



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN
OF WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 16, 2023 @ 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 Marilyn Martin, Vernon Brown, Wesley Hutchins, Peggy Leight and Town Manager Scott Snow and Town Clerk Rusty Sawyer.

Attending from the Walkertown Planning Board, Caroline Jones.

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 BY MOTION MADE BY PEGGY LEIGHT AND SECONDED BY VERNON BROWN.
THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, LEIGHT, MARTIN)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **OCTOBER 26, 2023**

**THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY WITH A SPELLING CORRECTION ON PAGE 2 BY MOTION MADE BY WESLEY HUTCHINS AND SECONDED BY PEGGY LEIGHT.
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, LEIGHT, MARTIN)**

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**.

Caroline Jones announces she attended the 75 Anniversary of the Historic Society. With no other speakers coming forward, the Mayor closes the **Public Session @ 7:07**.

BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

1. **RESOLUTION: ORDINANCE DECLARING A ROAD CLOSURE FOR THE 2023 WALKERTOWN CHRISTMAS PARADE**

MOTION: TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #01-111623 AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A ROAD CLOSURE FOR 2023 WALKERTOWN CHRISTMAS PARADE CONTINGENT ON RECEIVING PERMIT FROM THE CIVIC CLUB

Main Street: Old Hollow Road to Sullivantown Road

Ruxton Drive: Darrow Road to Main Street

Sullivantown Road: Main Street to Depot Street
BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS
SECOND: PEGGY LEIGHT
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, LEIGHT, MARTIN)

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWN SPONSORSHIP OF 2023 WALKERTOWN CHRISTMAS PARADE

MOTION: TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #02-111623 A RESOLUTION OF THE WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE 2023 WALKERTOWN CHRISTMAS PARADE

- **Sponsorship Approval:** The Walkertown Town Council hereby authorizes the sponsorship of the 2023 Walkertown Christmas Parade, organized by the Walkertown Civic Club.
- **Funding Allocation:** The amount of \$1,320 is hereby allocated for the sponsorship of the 2023 Walkertown Christmas Parade.
- **Funding Source:** The allocated funds for the sponsorship shall be disbursed from the restricted use Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund.
- **Collaboration and Support:** The Walkertown Town Council shall collaborate with the Walkertown Civic Club to ensure the successful organization and execution of the parade, providing necessary support as deemed appropriate.
- **Acknowledgment:** The Walkertown Town Council acknowledges the efforts of the Walkertown Civic Club and all volunteers involved in organizing the parade, contributing to the town’s festive spirit and community engagement.
- **Effective Date:** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS
SECOND: VERNON BROWN
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
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3. PROJECT UPDATES

Scott leads this discussion

1. Town Council Meeting Chamber Project:

They are working tonight.

2. Highway Construction

Wesley Hutchins & Vernon Brown met with Connie James, DOT.

DOT is making some improvements to the 158/Darrow Road intersection. Adding a left turn from 158 to Darrow Road, adding another light.

DOT is adding a web page for the project.

DOT will set-up a May 2024 town meeting for public input & questions.

Let date for Reidsville Road/158 March 2024.

Let date for Old Hollow Road November 21, 2023.

4. MISC.

Scott: Christmas decorations & displays will go up next week along Main Street & Harley Drive

Wesley: There will be a change in MPO listing in '24 –'25. All one category.

Peggy: NCLM accused the PTRC of taking money (\$15 million) from the League. Not true but ongoing.

Doc: Wesley Hutchins & Caroline Jones won their elections.

Vernon: There has been a wrecked car at the intersection of New Walkertown Road & Williston Road. The plates expired in 2022. I called Raleigh and multiple deputies to get it moved.

On the opposite side of the intersection, dumped trash. I got the number for Forsyth Maintenance from Rusty. A call to them did the trick. They came out and cleaned up. I called back to thank them.

5. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOVEMBER, 2023

Doc: We are in the fifth month of our year or 41.5% of the way through the year. All in line and on budget. Interest is impressive. Revenue is coming in slowly. Current year property tax at 28%.

We have Unrestricted Funds for November @\$7,202,030.62. Restricted Funds @\$864,768.19 for a Grand Total Fund Balance of \$8,066,798.81.

Wesley: The Powell Bill move keeps us below our cap.

Scott: Right. The cap is \$600K.

MOTION: TO APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER, 2023 AS PRESENTED BY STAFF

BY: PEGGY LEIGHT

SECOND: VERNON BROWN

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

(BROWN, HUTCHINS, LEIGHT, MARTIN)

Marilyn: I'd like to thank the Mayor, Town Council, Scott & Rusty for working with me!

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING AT 7:45 P.M.

BY: PEGGY LEIGHT

SECOND: VERNON BROWN

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

(BROWN, HUTCHINS, LEIGHT, MARTIN)

ANOUNCEMENTS:

No Planning Board meeting in DECEMBER

Town Hall will be closed November 23RD & 24th, 2023

Community Christmas Tree Lighting December 3rd

Submitted by:

Rusty Sawyer

Town Clerk

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