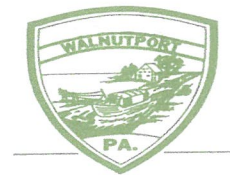


Borough of Walnutport

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday October 13, 2022 7:00 pm

417 Lincoln Avenue; Walnutport, PA 18088



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1. William Turk President called the October 13, 2022 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 (absent), 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 – Chris Stager-BRC 13, Jeff Nace, Tim Dennis & Terry Ahner-Times News.
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard -none
5. Motion to approve by general consent A-G made by Jen.
 - A. September 8, 2022 regular meetings minutes
 - B. September 2022 Profit & Loss Report
 - C. September 2022 Bill List/transaction by vendor
 - D. September 2022 Police report
 - E. September 2022 tax Collector Report
 - F. September 2022 Zoning permit report
 - G. September 2022 UCC permit report
 - H. ~~September 2022 Code Enforcement Officer Report.~~ Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
6. Standing Committees –
 - A. Personnel- Bill
 - Mike made the motion to accept employee #4 letter of resignation effective August 31, 2022. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 - There was a brief discussion about the replacement.
 - B. Finance – Jennifer
 - 2023 budget- preliminary budget was handed out. Review and let Jen know if you have any questions.
 - Executive session needed
 - C. Public Safety (formerly law) – Mike & Harold –

- Police-Motion to accept letter of resignation from Police officer PT #10TS effective October 31, 2021 made by Mike. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- Fire inspector-duties & possibly appointment
- Blight property
- Cell tower-maintenance

D. Streets –David

- September report

E. Recreation – Jennifer-

- Walnutport Recreation Board-Jennifer – next meeting is October 27th.
- ~~WPA/WCA-Iris –~~

F. Ordinance – Patrice nothing

G. Secretary/Treasurer-Annette Lacko

- Garbage bills are out
- Motion to approve Resolution 2022-06-shredding made by Jen. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- Mike made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-05 -yearly pension resolution. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- Annette will have the list of general ledgers that need to be transferred for next month.

H. Grants/EMA Director-Mike Wentz –

- LSA are all submitted. Waiting on answers
- Recycling grant-\$212K 90/10 match, about \$20K for borough. Council agreed to go for it.

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

J. Engineer's Report – Jason Newhard

- See report- no action
- Green Street
- Spadt Alley

K. Solicitor's Report –

- Gogel matter
- Need executive session

7. New Business-

- ~~Motion to allow Fire Police to help Borough of Palmerton on October 16 with RD October 17th for Halloween Parade-there isn't any fire police available this day.~~
- Discussion about the event on November 6th that D&L is holding, the ½ marathon. Pete will give them a call. we can not close the road. It is a PennDOT road and we will not have fire police available.
- REMINDER-November's meeting will be November 3rd

8. Unfinished Business –

- A. Geese permit
 - B. Weekly recycling?
 - C. WPA-dug out issue
9. Upcoming events
- A. Electronic recycling event & shredding event was October 12, 2022 4-6 pm
 - B. Walnutport Canal Festival Sunday October 16th
 - C. Tree lighting, adopt a tree, Saturday December 3, 2022 5:30 pm
 - Food trucks 2:00 pm
 - Candy cane hunt 3:00 pm
10. Council entered into an executive session from 8:00-9:05 pm to discuss personnel, union contract, & litigation matter. They will work on an advertisement to place for hiring a replacement for pt asst. secretary. Will put advertainment motion on next month's agenda
11. Mayor's Announcements – nothing
12. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Mike at 9:10. Jen seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Patrice-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer