



MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN  
OF WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 26, 2023 @ 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 Marilyn Martin, Vernon Brown, Wesley Hutchins, 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 Wesley Hutchins.

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **SEPTEMBER 28.2023**
- **OCTOBER 12, 2023**

**THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY MOTION MADE BY WESLEY HUTCHINS AND SECONDED BY VERNON BROWN.**  
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, 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 @ 7:03.**

My name is David Long and I live here in Walkertown at 2969 Avalee Street. I wanted to tell the Town Council tonight that they are being thought of and being prayed for. They have my best wishes.

I have lived in Walkertown for all of my 38 years except for my time away in the military. Thank you for letting me speak and thanks for all you do for the town.

With no other speakers coming forward, the Mayor closes the **Public Session @ 7:05.**

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

**1. US 158 / REIDSVILLE ROAD (R-2577) PROJECT STREET LIGHTING DISCUSSION**

Scott: The street lighting for the section of roadway within the town limits along

Reidsville Road will need to be updated due to the future NCDOT road widening project. The Town will need to inform NCDOT and Duke Energy what level of lighting it prefers to install during the project.

Projected US 158 project area inside town limits: Approx. 1.25 miles.

Duke Energy is relocating poles now. There are approx. 30 poles now at a cost of \$12/month. After widening, there will be approx. 60 poles at a cost/month of \$18.70 each = \$1,122 per month. (\$13,464/year)

There is a 3 year contract per light.

To reduce costs we could reduce the number of lights. Some towns only light the major intersections. (Darrow Rd. & Old Hollow Road)

Wesley: Does DOT budget for the lights?

Scott: Just the moving of the poles not the costs of power. Doubling the width of highway doubles the amount of poles needed.

Wesley: Could you get us an estimate of the number of residents impacted along the 1.25 miles for the workshop?

Scott: Yes.

Wesley: We need to meet with Connie James again about Old Hollow Road.

Doc: Scott, would you set that up please.

## **2. FORSYTH COUNTY OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS UPDATE**

Doc: Scott & I went to the county Opioid Settlement meeting. The county will receive more than \$20 million over an 18 year period.

Scott: Settlement Funds from the lawsuit with the opioid manufactures.

There are 2 options; A, which has strict guidelines & B, which is broader.

The county picked option B.

Funds shall be used to respond to the negative impacts of the opioid epidemic to Forsyth County residents through implementation of high-impact strategies.

Doc: Anyone with a plan can apply for funds. \$2 million over 18 years.

Heavy on Narcan dispensing.

Scott: Dispensing in every County public space, library, schools.

Wesley: No prevention?

Scott: Part two: PREVENTION.

“Prevent over-prescribing and ensure appropriate prescribing and dispensing of opioids.”

## **3. PROJECT UPDATES**

Scott leads this discussion

1. Town Council Meeting Chamber Project: Below slab plumbing in place.

Doc: Footings in place. Brick, sand cement on site.

2. Fall Festival was a success

Doc: Todd's crew worked hard and did a good job.

Rusty did a wonderful job organizing the festival again this year.

Wesley: Thanks Rusty. Very smooth running festival. No complaints from vendors. Everyone liked the music. You did a great job.

3. Town Center Park Playground/Drainage Project: Installation of playground drainage is complete. Subgrade and rubber surface completed. New climbing dome installed.

Doc: Repairs made to Tot Lot surface.  
Good job Scott;

4. Community Watch

Scott: Community Watch kickoff was last week. Good neighborhood participation. Nice to see the sheriff's office bring it back this year.

Doc: Also the same night, community input for 2045 LEGACY PLAN.  
5 residents attended. Not well advertised.

#### **4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

OCTOBER, 2023

Doc: We are in the fourth month of our year or 33% of the way through the year. All in line and on budget. Interest is solid. Waiting on property tax to come in at the first of the year. Sales tax is slowing following an overall economic trend. Interest is impressive. Revenue looks good. One half of the Powell Bill money is in.

Doc: We have Unrestricted Funds for September @\$7,400,231.08 Restricted Funds @\$856,032.66 for a Grand Total Fund Balance of \$8,256,263.74.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR OCTOBER, 2023 AS PRESENTED BY STAFF**

**BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS**

**SECOND: VERNON BROWN**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

(BROWN, HUTCHINS, MARTIN)

Doc: Marilyn, do I have a motion?

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION: TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING AT 7:48 P.M.**

**BY: MARILYN MARTIN**

**SECOND: VERNON BROWN**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

(BROWN, HUTCHINS, MARTIN)

#### **ANOUNCEMENTS:**

No Planning Board meeting in NOVEMBER

Town Hall will be closed November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Submitted by:

*Rusty Sawyer*

Town Clerk

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