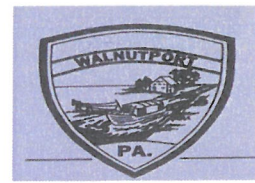


Borough of Walnutport

Regular Meeting Minutes



Thursday May 8, 2025, 7:00 pm

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1. Mr. Gaston, President called the May 8, 2025, regular meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:05 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; Jason Nothstein, officer in charge and Diane Yurasits, Secretary.
3. Present from the Public- Kristie Wenting, Abigail Dridge, Melissa Stuliff, Keith Kibler, Rafael Martinez, Jason Biechy, Tyler Minnieh, Jeff Keim, Leah Wentz, Daniel Paukovits, Rod Hatcher, Jake Kovacs, Terry-Times News, Jake Kovacs-TV13
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard –
Jeff Keim – permission to put plaque on a rock by the canal honoring John Schneller.
David S. made motion to approve, Harold seconded the motion, David W. -yes, Iris -yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, Mike-yes. Harold-yes, David S. Motion carried
Rod Hatcher update on Green Street-nothing to report
5. Mayor Wayne Weidner would like to make a recommendation to council; he wants council to hire Sergeant Jason Nothstein as Chief of Police.
Harold made the motion to approve, David S. second the motion. David W.-yes, Patrice-yes, Iris-yes, Mike-yes ,Harold-yes, David-yes, Jenn-yes , motion carried with understanding after new contract is drawn up and signed.
6. Public hearing Cherry Alley- Mr. Jason Bichy agreed to postpone hearing to June 12, 2025.
Attorney Corriere will take steps to advertise and send out notices on this proposal.
Jenn made the motion to approve, David W. Second the motion, Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Iris-yes, Patrice-yes, David S.-yes Jenn-yes, David W.-yes, Motion carried
7. Motion to approve A-H by general consent made by Jenn. David S. seconded the motion.
Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Iris-yes, David w.-yes, Patrice-yes. Jenn-yes, David S.-yes
Motion carried.
 - A. April 10, 2025, Regular meetings minutes
 - B. April 2025 Profit & Loss Report
 - C. April 2025 Bill List/transaction by vendor
 - D. April 2025 Police report
 - E. April 2025 Tax Collector Report
 - F. April 2025 Zoning permit report

8. Standing Committees --

A. Finance – Jennifer – executive session needed

- 1) ¼ midget racetrack lease agreement update-table
- 2) Insurance issue-equipment lease agreement -table
- 3) 100 Carbon Street-table

B. Public Safety – Harold & Jason- executive session needed

- 1) Recognition presentation
- 2) Motion to hire 2 part-time police officers
Will work part-time only, background check done, all good.

Patrice made a motion to hire :

Rafael Martinez and Tyler Todara-Cope at the rate of \$29.00 an hour.

Iris Seconded the motion, Mike-yes, David W.- yes, David S.-yes, Jenn-yes, Harold-yes

Patrice – yes, Iris-yes.The motion was approved

C. Streets –David

Catch Bason work completed, Street sweeping completed

D. Recreation

- 1) Walnutport Recreation Board-Jennifer/ nothing to report
- 2) WPA-Iris-
- 3) WCA-Iris-
- 4) Chamber of Commerce-David W
- 5) Veteran’s Flag Committee-David W short, need 10 more flags, working on it

E. Ordinance – Patrice

Still working on this, keep on agenda for July meeting

- 1) Speed Limit ordinance 2025-02-Possible Motion to advertise
- 2) Street opening ordinance 2025-03-Possible Motion to advertise

F. Sanitation/Garbage-David Wentling

Working on letter, some totters not being grabed

G. Grant/Emergency Management Coordinator-Mike Wentz

CFA meeting in June, hope to get final answer on grants pending

Jason & Mike talk with Frank Brooks about money available for next 3 years

Willow Ave-\$60,000 – Blight Street - \$90,000, hoping for grant of \$150,00 to complete work

H. Code Enforcement – Scott Ledo-not present

I. Engineer’s Report – Jason Newhard – Executive session

- 1) See report
- 2) Blight property-Lehigh Gap Street-possible action to be taken
- 3) 306 Oak Street-possible action to be taken
- 4) PA DEP
- 5) Northampton County CDBG

J. Solicitor's Report – Michael Corriere – Executive session

9. New Business –

A. Email about the Lehigh River Sojourn Committee-Motion to allow a campfire for cooking purposes (if there is not a burn ban in effect) on June 7th & June 8th near the canal pavilion where they will be camping

David S. made the motion to approve, David W.-seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Iris-yes, Patrice-yes, Harold-yes, Jenn-yes. David S.-yes, David W.-yes- Motion carried

B. The litter along Route 145

Jason Nothstein stated they are watching, thinking the car wash garbage is being blown around. Also, some adopt a highway organization not picking up the bags they collect. Trees not trimmed, grass not cut from NAPA to the terrace.

10. Unfinished Business –

A. Procedure for insurance claims

B. CODERED

Annette working on this and keep on agenda

11. Open seats yet

A. UCC Appeal Board-3

B. Recreation Board

C. Vacancy Board-1

12. Mayor's Announcements – Wishing all Mother's a "Happy Mother's Day"

13. Adjournment Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Iris at 9pm. David W. seconded the motion. Jenn- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes, Iris-yes, David W.-yes- Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Yurasits

Assistant Secretary