



MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN  
OF WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2021 @ 7:00 P.M.: ONLINE MEETING

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

**The Invocation** was given by Mayor Davis.

Mayor Davis: Any additions to the agenda from council? *NO*

**THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED AS WRITTEN BY MOTION MADE BY PEGGY LEIGHT AND SECONDED BY VERNON BROWN.**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **August 26, 2021**

**THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY MOTION MADE BY PEGGY LEIGHT AND SECONDED BY MARILYN MARTIN.**

(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.**

Doc: Mr. Sawyer, do we have anyone calling in to comment?

Rusty: No Mr. Mayor.

With no call ins wishing to speak, the Mayor closes the **Public Session @ 7:03.**

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

**1. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS UPDATE**

Doc: Town Manager Scott Snow will lead the update.

Scott:

1. We received \$835,306.00 August 27
2. We will receive the second \$835,306.00 in August 2022
3. We will need a budget amendment to allocate as revenue line and expense accounts
4. Transferred to new NCCMT account
5. Working with AWCK to get estimates for projects

Peggy: Do the budget amendment now?

Scott: No, not yet.

Wesley: Still the same guidelines?

Scott: Yes. Still very vague. Waiting on more input. We have until 2025.

The town has needs. Even greater needs since the pandemic.

We must report how we use the money.

Wesley: From what you have read, could the funds use tie into grant money?

Scott: Yes. Not the sidewalk project but other projects could take advantage of grant funding.

Doc: The state might add \$80 to a project.

Scott: Yes. For the sewer line in conjunction with the sidewalk project.

Representative Lambeth is looking for additional allocations.

Doc: What do you have Jeff doing? (Alley, Williams)

Scott: Facility upgrades. HVAC upgrades to improve air quality. We lack space to distance in a safe way. Should we upgrade existing space or build new?

Vernon: Where would we go? We must build a new space.

Scott: Correct.

Vernon: What spot?

Scott: We have land. Jeff will advise us.

Marilyn: I'm hoping for a new, permanent space.

Wesley: I agree.

Doc: Anyone opposed?

Peggy: I'd like to see the cost of upgrading compared to building new.

Scott: We would need to get the 2<sup>nd</sup> allocation to start which would give us time to study both.

The old fire station needs upgrades to improve air quality.

## **2. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

September, 2021

Doc: We are three months into a new year or 25% into the year. Every line well within budget except some quarterly payments slightly off budget.

Sales Tax is ahead. Expenses in line.

Unrestricted Funds for August @ \$4,211,861.22 and Restricted Funds @ \$1,623,324.53 for a Grand Total Fund Balance of \$5,835,185.75

Any discussion from council? NO.

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

**BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS**

**SECOND: PEGGY LEIGHT**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

**(BROWN, HUTCHINS, LEIGHT, MARTIN)**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION: TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING AT 7:32 P.M.**

**BY: MARILYN MARTIN**

**SECOND: PEGGY LEIGHT**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**  
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, LEIGHT, MARTIN)

**ANOUNCEMENTS:** No Planning Board meeting for October.

Submitted by:

*Rusty Sawyer*

Town Clerk

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