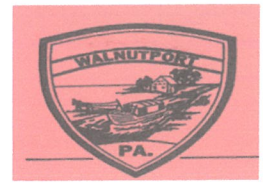


Borough of Walnutport

Regular Meeting Minutes



Thursday September 11, 2025, 7:00 pm

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1. Dr. Jennifer Wentz, Vice-President called the September 11, 2025, regular meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:00 pm in the Walnutport Borough Hall 417 Lincoln Avenue: Walnutport, PA 18088. Dr. Jennifer Wentz led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call: Michael Gaston, President (absent); Jennifer Wentz, Vice-President; Harold Greene, Councilman (arrived at 7:45 pm) ; 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 Annette S Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Present from the Public-Thomas Andreas, Keith Kibler, Drew Snowberger-TV13, Terry Ahner-Times News, Rod Harcher, Tina George, Durell Delong, Mary Jane Franhzee, Amy & Peter Humanik, & George Pandich.
4. Council observed a moment of silence in honor of 911.
5. ~~Vince Morris~~ George Pandich from Walnutport Canal Association- He explained since all of the trees that are dead were not taken down. The WCA would like to have more taken down at their expense. They will coordinate with Mike Wentz and Tree of Life who did the previous work the borough paid for.
 - A. David W made the motion to allow WCA to have trees removed from around the pavilion/museum at the expense of the WCA not out of borough funds. Patrice seconded the motion. David W- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, Patrice-yes, & David S. Motion carried.
6. Tina George-about garbage and a property on Oak Street-Tin asked a lot of questions about the garbage and yard waste. There was discussion with council along with other residents. She also asked questions about 306 Oak Street. There was a discussion with council members, Solicitor, borough engineer, Heather Minnich, Durell Delong, Peter & Amy Humanik. The neighbors are concerned about the mosquitoes in the tires and the high grass. We do have a bug guy spraying for the mosquitoes. Council asked streets department to look into why they are still having issues with the mosquitoes. We are working on the options for tires and cleaning up the property.
7. Tom Andreas- questioned the property lines on Canal Street that the Borough of Walnutport owns. There was a discussion. Motion will be on next month's agenda.
8. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard – already covered

9. Motion to approve A-H by general consent made by David W. Patrice seconded the motion. David W- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, Patrice-yes, & David S. Motion carried.
- A. August 14, 2025, Regular meetings minutes
 - B. August 2025 Profit & Loss Report
 - C. August 2025 Bill List/transaction by vendor
 - D. August 2025 Police report
 - E. August 2025 Tax Collector Report
 - F. August 2025 Zoning permit report
 - G. August 2025 UCC permit report
 - H. August 2025 Code Enforcement Officer Report

10. Standing Committees –

A. Finance – Jennifer – executive session

- 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 with possible action taken

- 1) Patrice made the motion to approve training for Patrol Officer Garcia \$125.00 Iris seconded the motion. David W- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, Patrice-yes, & David S. Motion carried.
- 2) David W made the motion to approve 3 trainings for Chief Nothstein \$737.00. Patrice seconded the motion. David W- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, Patrice-yes, & David S. Motion carried.
- 3) Motion to purchase new computers for patrol vehicles \$2,703.99-put on October agenda
- ~~4) CODERED~~
- ~~5) Communication options~~

C. Streets –David

- 1) Discuss and possible motion window replacement in police station and borough hall \$12,620.00
- 2) David S made the motion to repair part of street at Washington Street & Washington Spur \$6,500.00. Iris seconded the motion. David W- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, Patrice-yes, & David S. Motion carried.

25% will be paid by Walnutport Authority

D. Recreation

- 1) Walnutport Recreation Board-Jennifer- nothing as of yet
- 2) WPA-Iris- Mike Horack has taken over as President.
- 3) WCA-Iris- boy scouts refurbished benches and picnic tables and added a lost and found box. Thanked the Diamond Fire Company for allowing them to use social hall parking lot for Vince's Steaks fund raiser.
- 4) Chamber of Commerce-David W-nothing
- 5) Veteran's Flag Committee-David W- working on getting the flags ordered

E. Ordinance – Patrice

- 1) Motion to approve Street opening ordinance 2025-03 made by Harold. David W seconded the motion. David W- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, Patrice-yes, & David S. Motion carried.

F. Sanitation/Garbage-David Wentling

- 1) Complaints- Dave called hauler and residents to handle.

G. Secretary/Treasurer’s report- Annette

- 1) Motion to approve 2026 Financial Requirement and MMO (yearly motion required)
 - a) \$203,227.00 (police)
 - b) \$16,160.00 (public works)made by Patrice. Harold seconded the motion. David W- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, Patrice-yes, & David S. Motion carried.

H. Grant/Emergency Management Coordinator-Mike Wentz

- 1) David W made the motion to approve resolution 2025-02. Iris seconded the motion. David W- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, Patrice-yes, & David S. Motion carried.
- 2) David W made the motion to approve resolution 2025-03. David S seconded the motion. David W- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, Patrice-yes, & David S. Motion carried.

~~**I. Code Enforcement—Scott Ledo**~~

J. Engineer’s Report – Jason Newhard

- 1) See report
- 2) 645 Lehigh Gap Street-need executive session
- 3) 306 Oak Street-need executive session
- 4) ~~Paper Alley Cherry Alley behind Birch Street~~

K. Solicitor’s Report – Michael Corriere- executive session needed Green Street & Oak Street property

11. New Business –

- A. David S. made the motion to approve trapping permit for Ronald Prutzman for 2025-2026. Harold seconded the motion. David W- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, Patrice-yes, & David S. Motion carried.

12. Unfinished Business –

- A. Procedure for insurance claims-table

13. Upcoming events

- A. Shredding & e-recycling 9/17/2025
- B. Walnutport Canal Festival 10/18 & 10/19/25
- C. Upcoming council meetings
 - 1) October 9
 - 2) November 6
 - 3) December 11

14. Open seats yet

- A. UCC Appeal Board-3
- B. Recreation Board

C. Vacancy Board-1

- 15.** Mayor's Announcements – Wayne read a thank you letter from a resident giving positive feedback to the police department.
- 16.** Council entered into an executive session from 8:57-9:22 pm. They discussed personnel matter and 2 legal matters. No action taken. Patrice left during this time.
- 17.** Adjournment- Iris made the motion to adjourn meeting at 9:24 pm. David W seconded the motion. David W- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, & David S. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Annette S Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer

