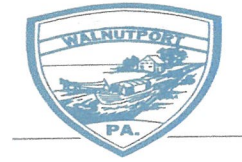


Borough of Walnutport

Regular Meeting Minutes



Thursday July 10, 2025, 7:00 pm

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1. Mr. Gaston, President called the July 10, 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; Iris Blum, Councilwoman; David Wentling, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Mike Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Chief Jason Nothstein; Scott Ledo, Code Enforcement Officer, and Annette S Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Present from the Public-Andrew Puku-TV-13, Terry Ahner-Times News, Keith Kibler, and Rod Hatcher.
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard –
 - A. Rod Hatcher wanted an update on Green Street. Basically, borough is in negotiations with 2 property owners that are holding it up.
5. Jen made the motion to approve A-H by general consent. Harold seconded the motion. David W- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried.
 - A. June 12, 2025, Regular meetings minutes
 - B. June 2025 Profit & Loss Report
 - C. June 2025 Bill List/transaction by vendor
 - D. June 2025 Police report
 - E. June 2025 Tax Collector Report
 - F. June 2025 Zoning permit report
 - G. June 2025 UCC permit report
 - H. June 2025 Code Enforcement Officer Report
6. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Jennifer – executive session
 - 1) ¼ midget racetrack lease agreement update-touched base with them. They will be meeting soon.
 - 2) Insurance issue-equipment lease agreement -table
 - 3) 100 Carbon Street- table
 - 4) Iris made the motion to approve customer service training \$345.00 online course 9-5. David W seconded the motion. David W- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried.

5) David W. made the motion to disburse yearly budgeted donations (financials received donations disbursed in June) Harold seconded the motion. David W- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried.

a) Fire Police Donation	\$2,000.00
b) Diamond Fire Company Donation	\$28,000.00
c) NOVA Donation	\$5,000.00
d) Recreation Board Donation	\$1,000.00
e) Slatington Public Library Donation	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
	\$39,000.00

B. Public Safety – Harold & Jason- executive session

- 1) Harold made the motion to approve debit card for Chief Nothstein. Jen seconded the motion. David W- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried.
- 2) Communication options-Jason doesn't have all his information. Put on next month's agenda
- 3) Lehigh Canal Towpath Vagrancy-camp was on borough property but in Lehigh Township. He was arrested. Camp is destroyed.
- 4) Vagrancy-need ordinance before this becomes a problem.
- 5) Motion to have Chief of Police take over CDL ~~training~~ random drug testing for the public works department
- 6) CODERED-Mike Gaston would like this fixed by August's meeting.
- 7) Street lighting- Iris made the motion to contact PPL to have additional lights installed in the needed areas. Patrice seconded the motion. David W- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried.
- 8) Camera system-upgrade/repair Look into getting our system back up and running so we are not liable for any problems that may come up.

C. Streets –David

- 1) Discuss and possible motion window replacement in police station and borough hall-Mike is working on getting prices
- 2) Discuss and possible David W. made the motion tree removal at canal pavilion & museum-Tree of Life \$7,000.00. Iris seconded the motion. David W- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried.

D. Recreation

- 1) Walnutport Recreation Board-Jennifer-nothing
- 2) WPA-Iris-nothing- Mike Gaston would like whoever becomes the new president to meet with a committee of council to discuss lease and other items since Brian and Jay have resigned.
- 3) WCA-Iris gave a report of their going ons
- 4) Chamber of Commerce-David W- nothing to report
- 5) Veteran's Flag Committee-David W- flag orders are going in. They are full steam a head

- E. Ordinance – Patrice**
 - 1) Motion to approve Speed Limit ordinance 2025-02 (was advertised) August
 - 2) Street opening ordinance 2025-03-Possible Motion to advertise still working on this
- F. Sanitation/Garbage-David Wentling**
 - 1) David W made the motion to waive garbage at 312 Birch Street-(house fire). Patrice seconded the motion. David W- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried.
- G. Secretary/Treasurer’s report- Annette**
 - 1) Pension – Jen will be in on Monday to take care of this.
 - 2) Newsletter- Iris is helping Annette. No one else had anything else for newsletter. Mike Gaston wanted something about Codered
 - 3) Phone/contact list was handed out
 - 4) Future audits/auditors-Annette will get prices.
- H. Grant/Emergency Management Coordinator-Mike Wentz-next months meeting we will need motions for grants they open July 15th**
- I. Code Enforcement – Scott Ledo**
- J. Engineer’s Report – Jason Newhard**
 - 1) See report
 - 2) Zoning appeal application needs to be signed by Mike Gaston and needs to be notarized.
 - 3) 645 Lehigh Gap Street-possible action to be taken
 - 4) 306 Oak Street-possible action to be taken
- K. Solicitor’s Report – Michael Corriere- executive session needed**
- 7. New Business – nothing**
- 8. Unfinished Business –**
 - A. Procedure for insurance claims-Jen will work on the procedure
- 9. Upcoming events**
 - A. Shredding & e-recycling 9-17-2025
- 10. Open seats yet**
 - A. UCC Appeal Board-3
 - B. Recreation Board
 - C. Vacancy Board-1
- 11. Council entered an executive session from 7:47-8:23 pm to discuss personnel matter and 2 litigation matters. No action taken.**
- 12. Mayor’s Announcements – nothing**
- 13. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Iris at 8:25 pm. David W. seconded the motion. David W- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by,

Annette S Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer