



MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN  
OF WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL  
APRIL 25, 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 and Town Manager Scott Snow and Town Clerk Rusty Sawyer.

Also attending, Boy Scout Troup 990 from Pisgah UMC: Darin Redmon, Teagan Redmon, Austin Handy, Bauer Medley, Luke Brookshire, Elijah Riggins, Gary Handy, and John Brookshire.

**The Invocation** was given by Mayor Davis.

Doc: Wesley, maybe one of the scouts here tonight could lead us with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Wesley: Tonight we have with us Scout Troop 990 from Pisgah UMC. They are here earning their "Citizenship in the Community" merit badge.

Would one of you like to volunteer to lead us with the Pledge of Allegiance?

**The Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Austin Handy.

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

**THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED AS WRITTEN BY MOTION MADE BY PEGGY LEIGHT AND SECONDED BY VERNON BROWN.**

**THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.**

(BROWN, HUTCHINS, JONES, LEIGHT)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **MARCH 28, 2024**
- **APRIL 11, 2024**

**THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY MOTION MADE BY WESLEY HUTCHINS AND SECONDED BY PEGGY LEIGHT.**

(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 and I live in Walkertown at 2670 Morris Meadow Lane. I would like to mention that the former Kernersville News has an intern, Amelia Angelaro, covering our town. She is a student at UNCG studying philosophy & the Classics. She would like to find a job as a curator in history. Thank you.

With one speaker coming forward, the Mayor closes the **Public Session @ 7:03.**

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

### **1. WINSTON-SALEM MPO PROJECTS UPDATE**

Scott: After discussion with WS/MPO and NCDOT staff the following projects submitted by the Town have been recommended for funding:

- Supplemental Funding Depot Street Sidewalk
- Supplemental Funding Sullivantown Rd. Sidewalk
- Combine Ruxton Drive Sidewalk and Friendly/Walkertown Elem Crosswalk (FUND)
- Combine Sullivantown Road and Main/Harley Intersection (FUND)

### **2. FORSYTH COUNTY FIRE SERVICES UPDATE**

Scott leads the discussion.

Scott: At the April 18<sup>th</sup> Forsyth County Commissioner's meeting, the Commissioner's discussed potential changes to the funding mechanism for Fire Services within the County. The County Manager made the following recommendation for Fire Service funding changes for the upcoming budget year.

- Continue the Countywide Fire Overlay District at a lower level - .0039 cents per \$100 in valuation.
- Using overlay resources to provide non-recurring capital to the 09 units and some assistance to the departments that did not receive ARPA grant funds or State earmarked funds for apparatus.
- The eligible departments serving Forsyth County exclusively include Old Richmond, Belews Creek, Beesons and Piney Grove. Some consideration may also be given on an adjusted basis to departments that serve parts of Forsyth and large areas of other counties and municipalities – Griffith, King and Gumtree.
- Begin discussions in the fiscal year with the departments that have expressed that the volunteer system no longer serves the needs of their community and that wish to transition to a municipal service level. Coordinate with the overlapping towns to determine how best to begin this transition.
- Begin developing strategies to boost the volunteer system in the remaining departments, including training, recruitment, alternative response to med calls, etc.
- Develop strategies to improve equity and simplification of the system both in terms of service levels and taxation.

Peggy: Any response to the letter? *No.*

### **3. OLD FIRE STATION HVAC PROJECT PROPOSAL REVIEW**

Scott: We received 2 state grants each for \$250K for capital projects. The furnace at the Old Fire Station is broken and must be replaced. A heat pump system is needed at the Booe House.

Estimates are in the agenda packet

Wesley: Where in the budget is that money placed.

Scott: the Capital Outlay for Public Works

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION ESTIMATES FROM B & B MECHANICAL OF \$32,804.00 (OLD FIRE STATION - \$17,910.00 & BOOE HOUSE - \$8390.00) AND ELECTRICAL ESTIMATES FROM CAUDILL'S OF \$14,894.00**

**BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS**

**SECOND: VERNON BROWN**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**  
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, JONES, LEIGHT)

**4. PROJECT UPDATES**

Scott: The drywall is up in the meeting space. Ceilings work going in.

Grading is happening now.

We can start picking out paint colors etc. at the next workshop.

Doc: HWY 158 Let Date in May.

Maybe we could get DOT to come back with an update in July or August.

**5. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

APRIL, 2024

Doc: We are 10 months into our year or 83% of the way through the year. All in line and on budget. Interest is unbelievable at 361%. Current year property tax at 98%. We have Unrestricted Funds @\$7,028,614.34. Restricted Funds @\$1,000,953.53 for a Grand Total Fund Balance of \$8,029,567.87.

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

**BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS**

**SECOND: PEGGY LEIGHT**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**  
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, JONES, LEIGHT)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION: TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING AT 7:58 P.M.**

**BY: PEGGY LEIGHT**

**SECOND: CAROLINE JONES**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**  
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, JONES, LEIGHT)

**ANOUNCEMENTS:**

Planning Board Meeting – May 7<sup>th</sup> – 3:00 pm

Fall Festival Meeting – May 13<sup>th</sup> – 4:00 pm

Submitted by:

*Rusty Sawyer*

Town Clerk

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