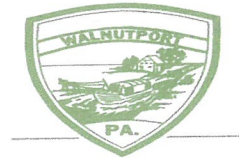


Borough of Walnutport

Regular Meeting Minutes



Thursday November 6, 2025, 7:00 pm

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1. Mr. Gaston, President called the November 6, 2025, regular meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:03 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- Keith Kibler, Larry Bramick, Nancy Treskot, Jake Kovacs-TV13, & Terry Ahner-Times News.
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard –
 - A. Larry Bramick SR spoke to Mike Wentz and David W about the Hometown hero banners before meeting. He got all his answers. Thank you.
5. Jen made the motion to approve A-H by general consent. David S. seconded the motion. David W- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried.
 - A. October 9, 2025, Regular meetings minutes
 - B. October 2025 Profit & Loss Report
 - C. October 2025 Bill List/transaction by vendor
 - D. October 2025 Police report
 - E. October 2025 Tax Collector Report
 - F. October 2025 Zoning permit report
 - G. October 2025 UCC permit report
 - H. October 2025 Code Enforcement Officer Report
6. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Jennifer – executive session is needed before we discuss budget. Table budget till later in meeting.
 - 1) Budget-
 - a) Motion to advertise increase in milage rate 1.5 and public review of preliminary budget taking milage rate to 21.5 made by David W. David S. seconded motion. David W.- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried. Motion carried.
 - b) David W. rescinded previous motion. David S seconded the motion. David W.- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried. Motion carried.

- c) David W. made the motion to advertise tax milage at 21.75 for 2025. Harold seconded the motion. David W.- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried. Motion carried.
- d) Harold made the motion to advertise the preliminary 2026 budget for public review from November 25 – December 1, 2025. David W. seconded the motion. David W.- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried. Motion carried.

B. Public Safety – Harold & Jason-

- 1) Additional street lighting- David W made the motion to authorize engineer and borough staff to contact PPL about 6 areas that need additional lighting. Iris 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 be added to RAVE MOBILE SAFETY contract with Walnutport Authority until the end of the contract on March 31, 2027, and splitting the cost with them (quote is attached). David W. seconded the motion. David W- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried.
- 3) Process to make sure new businesses have a Knox Box-ordinance was done in 2008- council updated zoning officer. He will contact businesses that do not have them.

C. Streets –David need executive session

- 1) Discuss and possible motion window replacement in police station and borough hall \$12,620.00-in process of getting additional quotes.
- 2) Discuss fence at ball field- what is playground association will take care of what was discussed last month.

D. Recreation

- 1) Walnutport Recreation Board-Jennifer-tree lighting 2-6
- 2) WPA-Iris- had meeting
- 3) WCA-Iris- canal days went well
- 4) Chamber of Commerce-David W-tree lightings coming up- November 23rd Northwestern, November 28th North Whitehall, December 5th Slatington.
- 5) Veteran's Flag Committee-David W-they are in and will start going up in December. Weather pending. Slatington is using the bucket truck first.

E. Ordinance – Patrice

- 1) Playground ordinance-Chief brought up the signage not being acuate to the ordinance. They can not enforce if they don't have back up. Solicitor will work on a new ordinance.

F. Sanitation/Garbage-David Wentling

- 1) Patrice made the motion to return deposit (\$50.00) for extra recycling toter (4-26-22) and have extra toter picked up. David W. seconded the motion. David W- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried.

G. Grant/Emergency Management Coordinator-Mike Wentz

- 1) Mike gave a brief update on the pending grants.

H. Code Enforcement—Scott Lede

I. Engineer's Report – Jason Newhard

1) See report

2) Jen made the motion to hire Contractor for \$18,028.88 to clean out the garbage and debris located within 645 Lehigh Gap Street as part of the blighted property litigation filed against 645 Lehigh Gap Street so that the Borough and Conservator can complete an interior inspection of the home to prepare a final report for the Court and to direct the solicitor to take the necessary steps to file an appropriate municipal lien against the property for the costs thereof. David W seconded the motion. David W- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried.

3) ~~Motion to have SSM mark the S Canal Street property that the Borough of Walnutport owns~~-council agreed they do not need this. It is not their "problem" the taxpayer should not have to pay for it.

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

7. New Business –

A. Letter from library-does anyone know of anybody interested??

B. Contract for WPA-Solicitor will work on the changes that are needed

C. Letter from tax collector-table till next month.

8. Unfinished Business –

A. Procedure for insurance claims

B. Patrice brought up the camera and security in building that had been talked about, but nothing was done. SSM will make a proposal for secure vestibules.

9. Upcoming events

A. Tree lighting December 6th

B. Next council meetings December 11

10. Open seats yet

A. UCC Appeal Board-3

B. Recreation Board

C. Vacancy Board-1

11. Council entered an executive session at 8:19-9:07 pm. They discussed personnel matters and legal issues. No action was taken. They went back to budget section of agenda....

12. Mayor's Announcements – Happy Veteran's Day

Happy Thanksgiving Day

13. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Iris at 9:15. David W seconded the motion. David W.- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Annette S Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer