



MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN  
OF WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL  
MARCH 25, 2021 @ 7:00 P.M.  
ONLINE via ZOOM

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

Also attending, from Forsyth County Sheriff's Office, Public Relations Manager Lashanda Millner.

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

Mayor Davis: Any additions to the agenda? *NO*.

Scott: To comment, call the Town Hall @ 336-595-4212 ext. 21.

**THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED AS WRITTEN BY MOTION MADE BY WESLEY HUTCHINS AND SECONDED BY VERNON BROWN.  
THE ROLL CALL VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.  
(BROWN, HUTCHINS)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- February 25, 2021
- March 11, 2021

**THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED WITH ONE NUMERICAL CORRECTION UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE BY MOTION MADE BY WESLEY HUTCHINS AND SECONDED BY VERNON BROWN.  
(BROWN, HUTCHINS)**

Doc: Before we start the Public Session, I would like to introduce from Forsyth County Sheriff's Office, Public Relations Manager Lashanda Millner.

Lashanda Millner: Thank you so much for allowing me to be here this evening.

The FCSO unveiled its RTIC, Real-Time Intelligence Center in the Cloud technology in February.

- RTIC is a centralized technology center that assists in gathering, analyzing, and investigating intelligence in order to more effectively deploy resources.
- We are the first Sheriff's Office in the state of North Carolina to have its own RTIC.
- Multiple unique software programs work together to provide deputies with comprehensive intelligence.
- RTIC not only aids in identifying crime patterns but also ultimately prevents crime, ensuring a safer community for all.
- RTIC staff members are able to relay information to deputies real-time while they are responding to a call.

(Marilyn Martin joins the ZOOM meeting at 7:10)

- Investigators can request information from a wide network of community stakeholders.
- The RTIC was initially funded by federal-forfeiture-dollars and not tax-dollars.

Doc: Scott have you seen this?

Scott: Yes, Town Managers were invited last fall. Very efficient tool. They can search for a particular vehicle in real time.

Lashanda: I'd like to invite the Council to take a tour.

Thank you for allowing me to speak tonight.

Doc: Thank you very much for the informative presentation.

### **PUBLIC SESSION**

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Mayor Davis opens the **Public Session @ 7:12.**

Scott: Phone callers for the Public Session will be given a 30 second time is up warning.

Doc: Mr. Sawyer, do you have any Public Session Comments submitted by email, phone or voicemail?

Mr. Sawyer: No Mayor I don't.

With no Public Session Comments by email or voicemail, the Mayor closes the **Public Session @ 7:13.**

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

#### **1. American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Funds Discussion**

Scott: I've listen to 5 hours of meetings. Not a lot of solid information. Mostly wait and see.

I do have a list of things you can't spend the money on.

Paving, pensions, offset tax cuts.

Things you can spend the money on: Broadband, sewer& water, non-profits.

There is a deadline to use the funds, 2024.

There will be 2 allocations from the state, the first from June – October, the second 12 months later. The state can delay payments 3 times.

Doc: Our Main Street Project might qualify if earmarked. It is a ready to go project.

Wesley: Would it qualify Scott?

Scott: Not for the first distribution. Up to 10 projects can be picked to earmark.

### **MOTION: TO APPROVE HAVING THE TOWN MANAGER SEEK COVID**

**RELIEF AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY FUNDS FOR THE MAIN  
STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS**

**SECOND: VERNON BROWN**

**ROLL CALL VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

(BROWN, HUTCHINS, MARTIN)

**2. Forsyth County / Town of Walkertown Interlocal Agreement Discussion**

Sheriff's Resource Office

Doc: This is an agreement with the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office. The sheriff agreed months ago. The county asked the Town to write the contract. So, we paid our attorney to write it. Now the county sends us a revised, watered down version. They pay no rent and we pay all the maintenance bills.

Wesley: Have we been back to the end user?

Doc: They signed off "yes" months ago.

Wesley: I don't want it sent back to Bo. Have the sheriff push it thru.

Doc: The county attorney is the hold up.

Wesley: The location is advantageous to both the eastern part of the county and the town.

Doc: Our agreement is fair. I am not in favor of changing the agreement. We are unprotected now.

Vernon: I agree we should stick to the original agreement.

Marilyn: Take it as is or leave.

Council is in unanimous agreement to send the unchanged contract back to the sheriff to move the agreement along.

**3. Benchmark CMR Chapter 160D Update Services Agreement**

Doc: This is a contract for \$5K with Benchmark to update our UDO 160D.

Vernon: The agreement looks fine to me.

Scott: Benchmark worked with Davenport on our Main Street Study. They do our Code Enforcement. I recommend them. There are time constraints. We will have a Public Hearing before both the Planning Board & Town Council.

**MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE AGREEMENT AS PRESENTED FOR \$5K  
WITH BENCHMARK TO UPDATE UDO 160D**

**BY: MARILYN MARTIN**

**SECOND: VERNON BROWN**

**ROLL CALL VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

(BROWN, HUTCHINS, MARTIN)

**4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

March, 2021

Doc: We are 74.7% into the new year. Surprisingly, Sales Tax is up and exceeding our budget. Revenue over 100%. Powell Bill money came in.

Scott: It has been a quite month. Interest rates are still low. Property tax comes in

April 1<sup>st</sup>. The reval looks good.

Doc: Unrestricted Funds for March @ \$4,419,655.31 and Restricted Funds  
@\$915,359.92 for a Grand Total Fund Balance of \$5,335,015.23.

All depts. Are in line.

Any discussion from council? *NO*.

Good job Scott.

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

**BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS**

**SECOND: VERNON BROWN**

**ROLL CALL VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

**(BROWN, HUTCHINS, MARTIN)**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION: TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING AT 7:44 P.M.**

**BY: MARILYN MARTIN**

**SECOND: VERNON BROWN**

**ROLL CALL VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

**(BROWN, HUTCHINS, MARTIN)\_**

**ANOUNCEMENTS:**

Town Hall will be closed Friday April 2<sup>nd</sup> for Good Friday Holiday

Walkertown Planning Board Meeting – Tuesday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 pm – Town Center  
Park

Submitted by:

**Rusty Sawyer**

Town Clerk

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