

Borough of Walnutport

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday May 12, 2022 7:00 pm

417 Lincoln Avenue; Walnutport, PA 18088



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1. William Turk President called the May 12, 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; Iris Blum, Councilwoman; Michael Gaston, Councilman (absent); 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-Rebecca Hayden, Peggy Shannon, Rebecca Barley, Pat Barley, Amanda Williams, Austin Williams, George Pandish & Terry Ahner-Times News.
4. Peggy Shannon from Penn State Extension Master Watershed Stewards project & Rebecca Hayden-discussion about the invasive knotweed- there was a 20-minute discussion. Council advised they need to have an executive session a bit later to discuss how this effects a contractual issue with employees.
5. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard – no others
6. Annette explained the difference in the new report and why there is one. Everyone likes the new report. This will be the one we use going forward.
7. Jen made the motion to approve A-H by general consent. Harold seconded the motion.
 - A. April 7, 2022 regular meetings minutes
 - B. April 2022 Profit & Loss Report
 - C. April 2022 Bill List/transaction by vendor
 - D. April 2022 Police report
 - E. April 2022 tax Collector Report
 - F. April 2022 Zoning permit report
 - G. April 2022 UCC permit report
 - H. April 2022 Code Enforcement Officer Report. Harold-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
8. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Jennifer
 - B. Law – Mike & Harold & Chief Wayda –
 - Jen made the motion to accept the resignation of Officer Michael Leighton effective 4-11-22. Dave seconded the motion. Harold-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

- Patrice made the motion to hire part time police officer Rebecca Barley pending all her clearances. Harold seconded the motion. Harold-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- Patrice made the motion to authorize Officer Hartman to attend school \$275.00. Iris seconded the motion. Harold-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- Blight property
- Cell tower-maintenance

C. Streets –David

- April report was read by David
- Motion to purchase fence & block for Green Street \$500.00 made by Jen. Harold seconded the motion. Harold-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

D. Recreation – Jennifer-

- Walnutport Recreation Board-Jennifer –
 - a) Adopt a tree/tree lighting-looking for food trucks-a few food truck suggestions were given.
- WPA/WCA-Iris -

E. Ordinance – Patrice

- Spadt Alley 2022-03 – Solicitor gave update...will advertise for June
- Alcohol at pavilion rentals-WCA-release form & questions-Solicitor will redo release again.

F. Secretary/Treasurer-Annette Lacko

- Annette asked council to please empty their mail boxes
- Direct Deposit-waiting on Harold & Patrice's forms

G. Grants/EMA Director-Mike Wentz - gave a brief update. St. Luke's Carbon Campus donated 2 AED's

~~H. Code Enforcement Officer, Scott Lede-~~

I. Engineer's Report –

- See report-
- Green Street – working on finalizing plans with Mr. Latshow

J. Solicitor's Report –

- Gogel matter-had discussion with Sherriff to make sure everything is going as planned for July sale
- Mark Herman from assessment of Cell Tower called about helping find more revenue on cell tower. Annette reminded Solicitor we sold lease so we don't get any income off of cell tower.

9. New Business-

- A. Sign out from of parking lot-Chief Pete & Mike Wentz will work together on proper wording to get them updated and replaced. That way the police don't have to chase everyone from the parking lot on meeting nights.
- B. Iris received a complaint from someone who got a letter from Berkheimer and wrong letter. It was a delinquent letter. She states the phone number is incorrect. If it is from Berkheimer and it is delinquent, the borough secretaries can not help, they need to talk to tax collector and Berkheimer.
- C. Brush/grass in the garbage and a dumping place-there was a discussion about this. There will be a grant opening up soon. We will be looking into what our options are.

10.Unfinished Business –

- A. Geese permit
- B. Weekly recycling?

11.Executive session was entered to discuss an employee contractual issue 8:15-8:30 pm

Jen made the motion to rescind the motion from June 10, 2021 section 4.B. Dave seconded the motion. Harold-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried. Jen made the motion to allow Watershed Coalition of the Lehigh Valley & Penn State Extension Master Watershed Stewards to treat the area of knott weed that are accessible and already cut exclusively by employee and cut and treat any areas not assessable employees. Harold seconded the motion. Harold-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

12.Upcoming events

- A. E-Recycling event Wednesday May 18, 2022

13.Mayor's Announcements – nothing

14.Adjournment – Iris made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35. Jen seconded the motion. Harold-yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer