

WORKSHOP MEETING
WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY – NOVEMBER 7, 2019
6:00 P.M. @ TOWN HALL

Present: Mayor Davis, Council members Peggy Leight, Marilyn Martin, Wesley Hutchins and Town Manager Scott Snow and Town Clerk Rusty Sawyer.

Mayor Davis calls the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and opens with a prayer.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS WRITTEN

BY: MARILYN MARTIN

SECOND: PEGGY LEIGHT

VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(HUTCHINS, LEIGHT, MARTIN)

1. WA-061 Update

Scott: Planning staff recommends denial because the density is too high and no connectivity. The connection to Wallasey was eliminated.

2. Council Vacancy Discussion

Doc leads this discussion.

Council is in agreement to wait until next year to fill the vacancy.

3. 2020 Planning Board Appointments Discussion

Scott: The 3 year terms for Keith and Robert ends this December.

Rusty: Keith is willing to stay for another term. Robert's poor health is forcing him to resign. Steve Fowler offered to stay on as an alternate.

Scott: We have 2 alternate vacancies.

Peggy and Wesley ask for a Planning Board Application.

4. Fire Services Discussion

The council agrees to have Scott negotiate with the county for inspection services.

5. Sullivantown Rd. Multi-Use Path and Sewer Project Update

Scott: I've included Mark's Conceptual Plan map. The multi-use path project begins @ 4926 Sullivantown Rd., which is in front of Walnut Pavilion, and ends in front of the Baptist Church.

Crossing Main Street and Sullivantown Rd. will be a high visibility crosswalk with pedestrian signals & push button activation, curb and gutter.

Doc: Nothing is finalized.

Peggy: I'd like to see the alternate alignment leave the trees. The trees should stay as part of the park. I'm not sure kids would use a path that far from the road.

Doc: DOT has no clue when funds will become available.

Gravity sewer would come down to about the Mabe House and stop. If the Baptist Church wanted to hook on to the sewer, they would have to pay the distance and pump.

6. NCLM Debt Set-off Program Discussion

Scott: The NCLM Debt Set-off Program could be used to collect outstanding parking ticket fees (OVER \$50). As of November 1st there are a total of 102 past due parking tickets. The Debt Set-off Program would have no cost for the town to participate other than administrative time, however the town will need a service to locate Social Security numbers for debtors which would cost approximately \$800/year with a \$100 registration fee. There is a collector's fee of \$15 paid by the violator. If Council is interested in the program a resolution for approval will be presented at the November regular Council meeting.

MOTION: TO GO FORWARD WITH A RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF THE NCLM DEBT SET-OFF PROGRAM TO COLLECT OUTSTANDING PARKING TICKETS

BY: PEGGY LEIGHT
SECOND: MARILYN MARTIN
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7. Christmas Lights Discussion

Council decides on display placement.

14' Christmas tree @ Walnut Pavilion
Santa Sleigh & 2 reindeer @ Walnut Pavilion
Carolers (set of 4) @ Walkertown Library
Toy Soldier @ the Booe House

Doc leads a discussion about a town holiday event at Walnut Pavilion after the parade.

8. Fall Festival Review and Discussion

Doc: Maybe it's time we considered having our festival on Saturdays only.

Wesley: I'll send out a questionnaire to vendors. Get their input.

Marilyn: We could try it next year and see how it goes.

9. Parks and Recreation General Discussion

Scott leads this discussion.

10. OCTOBER / NOVEMBER SHERIFF REPORT

Report presented to Council.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN WORKSHOP MEETING @ 6:22

BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS
SECOND: MARILYN MARTIN
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(HUTCHINS, LEIGHT, MARTIN)

Submitted by: Rusty Sawyer
Town Clerk