



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN
OF WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 17, 2022 @ 7:00 P.M.: BOOE HOUSE

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, Marilyn Martin and Town Manager Scott Snow and Town Clerk Rusty Sawyer.

Attending from the Walkertown Planning Board, Caroline Jones.

The Invocation was given by Mayor Davis.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Wesley Hutchins.

Doc: Any additions to the agenda from council? *NO*

I would like to make 1 addition; #5 Christmas Parade

THE AGENDA WITH 1 ADDITION #5 CHRISTMAS PARADE WAS APPROVED AS WRITTEN BY MOTION MADE BY PEGGY LEIGHT AND SECONDED BY WESLEY HUTCHINS.

THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.

(BROWN, HUTCHINS, LEIGHT, MARTIN)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **OCTOBER 27, 2022**

THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY MOTION MADE BY PEGGY LEIGHT AND SECONDED BY VERNON BROWN.

(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 @ 7:02.**

My name is Leslie White and I live at 4504 Crews Lane. I would like to thank the Town Council for the work you do. I would like to ask: 1. How do we get on the agenda? 2. How to find funding for WGSA? 3. How do we find funding for WLL Park? 4. Would like a time to discuss sharing the park with the WLL. #5 Does the town recognize WGSA? Our name is not on the town website.

Thank you.

My name is Mike Rothrock and I live at 4540 Herry Street in Winston Salem. I am the vice-president of the WGSA. We have 220 girls and we have outgrown 2 fields. We can't afford to build our own fields. You are the only game in town. You need to bring the sewer to the fields. There is no growth without the sewer. You need to add additional fields then we could hold tournaments.

My name is Joe Graves and I am from Walkertown. We are forced to rent out of town fields in King. We would like to keep everything in Walkertown. We want to work with the WLL and share the fields. What are our options? We will be coming

to the next meeting.
Mayor Davis: Any questions from the council? NO.

With no other speakers coming forward, the Mayor closes the **Public Session @ 7:11.**

BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

1. PRESENTATION: WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH COUNTY SCHOOLS UPDATE

Scott: Our guest tonight is Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School Superintendent Tricia McManus. She will be sharing a power point presentation which is the handout accompanying the agenda.

Doc: Thank you so much for coming!

Tricia: Thank you for inviting me. It is nice to meet all of you.

Doc: When did you start as superintendent?

Tricia: I started in February 2020.

I have visited all the Walkertown schools. I have data to share from all 3 schools. Math teachers remain the hardest to recruit.

We have an exceptionally strong principal at Walkertown Elementary, Diana McIntosh.

(Power point presentation)

Peggy: How is growth measured?

Tricia: Grade level expectations are set by the state and can be confusing.

We are not a low performing district.

Walkertown Elementary met growth.

Walkertown Middle exceeded growth.

Walkertown High did not meet growth.

Wesley: Based on end of grade testing?

Tricia: Yes.

We are working hard to improve reading scores. We have reading tutors we call Reading Warriors. We have a classroom library in all K thru K5 classrooms.

40% of students are chronically absent. We must have children wanting to come to school.

Doc: You are welcome to come back!

Peggy: What about Middle Fork?

Tricia: Yes. Appalachian State University Academy at Middle Fork. I forgot to include them. I will send you their scores and their data.

Doc: Walkertown Elementary was top tier. How sad.

Wesley: How are communities involved?

Doc: We have a broken relationship with our schools. This relationship is important to us.

Wesley: With "School of Choice", Walkertown students' are traveling to schools outside of Walkertown and students not from Walkertown are traveling to Walkertown. Who are we supporting?

Tricia: I'll get the data.

Wesley: Thank you. Graduation Coaching. Are they school employees?

Tricia: Yes, targeting students who are behind in credits. They are mentors.

They have meetings with students. Help any way they can.

The program is paid for by pandemic funds which will end.

I would love to meet again.

Doc: We would like that. Yes. Your information is disturbing. We knew the system had a discipline problem. I wasn't aware of the education shortcomings.

I have one more question. Are your campuses closed?

Tricia: We can't lock the schools up. We do try to prevent skipping.

Peggy: There are a lot of students leaving every day.

Tricia: Why? They shouldn't be. Leaving campus is unsafe. As I said, we do try to prevent skipping. Kids not in school does impact education.

Peggy: Do you fail or hold students back?

Tricia: Research shows retention doesn't help. Students who won't graduate until they are 19 are 20 years old will dropout.

Thank you for all the questions.

Doc: Thank you!

2. RESOLUTION: ORDINANCE DECLARING A ROAD CLOSURE FOR THE 2022 WALKERTOWN CHRISTMAS PARADE

Doc: The parade will be December 3rd.

MOTION: TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION: ORDINANCE DECLARING A ROAD CLOSURE FOR THE 2022 WALKERTOWN CHRISTMAS PARADE

BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS

SECOND: PEGGY LEIGHT

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

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3. PROJECT UPDATES

Scott:

- The Sullivantown Sewer Extension project has been let for bids. Bids will be opened on December 6th at 2:00 pm.
- The Town Center Park Playground resurfacing and new equipment have been ordered. The vendor estimates it will need six months to manufacture the new climbing dome play structure.
- The trees at Town Center Park, along Sullivantown Road and Walnut Pavilion have been inspected by an arborist. Tree trimming in Town Center Park and Walnut Pavilion is being scheduled. Sullivantown Rd. trees are being requested to be removed by Duke Energy.
- Town Council Chamber Building and Town Center Park Expansion Projects: Architect Jeff Johnson is finalizing site and building plans.

Doc: Will we be getting a generator? Yes.

- Currently taking proposals for Booe House roof replacement.

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOVEMBER, 2022

Doc: We are in the fifth month or 41% of the way through the year. Every line well within budget. Money is coming in slowly.

All revenue slightly ahead. Interest is finally going up.

Unrestricted Funds for October @6,428,760.64 Restricted Funds
@ \$1,426,188.68 for a Grand Total Fund Balance of \$7,854,949.32.

Doc: Any discussion from council? *NO*

**MOTION: TO APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER,
2022 AS PRESENTED BY STAFF**

BY: PEGGY LEIGHT

SECOND: MERILYN MARTIN

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

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5. 2022 WALKERTOWN CHRISTMAS PARADE

Doc: Do you want to be involved this year? *Yes.*

Do you want to be on the float? *Yes*

Ryan Westmoreland has offer to pull the town float with his tractor again this year. *Yes*

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING AT 8:04 P.M.

BY: MARILYN MARTIN

SECOND: PEGGY LEIGHT

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

(BROWN, HUTCHINS, LEIGHT, MARTIN)_

ANOUNCEMENTS:

No Planning Board meeting in December

Town Hall Offices will be closed November 24th & 25th.

Submitted by:

Rusty Sawyer

Town Clerk

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