



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN
OF WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 27, 2025 @ 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.

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 WESLEY HUTCHINS AND SECONDED BY VERNON BROWN.

THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.

(BROWN, HUTCHINS, JONES, LEIGHT)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **JANUARY 23, 2025**
- **FEBRUARY 12, 2025**

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 @ 7:03.**

My name is Leslie White and I live at 4504 Crews Lane here in Walkertown. I'd like to thank the council for all you do. I attended the Town Council meeting in January. I was asked what percentage of players were Walkertown residents. This is the breakdown by percentage. 42% from Kernersville, 23% from Winston Salem, 16% from Walnut Cove – Rural Hall and other small communities, 19% from Walkertown.

Wesley: Last month you talked about building additional fields at Wickham Park.

Does WGSA have seed money to help with the costs of adding additional fields?

Leslie: Yes. We have saved some money from our fund raisers. I would like to say again that it is unfair to allow only one organization to use the fields. Even mediation between Scott, the Walkertown Little League and WGSA has ended unfairly. The community park should not be used by only one organization.

Doc: We aren't turning a deaf ear.

Leslie: What was the original deal on the land? Both organizations should have

common use of the community park. Thank you.

My name is Eric Hare and I live at 5080 Harley Drive. We desire flexibility. We would like to see more fields added and the addition of lights. Has the town ever discussed adding lights at the community park for night games?

Peggy: The community park is owned by Forsyth County not the Town of Walkertown. You would need to speak to county commissioners.

Eric Hare: Thank you.

With no other speaker coming forward, the Mayor closes the **Public Session @ 7:11.**

BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

1. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED WS/FC RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MAPS AND “SEE FOR YOURSELF” MEETING

Scott leads this discussion. Included in the agenda are the current district maps and also the newly proposed district maps.

At the press conference, map “B” seems to be favored.

Doc: The “See For Yourself” meetings will be for information only.

- Tuesday March 4, 2025 – Walkertown High School
- Thursday March 20, 2025 – Carter High School
- Friday March 28, 2025 – North Forsyth High School
- Thursday April 10, 2025 – Reagan High School
- Wednesday April 23, 2025 – East Forsyth High School
- Wednesday April 30, 2025 – Winston-Salem Prep

Mike Morris: Why are they doing this?

Doc: They got a million dollar grant to redraw districts.

No increase in the west. All increases are in the east.

Walkertown Elementary students would have the longest bus ride of up to 4.3 miles.

2. WALKERTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Scott: leads this discussion.

EMS has the highest call volume.

Total Fire Calls inside town limits: 9.09%.

The Tally’s Crossing Fire Department building has been sold.

Peggy: What is Service Calls/Good Intentions?

Wesley: That is a catchall category.

Peggy: 70% of their calls are for EMS.

Are they still sending fire trucks to all calls?

Scott: Yes, mostly. Whatever is available. They can give CPR until EMS arrives.

3. PROJECT UPDATES

Doc: Peggy is our COG representative. Any news?

Peggy: Open meetings for all.

No greenways to expand in Walkertown. The Area Plan shows a walking path between the schools along the creek. Nothing was ever done.

Doc: All mail now comes from Patterson Ave. Carriers go to Patterson Ave. to collect, then deliver.

Peggy: Will the Walkertown Post Office close?

Wesley: They can't.

Peggy: They are doing less work. Might close.

Wesley: There is always a line at the counter.

Scott leads this discussion.

Community Meeting Building: internet installation left to complete.

Sidewalk Project:

Recording of easements. Need property owners to sign and have the Town clerk notarize.

Could bid out Sullivantown Road section first if there is a delay with the school easement.

Doc: Time frame for Ruxton Road sidewalk & Friendly Road crosswalk?

Scott: In the next several months.

Repairs at the Historical Society house are ongoing.

Newly installed heaters in the old fire station are working.

Peggy: Did they complete repairs to the walking track.

Scott: Josh said they are waiting for better weather.

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FEBRUARY, 2025

Doc: We are 8 months into our new year or 66.6% of the way through the year.

All in line and on budget with no department over budget. Revenue is coming in at 55%. Expenses at 31%. Current year property tax at 100%.

We have Unrestricted Funds for May @\$6,427,561.16. Restricted Funds @\$1,017,750.46 for a Grand Total Fund Balance of \$7,445,311.62.

MOTION: TO APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY, 2025 AS PRESENTED BY STAFF

BY: PEGGY LEIGHT

SECOND: VERNON BROWN

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

(BROWN, HUTCHINS, JONES, LEIGHT)

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING AT 7:53 P.M.

BY: PEGGY LEIGHT

SECOND: WESLEY HUTCHINS

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

(BROWN, HUTCHINS, JONES, LEIGHT)

ANOUNCEMENTS:

No Planning Board Meeting scheduled for March

Submitted by:

Rusty Sawyer

Town Clerk

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