



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN
OF WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
OCTOBER 27, 2022 @ 7:00 P.M.: BOOE HOUSE

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

Attending from the Walkertown Planning Board, Caroline Jones.

The Invocation was given by Mayor Davis.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Peggy Leight.

Doc: Any additions to the agenda from council? *NO*

I would like to make 2 additions; #3 Fall Festival update & #4 case F-1624 handout

THE AGENDA WITH 2 ADDITIONS WAS APPROVED AS WRITTEN BY MOTION MADE BY VERNON BROWN AND SECONDED BY PEGGY LEIGHT.

THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.

(BROWN, HUTCHINS, LEIGHT)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **SEPTEMBER 22, 2022**

THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY MOTION MADE BY PEGGY LEIGHT AND SECONDED BY WESLEY HUTCHINS.

(BROWN, HUTCHINS, LEIGHT)

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 @ 7:03.**

My name is Leslie White and I live at 4504 Crews Lane. I have been the president of Walkertown Girls Softball since 2019. We share fields with the Walkertown Little League. Sharing the fields has benefited both leagues and has been good for our girls. Thank you.

My name is Joe Graves. First I signed up a preteen, then my youngest. Softball has helped me bond with my girls and I love it. I have joined the Board and now I coach. We have 250+ girls. The league brings money to the town. We try to keep costs down. We have a food booth at the Carolina Classic Fair.

My name is Christy Goodman and I live at 1485 Old Hollow Road. This is my daughters first year of playing. We have a new softball family. I found them to be welcoming and well organized. Batten Dentistry is our sponsor so I moved our family to Justin Batten. We now shop in Walkertown. My daughter plays for the Walkertown Middle School. We worked at our booth at the fair.

My name is Mark Freeman and I live at 6484 Salem Chapel Road. I have a 10 year

old granddaughter that plays. We have to beg for fields. I'm tired of being overlooked by the town. Maybe we should go to the state for relief. We would like to stay in Walkertown. You no longer have a football league. We would love to have the fields if you would just give us a chance. The Civic Club has offered to work with us. We could hold tournaments there. We were flatly told no to a one day tournament by the town.

My name is Joe Scales and I live at 1235 Martha Street in Rural Hall. I am an umpire. This group does a phenomenal job with these players. Without fields to play on, there would be no girls softball.

I'm nervous. My name is Larry Lawson and I live at 4821 Ina Lane. I've coached for 20 years. Children are a gift from God. These girls are at an impressionable age. Team sports prepare them for life, teach them civic engagement, team work, accountability and builds character. You don't lose you learn. Help us water these seeds.

My name is Mike Pegram and I live at 3855 Kilberry Court. I've been coaching for 4 years. Since we can't have tournaments here in Walkertown, we have to go to tournaments in King or Union Cross. With the use of these fields we could stay in Walkertown. Without the use of these fields we will have to start turning away girls.

My name is Sandra Funk and I live at 5476 Old Walkertown Road. I have a granddaughter who started at the age of 5 and aged out at 18. I have another granddaughter playing 5 more years. I think all girls should have the chance to play softball. We need Walkertown's fields to grow. These girls are facing demons out here. This is a great organization and it is growing with Leslie. You should all come to a game.

My name is Tymberlin Chavis and I live at 5476 Old Walkertown Road. I started playing softball in 2004. My coaches and teammates have kept me out of trouble. My grandmother has only missed 2 of my games since 2004. We do a lot for the community. Walkertown Girls Softball changes girls' lives.

Mayor Davis: Any questions from the council? *NO*.

With no other speakers coming forward, the Mayor closes the **Public Session @ 7:31.**

BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

1. PROJECT UPDATES

TOWN CENTER PARK

Scott: The climbing dome must be in place before the installation of the pour in place pad.

SULLIVANTOWN ROAD

Scott: Tree removal will be the first step. We have tree arborist Neal Perkins inspecting our trees along Sullivantown Road, at the Booe House and the walnut tree at the Pavilion.

The trees around the Booe House need trimming. Neal suggested pruning of the walnut tree to extend its life, which he estimates to be 200 years old.

We have several diseased trees needing to be removed.

Doc: Since they overhang the powerlines maybe Duke Power will remove

them.

Scott: The County has received funds from the state to distribute to municipalities. They offered to keep the money (\$200K) and spend it on a parks project. I suggest we use it towards our Public Safety expenditures.

**MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE \$200K FROM THE COUNTY AND USE IT
FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENDITURES**

BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS

SECOND: VERNON BROWN

VOTE: UNANIMOUS
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Scott: WS/FC School Superintendent Tricia McManus will be coming to give our Council an update.

The Council will be taking a tour of Appalachian State Academy at Middlefork either 11/14 or 11/18. No time has been set.

Bo is retiring 12/31. We have invited him to our December meeting.

2. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OCTOBER, 2022

Doc: We are in the fourth month finishing the first quarter or 33% of the way through the year. Every line well within budget. Money is coming in slowly. Don't expect much revenue to be in this early in the year. Interest is finally going up. We received our first Powell Bill payment of \$76K.

Unrestricted Funds for October @ \$6,505,727.47.

Restricted Funds @\$1,418,405.19 for a Grand Total Fund Balance of \$7,924,132.66, an all-time high.

Doc: Any discussion from council? *NO*

**MOTION: TO APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR OCTOBER,
2022 AS PRESENTED BY STAFF**

BY: PEGGY LEIGHT

SECOND: VERNON BROWN

VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, LEIGHT)

3. FALL FESTIVAL UPDATE

Doc: Rusty, give us an update.

Rusty: We had a total of 84 vendors this year. That is 18 more than we have ever had.

10 Food vendors, 15 Direct Sales, 41 Arts & Crafts and 18 Information/ No Sales.

One vendor complaint about parking. One vendor setup in the wrong space.

Feedback from vendors was positive. No complaints from vendors about our Saturday only schedule.

Doc: Our blacksmith was hard to find. I think most people didn't know he was

there.

Rusty: I noticed that. I was thinking next year to move him beside the Blue Roof house where we normally have the petting zoo.

Vernon: The golf carts were a good idea. My son loved the festival and plans to return next year.

Wesley: Thank you Rusty, you did a great job putting everything together. It all ran very smoothly.

4. HANDOUT

Doc: The handout is a copy of the letter Scott is sending to the City-County Planning Board.

This property is not inside the town limits but is in our Area Plan. Current Zoning is RS 20 Single Family.

Scott: The 15.5 acre tract is located on HWY 66 just past Mavis Tire. There is a change in zoning request RS20 to RM8-S. The developer wants to build 110 units.

To change zoning in the Area Plan it must be in the public interest, which this is not.

They also did not do a traffic study.

They did have a public zoom meeting for the neighbors.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE LETTER WRITTEN BY THE TOWN
MANAGER DATED 10/27/2022 TO THE CITY-COUNTY
PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDING DENIAL OF THE
REZONING REQUEST OF RS20 TO RM-8-S AND THE SITE
PLAN FOR CASE F-1624**

BY: PEGGY LEIGHT

SECOND: WESLEY HUTCHINS

VOTE: UNANIMOUS
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ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING AT 8:15 P.M.

BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS

SECOND: VERNON BROWN

VOTE: UNANIMOUS
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ANOUNCEMENTS:

No Planning Board meeting in November

Submitted by:

Rusty Sawyer

Town Clerk

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