



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN
OF WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 26, 2026 @ 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 Wesley Hutchins, Caroline Jones, Peggy Leight and Anita Moody, Town Manager Scott Snow and Town Clerk Rusty Sawyer.

The Invocation was given by Mayor Davis.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Wesley Hutchins

Patriot Moment – Councilmember Anita Moody – John Quincy Adams

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

THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED AS WRITTEN BY MOTION MADE BY WESLEY HUTCHINS AND SECONDED BY CAROLINE JONES. THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.
(HUTCHINS, JONES, LEIGHT, MOODY)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- January 22, 2026
- February 12, 2026

THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY MOTION MADE BY PEGGY LEIGHT AND SECONDED BY CAROLINE JONES.
(HUTCHINS, JONES, LEIGHT, MOODY)

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 @ 7:05.**

My name is Emily Mundy and I'm here tonight on behalf of Walkertown Little League so I will use their address, 4141 Wickenham. First, we want to let you know we are immensely proud to be a part of the Walkertown community where most of our current board members played little league!

While Walkertown Little League has been around up on 55 years, we recognize that our current board and League families may not be as widely known as those in years past. Our intent coming into this season has been a conscious effort to step up participation in town council meetings, town events, and to continue to grow our organization. Knowing this, I wish I were here tonight only to share exciting updates about the Spring registration which just ended and to share that 255 players are ready for practices which are scheduled to begin this Saturday. Instead, I'm here to assure you that the Walkertown Little League and its board does not feel that there are any safety concerns, accessibility issues, or other physical considerations which could cause the Town liability.

We, the board, work very hard to manage the facility and create a safe, welcoming, inclusive league for all who wish to participate. Our board has discussed the opportunity to make improvements to the facility that may allow even greater inclusivity by offering a Challenger division. While we are not currently prepared to make a proposal requesting improvements to the facility we want to be transparent that bettering the league and our impact in the community is why we prematurely submitted a proposal requesting for the Town to fund and install a handicap ramp at the facility.

Allowing the Walkertown Little League to operate within town limits gives many families the ability to participate at an affordable cost, sometimes no cost through scholarships. Our organization creates a safe environment and an outlet that some kids may not otherwise have. These kids are learning important life skills and growing self-confidence. We support Walkertown in many ways apart from Little League baseball and softball. Each year we host community events at Easter and Halloween, we invite all of Walkertown and promote community unity. Thank you for your time.

With no other speakers coming forward, the Mayor closes the **Public Session @ 7:09.**

BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

1. WICKENHAM PARK DISCUSSION

Scott: We received a letter from the Walkertown Little League yesterday concerning infrastructure improvements, accessibility and safety. The Town owns Wickenham Park and contracts with the Walkertown Little League. We believe the language in the letter about ongoing concerns about safety do not reflect the true condition of the park.

Todd, the mayor and I went to the park to check out the actual conditions. We found no obvious safety issues. Everything looked good and well maintained.

In the WALKERTOWN WICKENHAM PARK AGREEMENT

Section 2: Scheduling of Organization's Events

"The Town reserves the right to cancel or postpone events due to inclement weather and/or unsafe conditions". The town will suspend use for safety issues that can't be resolved immediately.

Section 6. Maintenance of Facility

Nothing herein shall be deemed to require the Town to make structural repairs or capital improvements to the Facility, as such repairs and improvements are subject to the consideration and approval of Town Council on a case-by-case basis.

Section 11 Default by Organization

(c) If the facility is not kept in a clean or safe condition, the Town can suspend play at the Facility without prior notice to the Organization.

Peggy: Should we legally stop play for safety issues?

Scott: If you feel it is necessary.

Anita: Is the league maintaining insurance?

Emily: Yes.

Wesley: Could you provide some information about the Challenger Division? My name is Jordon Shipley and I live at 3155 Morris Street in Walkertown. We would like to provide a safe place to play for kids with physical or mental disabilities. A place that makes them feel welcomed. The ramp we are requesting would be a convenience for these kids and also for seniors. We are willing to follow the towns lead. Our roster grew by 14% this year.

Caroline: Does the Challenger League play on specialized fields?

Jordon: No mounds or other obstacles on the field. Wider gates. May be others. We are not fully prepared. We just want to start a conversation. Asking for financial help. Walnut Cove has one. There is a division in Davie County and one in western Forsyth. We are here to stay. We don't plan to fade away.

Doc: This notice was disturbing to the town. You mention risk, danger, multiple injuries. We never received any reports of injuries. We should get them going forward. We inspected the park and found it to be in good shape. Much better than expected. Nice steps, gradual grade. I've been in insurance for 46 years. Please include the town on your policy as property owners.

Scott: Practice is scheduled for this Saturday. Is it prudent to go forward?

Peggy: We need a letter stating no safety issues before going forward.

Anita: Adding the town to their insurance policy should also be in the letter.

Scott: We can ask them.

Emily: We will be glad to do whatever it takes. Yes we will write the letter stating no safety issues and have the town included on our insurance. I am sorry our board wasn't prepared.

Doc: We would like to receive copies of the accident reports.

MOTION: THE WALKERTOWN LITTLE LEAGUE SEASON MAY BEGIN AS SCHEDULED ON SATURDAY 2/28 IF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE MET:

- 1. THE TOWN MANAGER RECEIVES BY FRIDAY 2/27 A LETTER STATING NO SAFETY CONCERNS AT WICKENHAM PARK**
- 2. CURRENT PROOF OF INSURANCE DOCUMENTATION WITH THE TOWN ADDED AS PROPERTY OWNER**
- 3. ALL PAST ACCIDENT REPORTS**
- 4. LIST OF LITTLE LEAGUE BOARD MEMBERS**

BY: ANITA MOODY

SECOND: CAROLINE JONES

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

(HUTCHINS, JONES, LEIGHT, MOODY)

2. COMMITTEE & PROJECT UPDATES

Scott leads this discussion.

a. Committee Updates

- Walkertown Fire Department
(From the Fire Department Activity Report)
Monthly Calls:
TOW 69, WFD (NE) 65, Total Calls: 134,
TOW % of calls: 51.49 %. TOW % Fire 15.94%, TOW % Med 27.54%,
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TOW 69, WFD (NE) 65, Total Calls 134,
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- Piedmont Triad Regional Council of Governments
Councilmember Leight: The last 2 meetings were canceled
- Winston-Salem Area MPO/TPO
Councilmember Hutchins
Reidsville Rd. / 158: 33% complete, completion: 3/30 2029
HWY 66 / Old Hollow 40% complete, completion: 4/13/2027
- Walkertown Planning Board
March meeting canceled
- Walkertown Historical Marker Committee
First meeting scheduled for February 16th – 4:00 pm in the Community Building Conference Room
Michelle McCullough attended to help us get started
Next meeting March 16, committee will meet once per month.
Our goal is to have 1 marker planned this year. It takes 12 – 18 months to have the marker made.
- Walkertown Event Planning Committee
1st meeting on March 9th

b. Project Updates

- **Sullivantown Road & Depot Street Sidewalk Projects** – Final ROW and easement documents have been recorded. Next step is to request ROW certification from NCDOT and request construction authorization for curb, gutter and sidewalk.
- **Harley Drive / Main Street Intersection & Ruxton Drive Sidewalk Projects** – MPO approved Preliminary Engineering funding schedule on 1/15/26. Request for Proposals for PE design in March. Federal funds for signal, left turn lane from Main onto Harley Dr. Sullivantown Road will become one way going west from Main Street.
- **Old Hollow Road / Walkertown Commons Traffic Study** - Review of study RFLOIs is complete. Working with the highest rated firm to create a project schedule, scope and fee.
- **Walkertown Bypass Study** – Request for proposals is posted and due Friday
- **Council Chamber Microphone System** – Hardware is installed and operational.

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

February, 2026

Doc: We are 7 months into our year or 66% of the year.

All in line and on budget with no department over budget. Some individual lines are over. Revenue is coming in at 45%. Expenses at 28%. Current year property tax at 76%.

We have Unrestricted Funds for February @\$6,531,928.78, Restricted Funds @\$1,006,949.26 for a Grand Total Fund Balance of \$7,538,878.04. Any concerns? No.

MOTION: TO APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY, 2026 AS PRESENTED BY STAFF

BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS

SECOND: PEGGY LEIGHT

VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(HUTCHINS, JONES, LEIGHT, MOODY)

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING AT 8:00 P.M.

BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS

SECOND: PEGGY LEIGHT

VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(HUTCHINS, JONES, LEIGHT, MOODY)

ANOUNCEMENTS:

No Planning Board Meeting scheduled for March
First Event Committee Meeting March 9th @ 4:00 PM.

Submitted by:

Rusty Sawyer

Town Clerk

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