



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN
OF WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
AUGUST 22, 2024 @ 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, 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 Peggy Leight.

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, JONES, LEIGHT)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **JUNE 27, 2024**
- **JULY 11, 2024**

**THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY MOTION MADE BY VERNON BROWN 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 @ 7:02**.

My name is Mike Morris. The Walkertown Area Historical Society had a few minor things to address from our last fire inspection. Those corrections have been made.

When will they come back?

Scott: Next year.

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

BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

1. WS-MPO TRANSPORTATION STUDY GRANT DISCUSSION

Scott: The MPO sets the schedule for transportation studies annually. We need to decide what our new project needs might be to get on next years list.

This year's window opens 11/1/24 – 1/31/25.

We have done several studies within our Area Plan. Studies for sidewalks

in several areas and the Main Street study. Our projects improve safety for residents. We don't have room on Main Street to add more lanes. Maybe it's time to consider a "Walkertown Bypass".

"The proposed project is to connect a three-lane major thoroughfare on a new location from NC 66 (Old Hollow Road) to US 311 (Walnut Cove Road). The purpose of the project is to relieve congestion on local facilities and create system linkage between NC 66 and US 311."

Doc: There is roughly a 20 year delay in project studies and project starts. Old Hollow Road study started in 2004 or 2005. Reidsville Road started in 1954.

Scott: Now decisions are more data driven which is why the need for the studies.

Doc: In the past decisions were politically driven.

Wesley: The target date would be 2035. Our match would be ~\$16K from Powell Bill money.

#2 on the list now is widening HWY 66 from Bojangles to Talley's Crossing.

Scott: Traffic on Main Street will continue to get busier.

MOTION: TO APPROVE SUBMITTAL APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FOR WALKERTOWN BYPASS STUDY

BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS

SECOND: VERNON BROWN

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

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2. ONGOING PROJECT UPDATES

Scott leads the discussion.

COMMUNITY MEETING SPACE

Rough in complete. Bathrooms mostly done. Chair rail completed.

Doc: They will be paving the parking lot Friday. Trees are coming down. Stumps being removed. Working on the addition to the track. Wood fence is down. Carpet has not been installed. Ceiling tiles have not been installed so inspectors can see.

This is just a rumor. This might be our last meeting in the Booe House.

Mike: Is the building open to view?

Scott No. Let me know when and I'll go with you.

HVAC system in Booe House is complete.

HVAC work in the old Fire Station starts in September.

New Town Hall lighting is complete.

Doc: How long is the new track addition?

Scott: The current track is a quarter mile. Might be another quarter mile.

Peggy: What is the Let Date for the Sullivantown sidewalk?

Scott: Hopefully in October. We are finalizing the ROW now.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

August, 2024

Doc: We are 2 months into our new year or 16.7 % of the way through the year. All in line and on budget with no department over budget. Revenue is coming in at 6%. Current year property tax at 1%.

We have Unrestricted Funds for May @\$6,412,859.33. Restricted Funds @\$780,981.22 for a Grand Total Fund Balance of \$7,193,840.55.

MOTION: TO APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR AUGUST, 2024 AS PRESENTED BY STAFF

BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS

SECOND: PEGGY LEIGHT

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

(BROWN, HUTCHINS, JONES, LEIGHT)

ADJOURNMENT:

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

BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS

SECOND: VERNON BROWN

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

(BROWN, HUTCHINS, JONES, LEIGHT)

ANOUNCEMENTS:

Town Hall Office will be closed September 2nd -Trash and Recycle Delayed 1 Day

No Planning Board Meeting scheduled for September

Fall Festival Meeting – September 9th – 4:00 pm

Submitted by:

Rusty Sawyer

Town Clerk

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