifer – planning on having a meeting in August for tree lighting
- WPA/WCA-Iris –
 - a) PA Borough News Magazine-advertised for WCA festival. Maybe want to put something for tree lighting.
 - b) WPA is having playoffs right now
 - c) Knotweed-the licensed sprayer will be here next month

E. Ordinance – Patrice

- ~~Motion to adopt Spadt Alley Ordinance 2022-03~~ – August meeting
- Alcohol at pavilion rentals-WCA-release form & questions-Solicitor will review again
- MS4 Storm Water Management Ordinance Update-Jen made the motion to have Solicitor prepare and advertise the require changes recommended by engineer to become compliant with the MS4 Model Storm Water Management for adoption in September. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

F. Secretary/Treasurer-Annette Lacko

- Electronic recycling & shredding event will be October 12, 2022
- Working on fall newsletter. Please get word article to Annette & Iris

G. Grants/EMA Director-Mike Wentz - absent

H. Code Enforcement Officer, Scott Ledo- nothing

I. Engineer's Report – Jason is not here this month

- See report-
- Green Street

J. Solicitor's Report –

- Gogel matter executive session

8. New Business-

- A. Jen made the motion to accept letter of resignation from John Kirchner from the civil service commission. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried. Council asked Annette to send a thank you to John for his years of service.
- B. Jen made the motion to allow the Blue Mountain ¼ midget Racing Association to use the parcel of land leased by Edgar Lorah JR for parking on July 15, 16, 17, 2022 & August 19, 2022-we have a signed agreement from Mr. Lorah agreeing to this and insurance from BMQRA. Patrice seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- C. Comprehensive plan meeting at Lehigh Township on July 27, 2022-letter attached
- D. Patrice made the motion to allow Fire Police to assist the Northwestern Recreation Commission with traffic control on August 20, 2022 and rain date August 21, 2022 for “A Night in the Country”. Jen seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- E. Dave made the motion to adopt Resolution for Monroe County LSA 2023. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- F. Dave made the motion to adopt Resolution for Lehigh/North LSA 2023. Jen seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

9. Unfinished Business –

- A. Geese permit-still waiting on it.
- B. Weekly recycling? Trying to set up a meeting

10.Upcoming events- nothing

11.Council entered into a brief executive session for personnel matter, contractual matter and litigation matter.

12.Adjournment – Iris made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 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