

Borough of Walnutport

Regular Meeting Minutes



Thursday October 9, 2025, 7:00 pm

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1. Mr. Gaston, President called the October 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; 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; and Diane Yurasits, Asst. Secretary.

Present from Public:

3. Tina George- addressed yard waste issue. Told that it is DEP regulated, not the borough.

4. Peggy Shannon-Motion to pay \$850.00 for herbicide mixture for invasive plant control Do not need the money. Reported on all upgrades on plantings.

5. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard – Amy Humanik thanked board and Mike for cleaning up Gogel property.

6. Motion to approve A-H by general consent made by Patrice.-yes, Jenn seconded the motion, yes, David W.-yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, David S.-yes, Mike-yes Motion carried

A. September 11, 2025, Regular meetings minutes

B. September 2025 Profit & Loss Report

C. September 2025 Bill List/transaction by vendor

D. September 2025 Police report

E. September 2025 Tax Collector Report

F. September 2025 Zoning permit report

G. September 2025 UCC permit report

H. September 2025 Code Enforcement Officer Report

7. Standing Committees –

A. Finance – Jennifer – executive session

1) ¼ midget racetrack lease agreement update

2) Insurance issue-equipment lease agreement

3) 100 Carbon Street

4) Motion to approve Resolution 2025-06-Police Pension plan for 2026 (required resolution every year for employee contributions) David W. made the motion to approve Resolution 2025-06, yes, Jason seconded the motion, yes, Mike-yes, Jenn-yes, Harold-yes, Iris-yes, David S.-yes, Patrice-yes, Motion Carried

B. Public Safety – Harold & Jason- executive session with possible action taken

1) Motion to purchase new computers for patrol vehicles \$10,815.96

Motion made to purchase 4 computers made by David W , yes,Seconded by Patrice-yes, Mike-yes, Jenn- yes, Harold-yes, Iris-yes, David S-yes, Motion carried

2) Project lifesaver- Jason spoke about monitoring residents that wonder. No cost to borough.

3) Coffee with a cop- Jason reported that this was a big success. Will have one at McDonalds on November 8, 11-2.

4) CODERED – Program called RAVE, cheapest price, \$3,100.00 split 2 ways with Walnutport Authority. Emergency, free. Non emergency up to 10,000 calls free.

5) Communication options

C. Streets –David

1) Discuss and possible motion window replacement in police station and borough hall \$12,620.00. Hold till next meeting.

New tractor arrived. Cost covered with grant money. New air conditioner installed, and cost was covered by insurance.

D. Recreation

1) Walnutport Recreation Board-Jennifer

Jenn informed us that Christmas tree lighting letters were mailed out.

2) WPA-Iris- meeting with Mike Gaston & Mike Horack rescheduled for 10/20 or 10/27

3) WCA-Iris-Boy scouts completed their Eagle project. They have also installed a lost & found box

David S. suggested putting up a fence or railing by dug out in the playground. Kids climbing and jumping from wall. Discuss further at next meeting.

4) Chamber of Commerce-David W

5) Veteran’s Flag Committee-David W Flags ordered and should be here in next 2 weeks, then can start hanging.

E. Ordinance – Patrice

F. Sanitation/Garbage-David Wentling

1) Motion to return deposit for extra recycling container (4-26-22) and have extra container picked up – She has to call Casella.

G. Grant/Emergency Management Coordinator-Mike Wentz

1) Motion to approve resolution 2025-04 Jenn made the motion to approve Resolution 2025-04-yes, David S. seconded the motion -yes, Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Iris-yes, David W.-yes, Patrice-yes Motion carried

2) Motion to approve resolution 2025-05 Harold made the motion to approve Resolution 2025-05-yes, David W. seconded the motion,yes, Mike-yes, Jenn-yes, Iris-yes, David S.-yes, Pstrice-yes Motion Carried

H. Code Enforcement – Scott Ledo

I. Engineer’s Report – Jason Newhard

1) See report

- 2) Motion to have SSM mark the S Canal Street property that the Borough of Walnutport owns
- 3) 645 Lehigh Gap Street-executive meeting
- 4) 306 Oak Street-executive meeting
- 5) Paper Alley-Cherry Alley behind Birch Street
- J. Solicitor's Report – Michael Corriere- executive session needed
8. New Business –
 - A. Letter from tax collector- Put on agenda for next meeting.
 - B. Motion to approve extension for land development for LV Capital Acquisitions LLC to April 9, 2026. Jenn made the motion to approve extension-yes, Harold seconded the motion -yes, Mike-yes, Iris-yes, David.W.-yes, David S.-yes, Patrice-yes Motion carried
9. Unfinished Business –
 - A. Procedure for insurance claims
- 10.Upcoming events
 - A. Walnutport Canal Festival
 - B. Upcoming council meetings
 - 1) November 6
 - 2) December 11
- 11.Open seats yet
 - A. UCC Appeal Board-3
 - B. Recreation Board
 - C. Vacancy Board-1
- 12.Mayor's Announcements – Trick or Treat
- 13.Adjournment Iris made motion to adjourn at 9:15pm, Jenn Seconded the motion, Mike-yes, Harold-yes, David W.-yes, David S-yes, Patrice-yes Motion carried

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Yurasits, Asst. Secretary