



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN
OF WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
DECEMBER 15, 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 Keith Fulp, Caroline Jones and Jerry Pegram.

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 WESLEY HUTCHINS AND SECONDED BY PEGGY LEIGHT.
THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, LEIGHT)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **NOVEMBER 17, 2022**

**THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY MOTION MADE BY PEGGY LEIGHT AND SECONDED BY VERNON BROWN.
(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 @ 7:02.**

My name is Dana Webster and I live at 4504 Sullivantown Road. I have a complaint.

I think the town needs new Christmas decorations. I would like to see them on Main Street only. I would like to volunteer to help pick out new ones. Thank you.

My name is Emily Flynt and I live at 5431 Wallasey. I agree with my mother and I volunteer to help pick out new Christmas lights.

My name is Leslie White and I live at 4504 Crews Lane. I would like to thank the Town Council for the work you do. I have a handout listing our registration totals, expenses and income.

The Park needs updated lighting. We would like to see the town focus more on WGS. We support businesses in the town. Our parents shop in Walkertown. WGS would like to have access to more of the parks attributes.

I have 2 questions. Was the land for Wickenham Park donated?

Doc: No. The 25 acres site was purchased in 1990 for \$150K.

Leslie: What was the initial purpose of the purchase? Was it for sports?

You have our registration numbers and our expenses.
We help families in need. At the fair this year we made \$1600 in tips which we used to help a needy family.
3 of our adults help in the school reading program.
We need access to the fields.

Wesley: We appreciate you coming. How many fields do you need?

Leslie: We need 2 fast pitch fields. We had access to 1 practice field this past year.

Once games start we would only use the fields for games not practice fields.

High School couches volunteer to help with skill sets.

Wesley: Get a summary of your requests to the Town Manager.

Leslie: Thank you.

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

With no other speakers coming forward, the Mayor closes the **Public Session @ 7:14.**

BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

1. RESOLUTION: RECOGNITION OF SERVICE FOR TOWN ATTORNEY BO HOUFF

Doc: Rusty, please read the Resolution.

Rusty: THE RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO BOWEN C. HOUFF, TOWN ATTORNEY, FOR HIS 20 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF WALKERTOWN

Bo: My time in Walkertown has been enjoyable. Everyone here is down to earth. There is no telling what can be accomplished when no one wants the credit. I thank you and I thank GOD.

Elliot Fus will be my replacement. You will be well served.

Thank you!

Doc: You are very kind and we will stay friends. What do you intend to do retired?

Bo: Do some minor work for children. Play music for seniors. Seniors are very forgiving. When you mess up they don't remember. Same with repeating songs.

Doc: We have profited by your guidance.

Bo: The town has grown at just the right pace.

(The mayor presents the plaque to Bo)

MOTION: TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO BOWEN HOUFF, TOWN ATTORNEY, FOR HIS 20 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF WALKERTOWN

BY: PEGGY LEIGHT

SECOND: WESLEY HUTCHINS

VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, LEIGHT)

Keith Fulp: Thank you for keeping us out of the newspapers.

Caroline Jones: Thank you for your guidance.

2. RESOLUTION: TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR THE SULLIVANTOWN SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT

MOTION: TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF WALKERTOWN A CONTRACT WITH BREECE ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS THE SULLIVANTOWN SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT

BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS

SECOND: VERNON BROWN

VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, LEIGHT)

3. 2023 WALKERTOWN PLANNING BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

MOTION: TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE WALKERTOWN PLANNING BOARD 3 YEAR TERM AS MEMBERS BEGINNING 1/1/23 AND ENDING 12/31/25; KEITH FULP AND CAROLINE JONES 1 YEAR TERM AS ALTERNATES BEGINNING 1/1/23 AND ENDING 12/31/23; STEVE FOWLER AND HERMAN SMITH

BY: PEGGY LEIGHT

SECOND: WESLEY HUTCHINS

VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, LEIGHT)

4. 2023 COUNCIL & PLANNING BOARD MEETING SCHEDULES

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE 2023 COUNCIL, WORKSHOP AND PLANNING BOARD MEETING SCHEDULES

BY: VERNON BROWN

SECOND: WESLEY HUTCHINS

VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, LEIGHT)

5. PROJECT UPDATES

Scott:

- The next phase of the ongoing project at 2nd chance cycle will be the removal of the back storage area for parking, resolve drainage issues and ventilation issues using Economic Development Funding.
- The Town Center Park Playground resurfacing and new equipment have been ordered. The vendor estimates it will need six months to manufacture the new climbing dome play structure.

- Tree trimming in Town Center Park and Walnut Pavilion is being scheduled. Sullivantown Rd. trees are being requested to be removed by Duke Energy.
- Currently taking proposals for Booe House roof replacement.

6. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER, 2022

Doc: We are in the sixth month or 50% of the way through the year. Every line well within budget. Revenue funds are up and ahead of expectations. . Interest is finally going up.

Unrestricted Funds for December @6,362,139.93 Restricted Funds

@\$1,437,253.27 for a Grand Total Fund Balance of \$7,799,393.2.

Doc: Any discussion from council? *NO*

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

BY: PEGGY LEIGHT

SECOND: VERNON BROWN

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

(BROWN, HUTCHINS, LEIGHT)

ADJOURNMENT:

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

BY: PEGGY LEIGHT

SECOND: WESLEY HUTCHINS

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

(BROWN, HUTCHINS, LEIGHT)

ANOUNCEMENTS:

Town Hall will be closed December 23rd, 26th & 27th and January 2nd, 2023

Submitted by:

Rusty Sawyer

Town Clerk

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