



MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN  
OF WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL

JANUARY 23, 2025 @ 7:00 P.M.: WALKERTOWN COMMUNITY BUILDING

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

**The Invocation** was given by Mayor Davis.  
**The Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Vernon Brown.

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

**THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED AS WRITTEN WITH ONE ADDITION #1  
DISCUSS TURN LANE ON HWY 66 OUTSIDE TOWN LIMITS BY MOTION MADE  
BY WESLEY HUTCHINS AND SECONDED BY VERNON BROWN.  
THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.  
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, JONES, LEIGHT)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **DECEMBER 19, 2024**
- **JANUARY 9, 2025**

**THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY MOTION MADE BY  
PEGGY LEIGHT AND SECONDED BY CAROLINE JONES.  
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, JONES, 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** @ 7:04.

My name is Leslie White and I live at 4504 Crews Lane here in Walkertown. I'd like to thank the council for all you do. Concerning unused land at Wickenham Community Park which could be used for softball fields. Could we use additional fields? Yes. It should be unnecessary for us to have to rent fields outside of town. We rent fields from the county and at Union Cross 2 nights a week. We spent \$4800 last year in rental fees. We had to increase registration fees to cover the additional costs. Our 2 biggest fund raisers are the Classic Fair and the Fall Festival. Wickenham Community Park is used by one group, the Little League. Every time we try to schedule use of the fields we get push back from the Little League. We do a lot for the community. We would like to meet with the town council at a workshop. There are 2 fields that could be used by WGS. I would like to thank the council for their \$2500 grant last year. We finish play in late October. We would maintain the fields we use.

Peggy: How many have you registered so far this year?

Leslie: Now, two weeks in, we have registered 28 girls. Still early. Last year we had 225 for fall ball and 246 for spring ball. We are still growing. We have girls from surrounding counties. Madison, Rural Hall etc. Walkertown needs a Recreation Manager.

Wesley: What percentage of players are in the town limits?

Leslie: I don't know exactly.

Every penny we make goes back into the WGS. We have 13 members on our board.

My name is Eric Hare and I live at 5080 Harley Drive. My daughter started in Little League and then moved up to girls softball. Now I coach a team and help work on the fields. Everything we do is for the girls. If it's not good for the girls we don't do it. Walkertown is a good home town for the girls. We could use lights on the fields for night play. Some of the fields have drainage issues. We could help with that. Thank you.

With no other speaker coming forward, the Mayor closes the **Public Session @ 7:20.**

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

### **1. DISCUSS TURN LANE ON OLD HOLLOW ROAD EAST OF TOWN LIMITS**

This discussion is led by Scott.

Scott: We just got this STREET AND DRIVEWAY ACCESS PERMIT APPLICATION from NCDOT today. This development was rezoned for 100 Town Homes outside Walkertown town limits past Batten's dentist office. The town opposed rezoning of this property by the county because of the traffic study data. County commissioners approved the rezoning anyway without having the required turn lanes shown on the site plan.

Towns have the authority to approve or not driveway permits within town limits. They must be signed by the town manager.

(Scott shows aerial view of area and site plan)

The length of a turn lane is determined by the number of units (100).

As you can see on the site plan, the developments sidewalk does not tie into the existing sidewalk within town limits. They are separated by a gravel road easement.

You can also see, part of the turn lane is within town limits. The town council adopted a resolution against the development.

Peggy: What happens if we don't sign?

Scott: They may need to reduce number of units or move the driveway.

Peggy: How many units would they have to drop?

Scott: I don't know how many.

Doc: Wesley, what is the timeline for 66 improvements to Talley's Crossing?

Wesley: I'd guess 10 years.

Scott: The Old Hollow Road project has a high priority ranking but no design or engineering

work has been started.

**MOTION: TO REJECT APPROVAL OF NCDOT STREET & DRIVEWAY ACCESS PERMIT APPLICATION FOR “RESERVE AT OLD HOLLOW” BY INSTUCTING TOWN MANAGER NOT TO SIGN**

**BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS**

**SECOND: VERNON BROWN**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

(BROWN, HUTCHINS, JONES, LEIGHT)

## **2. PROJECT UPDATES**

Scott leads this discussion

- 2025 Paving & Street Maintenance Schedule – Work has begun to create work order for paving and street repairs for 2025. Streets to be included in the 2025 projects are:

Now: Dillon St, Rocklane Dr, Celeste Rd, Christian Cr, Swain Ln.

Later: Martin St (North), Annie Ln and Avalee St.

We have contacted NCDOT about potentially working with NCDOT contractors working on Old Hollow Road project to contract with the Town for the maintenance project.

*\*Council is in agreement to piggy back later project with NCDOT.*

Peggy: Traffic still backs up to 158 intersection for left turns onto Martin Street South. Could we install an island now to block left in turns? Or even poles.

Wesley: It is not a problem except a few times a day.

Scott: It is a state road. I'll mention it to Mark.

- Walkertown Bypass Study – MPO funding application has been submitted.
- Sullivantown Road and Depot Street Sidewalk Projects – Town easements for the project have been recorded. On schedule to bid projects in spring 2025. We will have Mark come to a workshop.
- Community Building – Several punch list items remain, mostly electrical issues. Furniture for conference room to be ordered. Spectrum internet service installation to be installed.  
The frozen backflow valve was under warranty.
- Snow Removal Equipment Repairs – John Deere mower/scrapper repairs completed, new salt spreader delivered and installed

Peggy: I was elected to be county PTRC representative.

Wesley: Mike Horn is the new head of the TAC.

Scott: There will be an interdepartmental meeting reviewing the rezoning request for the proposed development in the county north of Avalee & Martin Streets in February. If annexed into the town, they would be required to meet our UDO.

**3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

JANUARY, 2025

Doc: We are 7 months into our new year or 58% of the way through the year. All in line and on budget with no department over budget. Revenue is coming in at 42%. Expenses at 29%. Current year property tax at 56%.

We have Unrestricted Funds for May @\$6,353,194.94. Restricted Funds @\$1,008,939.44 for a Grand Total Fund Balance of \$7,362,134.38.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR JANUARY, 2025 AS PRESENTED BY STAFF**

**BY: PEGGY LEIGHT**

**SECOND: WESLEY HUTCHINS**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

**(BROWN, HUTCHINS, JONES, LEIGHT)**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION: TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING AT 7:54 P.M.**

**BY: PEGGY LEIGHT**

**SECOND: WESLEY HUTCHINS**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

**(BROWN, HUTCHINS, JONES, LEIGHT)**

**ANOUNCEMENTS:**

No Planning Board Meeting scheduled for February

**Submitted by:**

*Rusty Sawyer*

**Town Clerk**

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