



MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN  
OF WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL  
MAY 27, 2021 @ 7:00 P.M.: TOWN CENTER PARK

Mayor Doc Davis **called the meeting to order** at 7:00 p.m. Present were the Mayor, Council Members Vernon Brown, Wesley Hutchins, Peggy Leight and Marilyn Martin and Town Manager Scott Snow, Town Clerk Rusty Sawyer.

**The Invocation** was given by Mayor Davis.

Mayor Davis: Any additions to the agenda? *NO*.

**THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED AS WRITTEN BY MOTION MADE BY PEGGY LEIGHT AND SECONDED BY VERNON BROWN.**

**THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.**  
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, LEIGHT, MARTIN)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- April 22, 2021
- May 6, 2021

**THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY MOTION MADE BY MARILYN MARTIN AND SECONDED BY PEGGY LEIGHT.**  
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, LEIGHT, MARTIN)

**PUBLIC SESSION**

THIS SESSION IS FOR NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS ONLY AND IS LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER. WHEN SPEAKING TO ANY ITEM, PLEASE RESTRICT YOUR REMARKS TO THE SUBJECT AT HAND.

Mayor Davis opens the **Public Session @ 7:01.**

With no speaker coming forward, the Mayor closes the **Public Session @ 7:01.**

**BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**

1. Resolution to Schedule a Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022  
Town of Walkertown Budget

Doc: If approved, the Public Hearing will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in June. 6/24.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNE 24, 2021 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 TOWN OF WALKERTOWN BUDGET**

**BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS**

**SECOND: PEGGY LEIGHT**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

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## 2. American Rescue Plan Funds Update

Scott leads this discussion.

There are webinars every day. Information changes day to day.

The town is eligible for up to \$1.5 million. Funds for small municipalities goes to the state first, then distributed to towns.

One possible use of the funds would be for a meeting space if that is a qualified use.

“Capital investments in public facilities to meet pandemic operational needs, adaptations to public building for COVID-19 mitigation tactics.”

We are having to meet outdoors because of the pandemic.

If you use the money you run the risk of not qualifying later and have to return the money.

If you decide to take the money, we should set up a separate account to make the accounting easier.

Any funds accepted must be budgeted by 2024 and spent by 2026.

Does council have an interest in accepting the funds?

Wesley: I don't see why not.

Doc: The guidelines for use keep getting narrower. I think we would be smart to apply.

Vernon: If we take the money and don't use it, we can always return it.

Scott: The funds can also be used to replace lost revenue.

**MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS AND SET UP A SEPARATE ACCOUNT FOR THEM**

**BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS**

**SECOND: VERNON BROWN**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

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## 3. Project / Committee Updates

Scott leads this discussion.

Scott: We met with Jimmy Flythe with Duke Energy. Gave him a copy of our Main Street Study.

It would be very costly to go underground with power lines.

Doc: Also phone and cable.

Scott: He suggested it would be cheaper to raise the lines.

Doc: Or move them to a back street like Kernersville did.

Scott: Jimmy has setup a meeting with Duke Energy engineers.

Wesley: Any grant money?

Scott: Still too early.

Doc: A small \$25K grant.

Scott: Now is the time to start planning.

Peggy: The library board met. The library will be opening back up at 100%.

The COG meets virtually next week.

#### 4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

May, 2021

Doc: We are 92% into the year. Property Tax up at 105%. Sales Tax is up significantly too.

Peggy: Expenses are low at 55%.

Scott: That is without starting sidewalks and no Powell Bill move. Add in utilities and it would move more in line.

Doc: Unrestricted Funds for March @ \$4,305,320.70 and Restricted Funds @\$921,407.98 for a Grand Total Fund Balance of \$5,226,728.68.

All depts. are in line.

Any discussion from council? NO.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR MAY, 2021  
AS PRESENTED BY STAFF**

**BY: PEGGY LEIGHT**

**SECOND: VERNON BROWN**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

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#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION: TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING AT 7:29 P.M.**

**BY: MARILYN MARTIN**

**SECOND: WESLEY HUTCHINS**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

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#### **ANOUNCEMENTS:**

**Town Hall will be closed Monday, May 31st for Memorial Day**

**Planning Board Meeting June 1<sup>st</sup>, 3:00 pm – Town Center Park**

Submitted by:

*Rusty Sawyer*

Town Clerk

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