

WORKSHOP MEETING
WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
THURSDAY – MARCH 10, 2022
4:00 P.M. - Town Hall

Present: Mayor Davis, Council members Vernon Brown, Wesley Hutchins, and Marilyn Martin, 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.
Doc: Any additions to the agenda? *NO*.

Discussion Items for the March 24, 2022 Meeting

1. PUBLIC HEARING: WA-067

A petition submitted by Morris Chapel United Methodist Church, Inc. to amend the Zoning Map of the Town of Walkertown for 9.76 acres of land from IP and RS9 to IP located at 2715 Darrow Road on the east side of Darrow Road, across from Dillon Street.

Scott: The Planning Board recommended approval on March 3rd.

Discussion Items for the March 10th, 2022 Meeting

1. DISCUSSION OF STP-DA PROJECTS

Scott: Sewer design is done. Still working on sidewalk design.

MPO funds of \$500K for each of the 3 projects: Pine Hall Road/Main Street intersection, Depot Street sidewalk, Sullivantown Road sidewalk & sewer line.

We could move the Pine Hall Road intersection funds to be split between the other 2 projects.

(Mark Reich via Zoom)

Mark: The Sullivantown Road sewer project is waiting on the permit from the county. We could put out for bidding now.

- *Council is in unanimous agreement to put out the Sullivantown Road sewer project for bids.*

The Sullivantown Road sidewalk will be 10' wide on the Pavilion side of Main Street, stopping at the end of town property. The width will decrease to 6' wide at TCP.

The crosswalk on Main Street will be red stamped brick asphalt with flashing signs.

The town must verify that the sidewalk does not cross any wetlands.

Doc: Should we continue the sidewalk past town property?

- Council is in agreement to consider extending the sidewalk without curb & gutter past town property.

Scott: We will attempt to miss the trees in TCP.

- Council is in agreement to remove the tree closest to Sullivantown Road if necessary.

2. DISCUSSION OF STATE GRANT PROJECTS

Doc: The town is eligible to receive \$250,000 for economic development.

Scott: The state didn't accept the "Scope of the Work". The objective section needs to be detailed on the projects the town intends to accomplish.

They did get additional criteria that applies to our grant use.

The state needs a specific capitol project on property the town owns.

Money must be spent by 12/23.

1. Replace mulch at TCP 12 years old play area with "No Fault Poured-in-Place Safety Surface" like the Tot Lot. In 2019 the estimate was ~ \$102K, now \$115K.

Also, make repairs to the base in the Tot Lot.

2. New roof on the Booe House ~ \$20K

3. With the remaining \$115K, make improvements to the Second Chance Cycle Shop. Add handicap ramp, upgrade bathrooms.

The plan is to sell after the sidewalk project is completed.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE \$250,000 GRANT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

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Also, make repairs to the base in the Tot Lot.

2. New roof on the Booe House ~ \$20K

3. With the remaining \$115K, make improvements to the Town owned property at 5095 Main Street.

The plan is to sell after the sidewalk project is completed.

BY: VERNON BROWN

SECOND: WESLEY HUTCHINS

VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, MARTIN)

3. DISCUSSION OF ARPA FUNDING

Scott: \$1.6 million to be allocated by 2024 and used by 2026.

We can use the ARPA funds for any General Fund use. Then use the General Funds for Capital Projects.

Scott leads the discussion that follows.

4. DISCUSSION WS/FC SCHOOLS FIRE ACADEMY AGREEMENT UPDATE

Scott: We need to amend our MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING with WS/FC Board of Education.

Doc: We need to take Eddie Bottoms name off. He has been replaced by Harry Brown.

MOTION: TO AMEND THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE WS/FC BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE FIRE ACADEMY AGREEMENT UPDATE BY DELETING "EDDIE BOTTOMS" AND CHANGING TO CHIEF OR INSTRUCTOR AND THEN EXECUTE AGREEMENT

BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS

SECOND: VERNON BROWN
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, MARTIN)

**MOTION: TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO NOT PARTICIPATE AND
WITHDRAW FROM THE HOME CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT
FOR THE WS/FC HOUSING CONSORTIUM**

BY: MERILYN MARTIN
SECOND: VERNON BROWN
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, MARTIN)

Doc: Are there any town projects you would like to see us do?

Wesley: Improve sidewalk on the west side of Main Street from Harley to
Church Street.

Doc: Could coordinate with the turn lane.

Wesley: Check on replacing the ugly temporary power poles we use for the
fall festival with decorative poles.

We need a YMCA.

Doc: If we buy the land and build the building they will come.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN WORKSHOP MEETING @ 7:00
BY: MARILYN MARTIN
SECOND: WESLEY HUTCHINS
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, MARTIN)

Submitted by: Rusty Sawyer
Town Clerk