



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN
OF WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 21, 2019
@ 7:00 P.M. @ THE BOOE HOUSE

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

The Invocation was given by Mayor Davis and the **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Wesley Hutchins.

THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED AS WRITTEN WITH THE ADDITION OF #5 MAIN STREET STUDY BY MOTION MADE BY WESLEY HUTCHINS AND SECONDED BY MARILYN MARTIN. THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS. (HUTCHINS, MARTIN)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- OCTOBER 24, 2019
- NOVEMBER 7, 2019

THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED WITH A LOCATION CORRECTION UNANIMOUSLY BY MOTION MADE BY MARILYN MARTIN AND SECONDED BY WESLEY HUTCHINS. (HUTCHINS, MARTIN)

PUBLIC SESSION

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Mayor Davis opens the **Public Session @ 7:04.**

My name is Leslie White and I live at 4504 Crews Lane here in Walkertown. I am here representing the Walkertown Girls Softball League as President. Thank you for allowing us to speak to you tonight. Girls have been playing softball here in Walkertown for 47 years. We would like to get information on the use of the Wickenham Park Little League ball fields.

The growth of our league has caused us to have scheduling problems with the limited fields at Walkertown Park off Darrow Road. We have to stop play 30 minutes before the gates close.

Our spring league has grown by 15% to 130 player's ages 8 to 18.

We have 90 girls playing in fall ball.

We do not travel to play tournaments.

We are a non-profit.

Doc: Are you no longer in the Dixie USA League?

Leslie: No. I don't know when they stopped. Our talent is not at that level.

Doc: Do you play other teams?

Leslie: No. We don't play travel ball or go to tournaments. We are working to improve skills and build leadership.

We have girls coming from several surrounding counties.

Wesley: Do you have a contract with Forsyth County Parks & Recreation?

Leslie: Yes. It is renewed year to year. We can't sell hot food there, which limits our ability to raise funds. We are looking for options.

Wesley: What other limitations are there? Or things you have to do.

Leslie: We have to clean up after ourselves which we would do anywhere. We have to haul off large items ourselves. No practice fields makes scheduling harder.

Wesley: How big is your board?

Leslie: 8

Wesley: All Parents?

Leslie: Yes.

Doc: Do you still have a booth at the fair?

Leslie: Yes. We made ~ \$10,900 this year. We also have a spring yard sale.

Wesley: Do you have a yearly audit?

Leslie: No, but we would not be opposed.

Wesley: Would you be offended if we asked for one?

Leslie: No.

Doc: Glad you came. Perfect timing. We are working on a Recreation Study now.

Leslie: Thank you council for your time!

With no other speakers coming forward the Mayor closes the **Public Session @ 7:14.**

BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

1. RESOLUTION FOR CHRISTMAS PARADE STREET CLOSURE

Scott: This is a Resolution to close streets for the Christmas Parade on December 7th from 12:30 to 3 or 4 o'clock. We'll open the streets as soon as cleanup is finished.

- Main Street: Old Hollow Rd. to Sullivantown Rd.
- Ruxton Drive: Darrow Rd. to Main Street
- Sullivantown Road: Main Street to Depot Street

The Civic Club is the organizer of the parade. We meet with our deputy and the Fire Department.

Steve Amos says the Civic Club is insured to participate in the parade but not to organize the parade. Would the town take over organizing?

Marilyn: The Civic Club has always organized the parade. We shouldn't be the organizers at this late date.

Doc: They will have to show liability insurance with no restrictions or exclusions.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION DECLARING A ROAD CLOSURE FOR THE TOWN OF WALKERTOWN 2019 WALKERTOWN CHRISTMAS PARADE WITH THE CONDITION

**THAT THE CIVIC CLUB MUST SHOW GENERAL LIABILITY
INSURANCE WITH NO EXCLUSIONS**

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

2. HOLIDAY EVENTS DISCUSSION

Doc: The Community Tree Lighting will be at Love's UMC on December 1st.
The Moravian Band will start at 6:30 and the service starts at 7:00.

**MOTION: TO REIMBURSE LOVE'S UMC FOR REFRESHMENTS
PROVIDED FOR THE COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING UP TO
\$500**

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

Doc: We talked about the Christmas Parade. Do you want to do the town
float this year? YES

Scott: We still have the beads.

Doc: We attempted to have a visit with Santa day event at the Pavilion after
the parade. We lost our Santa.

Wesley: The coffee truck and the two donut trucks all declined. We were too
late starting. I suggest we try again next year and start planning earlier.

Council is in agreement to put the event off until 2020.

Scott: Todd hopes to start putting up our new LED displays tomorrow.

3. COMMITTEE UPDATES

TAC

Wesley: We met today. Several are retiring, Larry Williams & Margaret
Bessette.

Nothing new from Pat Ivey.

We moved \$100 million to DOT.

Scott: It's not clear which DOT projects will move forward, dates may change.
They have had administrative problems.

Doc: They are in the pre-appraisers phase now.

Wesley: We discussed the rebranding of the "Carolina Core" to "Piedmont
Triad First", four mega 1800 acre sites, all along the 421 corridor.

Scott: They want 421 to be an interstate.

COG

Scott: We will be doing our Parks & Recreation study with the COG.

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

November, 2019

Doc: We are 41.5% into the new year. All departments are in line with the exception of some payments made quarterly.

Total expenses are at 27%. Revenue "in" at 27%, which is slow. Property tax has finally moved forward to 24%. Interest coming in well.

Scott: We paid for our paving projects. Expenditures are under budget.

Doc: Unrestricted Funds @ \$3,622,480.62 and Restricted Funds @ \$890,003.41 for a Grand Total Fund Balance of \$4,512,484.03.

MOTION: TO APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER, 2019 AS PRESENTED

BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS

SECOND: MARILYN MARTIN

VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(HUTCHINS MARTIN)

5. SET WORKSHOP DATE FOR DECEMBER, 2019

Council agrees to set the workshop date for December 5th at 4:00.

6. MAIN STREET STUDY

Scott: We have received a preliminary aerial view of Main Street from Davenport. The formal report will come later. It would impact our current zoning case.

Doc: We have been told by DOT that the traffic counts don't warrant stop lights. Wrong.

Scott: Right. Signals are warranted on Main Street at Pine Hall Road, Depot Street and Harley Drive. Main Street would have a left turn lane onto Harley Drive.

We will be working with the school system to stop staging pickup traffic on Friendly Road and move it onto school property.

Doc: Would council be okay with Scott going to DOT with the intersection traffic counts to get stop lights?

Wesley: When will we get the formal study?

Scott: The first of the year. We could move forward with the stop lights now.

MOTION: TO HAVE TOWN MANAGER TAKE OUR MAIN STREET STUDY TRAFFIC COUNTS WARRANTING STOP LIGHTS TO DOT

BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS

SECOND: MARILYN MARTIN

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Leslie White: I thought of a few things I forgot to say.

Last year we sponsored a co-ed league. We had 3 teams. We hope to expand this year.

One of the problems we have with the fields is we can't let 18 year olds play on the upper fields for safety reasons.

We have enough players for 1 team of fast pitch. We would like to expand but we need more room.

Thanks you again for your time.

Doc: Thank you very much for coming, Leslie. Very informative.

Doc: Thank you Leslie for coming.

With no other speaker coming forward the Mayor closes the **PUBLIC SESSION** @ 8:11.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

BY: MARILYN MARTIN

SECOND: WESLEY HUTCHINS

VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(HUTCHINS, MARTIN)

ANOUNCEMENTS:

Town Hall Closed – November 28th & 29th

Community Tree Lighting – December 1st – 6:30 – Love's UMC

Walkertown Planning Board Meeting – December 3rd – 3:00pm – **Canceled**

Town Council Meeting – December 19th – 7:00pm – Walkertown Library

Christmas Parade – December 7th – 1:00pm – Main Street

RECYCLING SCHEDULE - every other week

DECEMBER – 2019

ROUTE A – 9th & 23rd

ROUTE B – 2nd, 16th & 30th

Submitted by:

Rusty Sawyer

Town Clerk

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