



MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN  
OF WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL  
JULY 22, 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.

Present from the Walkertown Planning Board, Caroline Jones.  
Present from DOT District 9, Connie James.

**The Invocation** was given by Mayor Davis.  
**The Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Vernon Brown.

Mayor Davis: Any additions to the agenda from council? *NO*.  
I'd like to add #3 new elementary school principals.

**THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED AS WRITTEN WITH THE ADDITION OF #3 NEW PRINCIPALS BY MOTION MADE BY PEGGY LEIGHT AND SECONDED BY VERNON BROWN.**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- June 24, 2021
- July 8, 2021

**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 @ 7:03.**

With no speaker coming forward, the Mayor closes the **Public Session @ 7:03.**

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

1. **NCDOT PROJECTS UPDATE**

Doc: I would like to welcome from District 9 DOT Project Engineer Connie James.

Connie: We are currently updating estimates, reviewing ROW appraisals and letters to property owners are going out now.

- Project Development New

1. Brett Abernathy, PE, PLS retired 6/30/21
  2. Matt Jones, PE is the new Project Development Engineer for all 5 counties. He has been with us for 17 years.
- U-5824 (Old Hollow Road)
    1. Right of Way has resumed, 18 month acquisition time.  
No properties have been purchased.  
Letters have gone out  
Sidewalks on both sides
    2. Coordinating with R-2577A (Reidsville Road/158) on ROW
    3. Utility work will be performed in 3 sections  
Likely to start in the eastern section  
Must have utility easement first.
    4. Construction 2023  
Certify ROW by May  
Let date for bids in July  
Construction to start in late summer
  - R-2577A (Reidsville Road/158)
    1. Right of Way began April 30, 2021  
Purchased ROW in the 50's on the west side still exists  
Planning is 75% complete
    2. Coordinating with U-5824 on ROW  
Most of the ROW is on the west side, some on the east
    3. ROW focus on the northern end of the project  
Vance Road & Belews Creek Road intersection will be aligned
    4. Utility relocation in 3 sections  
Will begin in the northern section (Vance Road to Darrow Road)  
and progress south  
6 to 7 months per section
    5. Updated Endangered Species Surveys
    6. Construction 2023  
Let date for bids in December  
Construction to start several months later
  - Both projects are Central let, Division built (because both projects are over \$5 million)
- Doc: Connie thank you for coming.

## 2. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

July, 2021

Doc: We are one month into a new year or 8.3% into the year.

Every line well within budget.

Unrestricted Funds for July @ \$4,544,573.57 and Restricted Funds

@\$783,624.83 for a Grand Total Fund Balance of \$5,328,198.40

Any discussion from council? NO.

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

**BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS**

**SECOND: PEGGY LEIGHT**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

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**3. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS**

Doc: We have 2 new Elementary School Principals in Walkertown.

Scott, give us an update.

Scott: Walkertown Elementary has a new principal, Diana McIntosh.

Appalachian State University Academy at Middle Fork's new principal is Dr. Amie Snow.

Doc: We should invite them to meet our Town Council.

Scott: We could invite the principals from the High School & Middle School too. Also invite the WVFD, Little League and WAHS.

**4. SHERIFF OFFICE**

Scott: It seems county commissioners are moving the sheriff office, possibly to the Walkertown Middle School gymnasium.

We still have no signed hold harmless agreement.

Would council grant an extension for the use of the Main Street office?

Doc: If they signed the agreement.

Marilyn: No extension without signing the agreement as presented.

Vernon: I agree. No extension.

Wesley: I would have preferred they sign the agreement.

Peggy: I do too. They should have signed.

*Council is in unanimous agreement to not grant an extension without a signed agreement.*

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION: TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING AT 8:12 P.M.**

**BY: MARILYN MARTIN**

**SECOND: WESLEY HUTCHINS**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

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**ANOUNCEMENTS:**

**Planning Board Meeting August 3rd, 3:00 pm – Town Center Park**

Submitted by:

*Rusty Sawyer*

Town Clerk

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