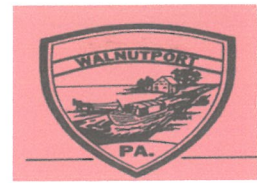


Borough of Walnutport

Regular Meeting Minutes



Thursday December 11, 2025, 7:00 pm

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Merry Christmas

1. Mr. Gaston, President called the December 11, 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 – Drew Snowberger-TV13, Keith Kibler, Bob & Nancy Treskot, Paul Minnicks, Lamont McClure and assistant, Terry Ahner-Times News, Greg & Donnie Wuchter.
4. Check presentation -Executive McClure presented a \$115,000.00 check to council for CDBG grants from 2024 funding.
5. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard –
6. Motion to approve A-H by general consent made by David W. Iris seconded the motion. David W.- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried. Motion carried.
 - A. November 6, 2025, Regular meetings minutes
 - B. November 2025 Profit & Loss Report
 - C. November 2025 Bill List/transaction by vendor
 - D. November 2025 Police report
 - E. November 2025 Tax Collector Report
 - F. November 2025 Zoning permit report
 - G. November 2025 UCC permit report
 - H. November 2025 Code Enforcement Officer Report
7. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Jennifer – executive session
 - 1) Budget-
 - a) 2026 Budget hearing- no one from public commented
 - b) David W made the motion to approve 21.75 milage rate Ordinance 2025-04. David S seconded the motion. David W.- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-no, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried. Motion carried.

- c) Jen made the motion to adopt 2026 budget as presented with adjustments. Harold seconded the motion. David W.- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-no, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried. Motion carried.
 - 2) Copier leases: David W made the motion to renew another 5-year lease with Edwards Business for both offices. Iris 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- executives session requested**
- 1) Process to make sure new businesses have a Knox Box
 - 2) David W made the motion to hire part time police officer Paul Minnicks. Patrice seconded the motion. David W.- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried. Motion carried.
 - 3) ATV's & Hunting on Borough Property (see pictures) Iris made the motion to repost all of the borough owned properties in Northampton County with No trespassing/private property signage. Patrice seconded the motion. David W.- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried. Motion carried.
 - 4) Discuss & possible motion to purchase additional body camera and taser. David W made the motion to add the additional taser and camera to the existing order. David S seconded the motion. David W.- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried. Motion carried.
 - 5) Rave update- will go into effective 1/1/2026. They will have the option to be notified via email, text, or phone call.
- C. Streets –David need executive session**
- 1) Discuss and possible motion window replacement in police station and borough hall
\$12,620.00-table
 - 2) David W made the motion to purchase a tag a long trailer for \$6,000.00 along with Walnutport Authority. David S seconded the motion. David W.- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried. Motion carried.
- D. Recreation**
- 1) Walnutport Recreation Board-Jennifer tree lighting went well. It was cold. Had 2 vendors, Balloons by Robin was there. Will start planning 10th annual meeting as early as January.
 - 2) WPA-Iris-
 - 3) WCA-Iris-
 - 4) Chamber of Commerce-David W – there were 3 tree lightings
 - 5) Veteran's Flag Committee-David W – banners are hung. Need to talk to Legion if still interested in a flag.
- E. Ordinance – Patrice**
- 1) Playground ordinance-signs- Solicitor will review and revisit next month.
 - 2) Talk about residential complaints received- Patrice wants to know why Fire company didn't clear their sidewalks when everyone else did?

F. Sanitation/Garbage-David Wentling

- 1) Jen made the motion to exempt 02715 from garbage service (Annette will explain). David W seconded the motion. David W.- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried. Motion carried.

G. Secretary/Treasurer's report- Annette

- 1) Discussion on when 2026 meetings will be held & Harold made the motion to have Solicitor advertise 2026 meetings. David W seconded the motion. David W.- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried. Motion carried. Patrice left. This motion was revisited after executive session.
- 2) Newsletter-beginning of February- need articles for newsletter
- 3) Issue with VUB—again Annette will contact them for reimbursement for amount of error

H. Grant/Emergency Management Coordinator-Mike Wentz

- 1) Northampton, LSA, furnace-heard nothing-DCBG \$50K, \$75K Willow, \$125K Willow & Authority

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

J. Engineer's Report – Jason Newhard- quiet month

- 1) See report
- 2) 645 Lehigh Gap Street-clean out
- 3) 306 Oak Street-

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

- 1) Conservators report due in February
- 2) Settlement for Latshaw signed

8. New Business – nothing

9. Unfinished Business –

- A. Procedure for insurance claims
- B. Contract for WPA -addendum, additional organization, NL girl softball

10. Open seats yet

- A. UCC Appeal Board-3
- B. Recreation Board
- C. Vacancy Board-1

11. Mayor's Announcements – Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

12. Council entered into an executive session from 8:58- 10:45. Finance, Streets, Solicitor, & personnel matters. Patrice left right after executive session.

Mike Gaston thanked Iris for her service on council. Tonight is her last meeting. She will not be on council next year since she did not rerun.

13. Adjournment -Iris made the motion to adjourn the meeting made by Iris at 10:47 pm. Harold seconded the motion. David W.- yes, Iris-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David S. & Mike-yes. Motion carried. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Annette S Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer

