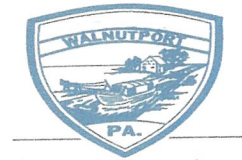


Borough of Walnutport

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday January 9, 2025, 7:00 pm



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1. Mr. Gaston, President called the January 9, 2025, regular meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:00 pm in the Walnutport Borough Hall 417 Lincoln Avenue: Walnutport, PA 18088. Mr. Gaston led the Pledge of allegiance.
2. Roll Call: Michael Gaston, President; Jennifer Wentz, Vice-President; Harold Greene, Councilman (absent); Iris Blum, Councilwoman; David Wentling, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman (absent); Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Mike Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Jason Nothstein, officer in charge; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Present from the Public-Allen Acker, Brian Filchner, Conner Gregory-TV-13, Rodney Hatcher, Pam & Tom Steigerwalt, Terry Ahner-Times News, Jessica Ashman, & Attorney DeMoore.
4. Public hearing for Green Street opposing opening of Green Street-the stenographer was here for the hearing. Witnesses were Annette Lacko, Michael Wentz & Jason Newhard. Hearing was closed.
5. Public hearing for Ordinance to open Green Street-Pam Steigerwalt made comments. Rod Hatcher made comments. Ordinance was voted on.
6. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard – none.
7. Motion to approve A-H by general consent made by Jen. Dave W seconded the motion. Dave W- yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried.
 - A. December 12, 2024 regular meetings minutes
 - B. December 2024 Profit & Loss Report
 - C. December 2024 Bill List/transaction by vendor
 - D. December 2024 Police report
 - E. December 2024 Tax Collector Report
 - F. December 2024 Zoning permit report
 - G. December 2024 UCC permit report
 - H. December 2024 Code Enforcement Officer Report
8. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Jennifer – need executive session with possible action to be taken
 - 1) ¼ midget racetrack lease agreement update-table
 - 2) Insurance issue-equipment lease agreement - table
 - 3) Day care lease- meeting scheduled for 1/13/25
 - 4) 100 Carbon Street – table
 - B. Public Safety – ~~Harold~~ & Jason
 - 1) Jason requesting a brief executive session
 - C. Streets –David

1) December report

D. Recreation

- 1) Walnutport Recreation Board-Jennifer- trees must be undecorated by Sunday. Monday everything will be thrown away.
- 2) WPA-Iris-
- 3) WCA-Iris-
- 4) Chamber of Commerce-David W
- 5) Veteran's Flag Committee-David W

E. Ordinance – Patrice

- 1) Jen made the motion to approve Ordinance 2025-01 ordaining and opening Green Street from Best Avenue to Oak Street. Iris seconded the motion. Dave W- yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried.

F. Sanitation/Garbage-David Wentling

- 1) Handouts for Casella

G. Secretary/Treasurer's report- Annette

- 1) Newsletter-beginning of February
- 2) Handed out Code of Ethics
- 3) handed out the dates for 2025 meetings

H. Grant/Emergency Management Coordinator-Mike Wentz

- 1) From November 7, 2024, meeting-Jen made the motion to rescind the motion that was made by Jen to purchase new tractor with boom mower using statewide LSA grant up to \$182K. Dave W seconded the motion. Dave W- yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried.
- 2) Dave S made the motion to purchase new tractor with boom mower using statewide LSA grant (and other grants) up to \$224K. Dave W seconded the motion. Dave W- yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried.

~~**I. Code Enforcement—Scott Lede**~~

J. Engineer's Report – Jason Newhard

- 1) See report
- 2) 316 Oak Street Development- Jen made the motion to grant time extension till April 10, 2025. Dave S. seconded the motion. Dave W- yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried.
- 3) Blight property-Lehigh Gap Street-possible action to be taken

K. Solicitor's Report – Michael Corriere- need brief executive session.

9. New Business –

- A.** Jen made the motion to accept a letter of resignation from LTCC from Kristie Wentling. Iris seconded the motion. Dave W- yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried.
- B.** Jen made the motion to send delinquent per capita taxes base \$2,450.00 Penalty \$245.00 to collection. Dave S. seconded the motion. Dave W- yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried.

C. Dave S. made the motion to send delinquent real estate taxes base \$24,889.36 Penalty \$2,488.93 to collection. Jen seconded the motion. Dave W- yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried.

10.Unfinished Business –

A. NLSD wanting to use the ballfields for 2025 season-possible motion needed-Brian Filchner met with Mr. Geist-Dave W made the motion to allow NL School District to use the ball fields for practices & games March 3rd – April 16 pending insurance, waivers and use of facilities forms. Iris seconded the motion. Dave W- yes, Iris-yes, Jen-abstained, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried.

11.Opened seats yet

A. Zoning Hearing Board

B. UCC Appeal Board-3

C. Recreation Board

D. Vacancy Board-1

12.Council entered executive session from 8:19-8:55 to discuss personnel matter & litigation. No action was taken.

13.Mayor's Announcements – nothing

14.Adjournment - Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Iris at 8:57 pm. David W. seconded the meeting. Dave W- yes, Iris-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried.

15.Respectfully submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer