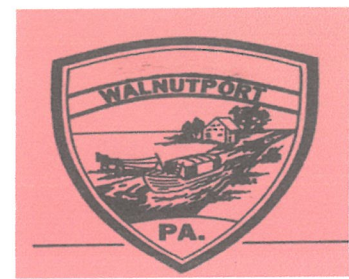


Borough of Walnutport

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday March 9, 2023 7:00 pm



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1. Jennifer Wentz, Vice-President called the March 9, 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 (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-Al Acker, Brian Filchner, Don Eckhart, Matt Flower, Rob Benson, Bruce Kramer, Alvera Kramer, Chris Fredericks, & Terry Ahner-Times News.
4. Rob Benson-talked about pickle ball and council adding lines to the tennis court to make it a pickle ball court.
5. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard –
 - A. Don Eckhart was questioning when the sand will be changed in volleyball court. It is stating it is the wrong kind of sand. Mike Wentz again explained this sand was gotten from the same place as several of the other townships close to us. After a call from Volleyball USA they recommended us to rake the sand. It is drying out that is why it is getting hard. They will do this end of April beginning of May.
 - B. Brian Filchner from Walnutport Playground Association handed in the facility for use forms and insurance. Annette will put on next months agenda.
6. Patrice made the motion to approve A-H by general consent. Iris seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Patrice-yes. Motion carried.
 - A. February 9, 2023, regular meetings minutes
 - B. February 2023 Profit & Loss Report
 - C. February 2023 Bill List/transaction by vendor
 - D. February 2023 Police report
 - E. February 2023 Tax Collector Report
 - F. February 2023 Zoning permit report
 - G. February 2023 UCC permit report
 - H. February 2023 Code Enforcement Officers report
7. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Jennifer
 - 1) Motion to payout police unused holiday from 2022-tabling yet. Still investigating

- 2) Pt asst secretary-starting interviews soon
- 3) Will need short executive session

B. Public Safety – Michael

- 1) Handi-capped parking permits renewals (need motions)
 - a) Mike made the motion to approve handi-capped parking permit at 123 New Street. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-abstain, David-yes, & Patrice-yes. Motion carried.
 - b) Mike made the motion to approve handi-capped parking permit at 238-A Oak Street. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-abstain, David-yes, & Patrice-yes. Motion carried.
 - c) Mike made the motion to approve handi-capped parking permit at 303 New Street. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-abstain, David-yes, & Patrice-yes. Motion carried.
 - d) Mike made the motion to approve handi-capped parking permit at d) 431 Washington Street. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-abstain, David-yes, & Patrice-yes. Motion carried.
- 2) Mike made the motion to approve 32-hour officer raise (\$1.00) since she will not be taken health insurance. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Patrice-yes. Motion carried.
- 3) Patrice made the motion to hire PT police officer Chris Frederick as long as he passes all his test, and he doesn't have any restrictions. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Patrice-yes. Motion carried.
- 4) Blight property-Lehigh Gap Street
- 5) Cell tower maintenance

C. Streets –David

- 1) February's report
- 2) Street work-possible motion to bid street project- Mike made the motion to bid out street work N Lincoln Ave, 3rd Street with options Kiddie Lane, Chestnut, part Canal St/ Washington edge. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Patrice-yes. Motion carried.

D. Recreation – Jennifer-

- 1) Walnutport Recreation Board-Jennifer-no report
- 2) WPA/WCA-Iris-no report

E. Ordinance – Patrice

- 1) Fire inspector-duties & possibly appointment-action to be taken

F. Secretary/Treasurer's report- Annette

- 1) Ethic papers
- 2) Newsletter at printers
- 3) Garbage bills will go out till next month's meeting

G. Grant/Emergency Management Coordinator-Mike Wentz

- 1) Still in holding pattern

- 2) Grow noco are opening up
- 3) Public safety opening up-will apply for new police car
- 4) Emergency management plan-we need to update the response plan with a resolution.

Hoping to have that for next month's meeting.

~~H. Code Enforcement—Scott Lede~~

I. Engineer's Report –

- 1) See report-no action

J. Solicitor's Report –

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

8. New Business

A. Letter from a resident for council's review.

B. Mike made the motion to allow fire police to assist Lehigh Township Fire Company on March 25th. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Patrice-yes. Motion carried.

C. Letter of support for knotweed for council's review

9. Unfinished Business –

A. Donald Bruinig's complaint about street/water-waiting for good rainstorm to see issue

B. Geese permit-reapplied

C. WPA-back stop 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-one of members will be resigning in April

E. Recreation Board

12. Mayor Wayne Weidner swore in Chris Fredericks

13. Executive session for legal matters from 8:05-8:33 no action taken

14. Mayor's Announcements – nothing

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

Respectfully Submitted by

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer