



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN
OF WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
JANUARY 23, 2020
@ 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, Peggy Leight and Marilyn Martin, Town Manager Scott Snow, Town Clerk Rusty Sawyer.

Caroline Jones and Vernon Brown from the Walkertown Planning board were also in attendance.

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

THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED AS WRITTEN, WITH AN ADDITION BY MAYOR DAVIS “VERNON BROWN RESIGNATION FROM THE PLANNING BOARD”, BY MOTION MADE BY PEGGY LEIGHT AND SECONDED BY MARILYN MARTIN . THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.
(HUTCHINS, LEIGHT, MARTIN)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **DECEMBER 19, 2019**
- **JANUARY 9, 2020**

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

PUBLIC SESSION

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Mayor Davis opens the **Public Session @ 7:01.**

My name is Leslie White and I live at 4504 Crews Lane. I am representing the Walkertown Girls Softball League. Thank you mayor & town council. After last month's meeting, I followed up with Mr. Snow about our options. I know now your contract with the Walkertown Little League runs until June 1st. However, we still need room to grow. We have outgrown the county fields we are using. Our players don't get enough "dirt time". Dirt time is practice time. It's hard to improve skills without it. We had hoped to use two of the Little League fields as girls' softball fields. We had 3 co-ed teams for Fall Ball. Fall Ball could be bigger with more fields. Now the co-ed teams play on Wednesday's only. We rent fields from the county every night Monday thru Saturday.

We would like to speak to the Little League board. Discuss with them about the community service that both leagues provide.

Peggy: Tell us again the numbers of players you have.

Leslie: Spring ball has 130 – 150. Fall ball has 95 – 110.

Peggy: How many teams?

Leslie: 4 to 6 teams ages 5 to 18. Co-ed softball is 18 and up.

We are self-supporting and sustainable. We have financing from sponsors, however there is a cap. Our board is only allowed to hold so much money from our sponsors.

Again, thank you for your time!

With no other speakers coming forward the Mayor closes the **Public Session @ 7:08.**

BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

1. APPOINTMENT TO THE WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL TO FILL A VACANCY

Doc: Vernon Brown has submitted his resignation from the Walkertown Planning Board effective immediately. Do I have a motion from council to accept?

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF VERNON BROWN FROM THE WALKERTOWN PLANNING BOARD EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS

SECOND: MARILYN MARTIN

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

Doc: We have a seat on the Walkertown Town Council vacated by Sarah Welch after many years of faithful service. Do I have a motion to fill that seat?

MOTION: TO APPOINT VERNON BROWN TO THE WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL TO FILL THE SEAT VACATED BY SARAH WELCH

BY: PEGGY LEIGHT

SECOND: MARILYN MARTIN

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

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

1. Oath of Office for Town Council member Vernon Brown

Town Clerk Rusty Sawyer reads the Oath of Office at the Swearing In Ceremony for Vernon Brown to the Walkertown Town Council and thanking him for his years of service on the Walkertown Planning Board.

Doc: We welcome Vernon Brown to the Walkertown Town Council. We have a seat waiting for you Vernon.

2. COMMITTEE UPDATES

Scott: I included a COG calendar in the agenda.

Peggy: The next COG meeting will be on February 5th.

I was elected to be the Forsyth County representative to the Council.

Scott: The COG is doing the town's Parks & Recreation study. I met with their representatives and we visited all the town properties. They were impressed with Wickenham Park and Town Center Park. Both parks having a lot of potential. We also discussed a new Town Hall meeting space.

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Wesley: We had our first meeting of the year January 16th. Talked with Pat Ivey. He says most projects delayed 8 months. The first leg of the beltway should be finished by May. The Let Date for the remaining legs of the beltway will be in 1 to 5 years. There is now no movement on the Old Hollow Road project other than ROW appraisals and no start date. Our MPO projects were reviewed.

Mike Horn is the new chair and Dan Bessie is the co-chair.

Scott: The Reidsville Road/158 project may be delayed. It is a federally funded project however, NCDOT must spend the money first and then be reimbursed.

This is information from DOT.

Doc: It is embarrassing to us to be delayed again. We will be discussing this with our representatives soon.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

January, 2019

Doc: We are ~58% into the current year. All departments are in line.

Total expenses are at 39%. Revenue "in" at 47%.. Property tax has finally moved forward to 58%. Interest coming in well.

Scott: Expenditures are under budget.

Doc: Unrestricted Funds @ \$3,828,561.63 and Restricted Funds @ \$957,944.84 for a Grand Total Fund Balance of \$4,786,506.47.

MOTION: TO APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR JANUARY, 2020 AS PRESENTED

BY: PEGGY LEIGHT

SECOND: MARILYN MARTIN

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

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Mayor Davis opens the **PUBLIC SESSION** at 7:23.

With no speaker coming forward the Mayor closes the **PUBLIC SESSION @7:24.**

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING AT 7:24 P.M.

BY: VERNON BROWN

SECOND: PEGGY LEIGHT

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

ANOUNCEMENTS:

RECYCLING SCHEDULE - every other week

February- 2020

ROUTE A – 3rd & 17th

ROUTE B – 10th & 24th

Submitted by:

Rusty Sawyer

Town Clerk

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