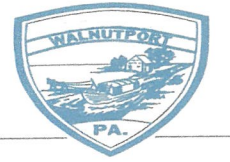


# Borough of Walnutport

## Regular Meeting Minutes



Thursday August 14, 2025, 7:00 pm

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1. Mr. Gaston, President called the August 14, 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-Florence & Denis Chandler, Drew Snowberger,-TV13 Keith Kibler, Rod Hatcher, Jason Biechy, Patty Ingles-Times News, Walnutport Police Officers and their families.
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard –
  - A. Florence Chandler questioned what can be done about the property that is connected to her house. The condition is horrible, not maintained. Council advised they will have code enforcement investigate it. The house is up for tax sale.
5. Patrice made the motion to approve A-H by general consent. Jen seconded the motion. David W- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried.
  - A. July 10, 2025, Regular meetings minutes
  - B. July 2025 Profit & Loss Report
  - C. July 2025 Bill List/transaction by vendor
  - D. July 2025 Police report
  - E. July 2025 Tax Collector Report
  - F. July 2025 Zoning permit report
  - G. July 2025 UCC permit report
  - H. July 2025 Code Enforcement Officer Report
6. Standing Committees –
  - A. Finance – Jennifer – executive session needed. Other items tabled
    - 1) ¼ midget racetrack lease agreement update
    - 2) Insurance issue-equipment lease agreement
    - 3) 100 Carbon Street
  - B. Public Safety – Harold & Jason- executive session with possible action taken
    - 1) Swearing in 2 part time patrol officers done by Mayor

2) Harold made the motion to approve training for Patrol Officer Hartman \$350.00. Patrice seconded the motion. David W- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried.

3) CODERED – will work on till next month due to computer issues this past month

4) Communication options – table till next month

#### C. Streets –David need executive session

1) Discuss and possible motion window replacement in police station and borough hall \$12,620.00

2) After Discussion, David W. made the motion to replace ac in council chambers, zoning/tax collector and water/sewer office for up to \$13,700.00. Iris seconded the motion. David W- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried. Annette is to open insurance claim from lightning storm

3) Street damage-executive session-possible litigation

4) Jen made the motion to have SSM do a feasibility Study comparison on 215 Lincoln Avenue and 417 Lincoln Avenue with the scope of work needed to be done at each location to bring the police station to where they need to be. Harold 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

2) WPA-Iris handed out a report

3) WCA-Iris-

4) Chamber of Commerce-David W clay shoot September 29

5) Veteran's Flag Committee-David W working on ordering banners. Having issue moving images from one system to another.

#### E. Ordinance – Patrice

1) David W made the motion to approve Speed Limit ordinance 2025-02. David S seconded the motion. David W- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried.

2) Harold made the motion to advertise Street opening ordinance 2025-03. Iris seconded the motion. David W- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried. The only change is requiring contractors to be PennDOT certified.

F. Sanitation/Garbage-David Wentling- there is a complaint from homeowners on Best Ave. David will contact Casella and homeowner to follow up.

G. Secretary/Treasurer's report- Annette -nothing to report this month

#### H. Grant/Emergency Management Coordinator-Mike Wentz

1) Harold made the motion to apply to Lehigh Northampton LSA for police equipment. Jen seconded the motion. David W- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried.

2) David S made the motion to apply to Monroe LSA Road equipment. Harold seconded the motion. David W- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried.

3) Applied for public safety grant for police equipment.

~~I. Code Enforcement—Scott Lede~~

J. Engineer's Report – Jason Newhard

1) See report

2) Need executive session for a-c

a) Green Street

b) 645 Lehigh Gap Street-possible action to be taken

c) 306 Oak Street-possible action to be taken

3) Paper Alley---Cherry Alley behind Birch Street-Jason explained the feasibility study he did. -Jason Biechy asked when the neighbor's shed is delivered can they cross the borough lot since there is a curb cut there? Council has no objection as long as if there is any damage they are responsible for. Anytime something like this needs to happen, they need to ask permission each time.

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

7. New Business –

A. David W made the motion to waive the rental fee for pavilion rental 9/12/25 NL PTO. Iris seconded the motion. David W- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-abstain, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried.

B. Patrice made the motion to appoint new board member to Walnutport Authority, James Fikes. David W. seconded the motion. David W- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried.

8. Unfinished Business –

A. Procedure for insurance claims- table

9. Upcoming events

A. Shredding & e-recycling 9-17-2025

B. Canal Days October 18 & 19

C. Trick or Treat Wednesday October 29, 2025 6-8 pm

10. Open seats yet

A. UCC Appeal Board-3

B. Recreation Board

C. Vacancy Board-1

11. Council entered into an executive session from 8:00 - 9:13 pm to discuss finance, personnel, public safety, & litigation.

A. Jen made the motion to authorize Solicitor to finalize agreements with Smith and Latshaw on Green Street litigation. Harold seconded the motion. David W- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried.

**B.** David W made the motion to grant waiver on land development to Latshaw. Jen seconded the motion. David W- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried.

**12.** Mayor's Announcements – nothing

**13.** Adjournment Iris made the motion to adjourn meeting at 9:17 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