



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN
OF WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 21, 2024 @ 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.

Also present, Keith Fulp from the Walkertown Planning Board and 14 residents.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **SEPTEMBER 26, 2024**
- **OCTOBER 10, 2024**

**THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY MOTION MADE BY PEGGY LEIGHT AND SECONDED BY VERNON BROWN.
(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 @ 7:03**.

My name is Mike Morris. I now have the quilt in my possession. We can't display it in the library. Would it be possible to display it here?

Peggy: It's very large. Do you know the measurements?

Mike: I know it is king size. Just think on it.

Doc: Thanks Mike.

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

BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

- 1. RESOLUTION: ORDINANCE DECLARING A ROAD CLOSURE FOR THE 2024 WALKERTOWN CHRISTMAS PARADE**

Doc: The Town Clerk will read the ordinance before we have a motion.

Scott: I added additional time to the closure to allow for safe cleanup.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #01-112124 AN ORDINANCE
DECLARING A ROAD CLOSURE FOR 2024 WALKERTOWN
CHRISTMAS PARADE**

BY: CAROLINE JONES

SECOND: PEGGY LEIGHT

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

(BROWN, HUTCHINS, JONES, LEIGHT)

**2. DISCUSSION OF 2024 WALKERTOWN CHRISTMAS PARADE & SANTA
MEET & GREET & WALKERTOWN COMMUNITY BUILDING**

Scott: Peggy, Wesley and I met with the Civic Club leaders to discuss the Christmas Parade. The parade is organized and run by the Civic Club. Line up starts at 11:00 am December 7th at the Walkertown High School. Schedule and route are the same as last year. Hope for good weather.

New this year, meet and have your picture taken with Santa Claus from 2:00 pm thru 4:00 pm at the new Walkertown Community Building on Sullivantown Road. The Little Doughnut Truck and Zoe's Food Truck will be there. The Walkertown Town Council will be giving out cookies. There will be a bouncy house from Jumpin Kids. The High School Band with Quincy Lundy will be playing Christmas music.

3. ONGOING PROJECT UPDATES

Scott leads the discussion.

COMMUNITY MEETING SPACE

We got the Certificate of Occupancy.

We have several things on the repair punch list, mostly electrical.

We asked for a digital timer for the lights. Still setting it up.

Still have to decide on furnishings for the conference room.

Repairs to the walking track are yet to be completed. At the same time, they will repave the town hall parking lot and in front of the warehouse.

SULLIVANTOWN ROAD AND DEPOT STREET SIDEWALK PROJECT
ROW & Environmental documents have been sent to NCDOT for review.

BRIGHTSPEED FIBER OPTIC INSTALL

Wesley and I met with Brightspeed representatives and City/County Utilities engineers to discuss the project which is funded by state grants.

They will be using new subcontractors this time.

Wesley: They plan to put out informational door hangers along the route.

They promise to keep a manager on site.

Scott: Mark Reich will review the plan.

Peggy: What is the time line?

Scott: Should be done by April. They are only installing along 2 miles of town

streets.

Peggy: Is there an option to say no?

Scott: No, not really. Installation is in public ROW. They will have to be aware of water lines, spectrum lines, gas lines and past fiber optic installs. Much smaller scope this time.

Pat Ivey is retiring from NCDOT after 38 years.

Doc: Have they announced a replacement?

Wesley: No, not yet.

TRUE HOMES

Scott: Proposed development north of Avalee Street & Martin Street.

Developers are holding a drop-in meeting 12/3 from 4:30 – 6:30 pm in the Walkertown Library. They have mailed a letter to nearby residents.

The development is in Forsyth County and not in Walkertown.

They are asking the county to rezone the property from RS 20 to RS 12.

I haven't seen the proposed plan.

The development would impact Avalee & Martin Streets.

There has been no request for annexation by the town.

OLD FIRE STATION

We have installed a new heat pump for the office and overhead propane heaters for the bays.

Mike: What is the use of the building?

Doc: Maintenance.

OLD GANT OIL LOT (beside Town Hall)

Scott: They are completing what we hope is the last residual pumping on the site. We are awaiting an update from NCDEQ. We would like a resolution before we start our sidewalk project.

Doc: Then we can remove the fence and pave the lot.

WALKERTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Scott: Wesley and I met with them. They expressed a need for volunteers.

They got the new truck. We would like to schedule meetings more often and on a regular basis.

TAC

Wesley: The completion date for 158 Reidsville Road is 2028. The project is 1% complete.

The completion date for Old Hollow Road is 2027. The project is 11% complete.

The completion date for I-74 to US 52 by April 2025. The project is 87% complete.

We voted on 14 projects. The project that would benefit us most, HWY 66 from Sheetz to Tally's Crossing, came in first. Those improvements would be 3 lanes with center turn lane, a bicycle lane, curb and gutter.

Scott: We had data available from our road studies showing the need. These road project selections are now data driven.

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

November, 2024

Doc: We are 5 months into our new year or 41.5 % of the way through the year. All in line and on budget with no department over budget. Revenue is coming in at 21%. Expenses at 24%. Current year property tax at 22%. We have Unrestricted Funds for May @\$5,989,977.06. Restricted Funds @\$896,122.23 for a Grand Total Fund Balance of \$6,886,099.29.

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

BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS

SECOND: VERNON BROWN

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

(BROWN, HUTCHINS, JONES, LEIGHT)

ADJOURNMENT:

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

BY: PEGGY LEIGHT

SECOND: WESLEY HUTCHINS

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

(BROWN, HUTCHINS, JONES, LEIGHT)

ANOUNCEMENTS:

No Planning Board Meeting scheduled for December

Town Hall Offices Closed – November 28th & 29th

Walkertown Community Tree Lighting – December 1st – Loves UMC –

6:30 Moravian Band - 7:00 Program

Walkertown Christmas Parade – December 7th – 1:00 pm

Santa Meet & Greet – December 7th - 2:00 – 4:00 (after parade)

@Walkertown Community Building

Submitted by:

Rusty Sawyer

Town Clerk

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