



MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN  
OF WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL  
JULY 25, 2019  
@ 7:00 P.M. @ WALKERTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

Also present from City/County Planning, Steve Smotherman and Margaret Bessette.

**The Invocation** was given by Mayor Davis and the **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Peggy Leight.

**THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED AS WRITTEN BY MOTION MADE BY PEGGY LEIGHT AND SECONDED BY MARILYN MARTIN.**  
**THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.**  
(LEIGHT, MARTIN)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
• JUNE 27, 2019

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

**PUBLIC SESSION**

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Mayor Davis opens the **Public Session @ 7:02.**

With no speakers coming forward the Mayor closes the **Public Session @ 7:02.**

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

**1. US 158 / NORTHERN BELTWAY INTERCHANGE PLAN PRESENTATION**

Mayor Davis introduces Steve Smotherman, Project Planner.

Steve: DOT has started the process of constructing a multi-lane 34.5 mile freeway which will have 12 interchanges. The City-County Planning Board has commissioned a series of Beltway interchange plans to ensure areas develop appropriately once interchanges open. Beltway interchange plans build upon the recommendations in recently adopted area plan updates. Walkertown's was adopted in 2014. The projected completion date from I-40 to US 52 is 2021.

To engage the community and collect feedback we will hold a series of public meetings. 125 citizens attended the first meeting. Most thought we were there to buy their land. Not true. We wanted their input on design strategies and focus areas for development.

The second meeting we will have examples of designs and businesses and building placements. These examples come directly from citizen input at the first meeting.

The third meeting we will have developed concepts and site plan elements. The *Old Belews Creek Road Activity Center* is ~55 acres located within the southeast quadrant of the US 158 / Northern Beltway interchange. The site planning elements determined as most appropriate by meeting attendees were applied to two different site design concepts, which have the following elements in common:

- A proposed primary internal road that extends eastward from William Tucker Road, avoiding floodplains, and connecting with the existing Rocky Ford Road to provide access to Walkertown-Guthrie Road.
- A commercial area located between US 158 and William Tucker Road.
- Mixed-use development areas located on both sides of the primary internal connecting road.
- An attached residential development area located north of the mixed-use development area.
- Buildings facing most new internal roads with parking located to the side or rear.
- A limited number of driveways connecting the internal roads and parking areas.
- Cross-access easements connecting different properties within the larger site.
- Sidewalks located along all new roads, making all buildings pedestrian accessible.
- An internal multiuse path for use by users of the proposed mixed-use development that will eventually connect with the proposed Lowery Creek Greenway.
- Keeping development out to the Lowery Mill Creek floodplain area and retaining this area as open space for any new development.
- Street trees along the proposed internal roads.
- Landscaping to buffer parking areas from US 158.
- Landscaping to buffer buildings near the Northern Beltway.
- Landscaping to buffer the southern border of the development area closest to the adjoining Morris Farm single-family subdivision.

Peggy: Are you going to have meetings for each leg.

Steve: Maybe. None planned now.

Doc: Since most of this interchange is in the county not Walkertown, won't decisions be made by the County Commissioners not us?

Steve: Yes.

Doc: Any areas in Forsyth County like this for us to look at?

Steve: Union Cross.  
Margaret: Meadowlark / Robinhood interchange.  
Doc: What protects Lowery Mill?  
Steve: Not sure. There are no storm water controls in the county.  
Doc: Any Questions?  
Steve: Do we need to make a presentation to the Planning Board?  
Peggy: Yes, definitely. The Planning Board should see this.  
Scott: Would be a Public Hearing in the library on October 1<sup>st</sup> at the earliest.  
Would come to the council on October 24<sup>th</sup>.  
Peggy: Would this be adopted as an Area Plan? It is not parcel by parcel.  
Steve: Yes. We want your input before we take it to the county commissioners for approval.  
Doc: Yes. Most of it is in the county.  
Peggy: Does this include the ROW for the 158 widening?  
Steve: No. There is no 158 plan yet.  
Doc: Thank you both for coming.

## **2. COMMITTEE UPDATES**

### **COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS UPDATES**

Scott: I included the PTRC August calendar in the agenda.  
Peggy: No July COG meeting.  
Doc: When will the recreation study start?  
Scott: January.  
Doc: Paving starts when?  
Scott: Within a month. We did add additional streets.  
Peggy: How long to complete?  
Scott: Less than a week.

## **3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

July, 2019

Doc: We started a new year July 1<sup>st</sup>. We ended the year with a positive 8% balance. We are 8.3% into the new year. All departments are in line with the exception of some payments made quarterly.  
Total expenses are at 5%. Revenue "in" at 5%%.  
Unrestricted Funds @ \$3,844,389.15 and Restricted Funds @ \$991,628.59 for a Grand Total Fund Balance of \$4,836,017.74.

### **MOTION: TO APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR JULY, 2019 AS PRESENTED**

**BY: PEGGY LEIGHT**  
**SECOND: MARILYN MARTIN**  
**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**  
**(LEIGHT, MARTIN)**

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Doc: Caroline Jones, you are the first speaker.

My name is Caroline Jones and I live at 5170 Friendly Road here in Walkertown.

Thank you so much for your support providing meals for the New Winston Museum DEPOT DAY TROLLEY TOUR on 8/17/19. The first group will arrive at 12 noon and the second at 1:00.

Doc: Thanks Caroline.

With no other speaker coming forward the Mayor closes the **PUBLIC SESSION @ 8:00.**

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION: TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING AT 8:01 P.M.**

**BY: PEGGY LEIGHT**

**SECOND: MARILYN MARTIN**

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

### **ANOUNCEMENTS:**

Planning Board Review Session – August 6th – 1:30pm

Planning Board Meeting - August 6th – 3pm

Town Council Workshop – August 6<sup>th</sup> – 6pm

Fall Festival Meeting – August 12th – 4:00pm – Town Hall

### **RECYCLING SCHEDULE - every other week**

**AUGUST – 2019**

**ROUTE A – 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>TH</sup>**

**ROUTE B – 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Submitted by:**

*Rusty Sawyer*

**Town Clerk**

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