



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN
OF WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
MARCH 28, 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.

The Invocation was given by Mayor Davis.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Caroline Jones.

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)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **JANUARY 25, 2024**
- **FEBRUARY 8, 2024**
- **MARCH 14, 2024**

**THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY MOTION MADE BY VERNON BROWN AND SECONDED BY WESLEY HUTCHINS.
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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**.
With no speaker coming forward, the Mayor closes the **Public Session @ 7:03**.

BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

1. PUBLIC HEARING: MORRIS STREET ROAD CLOSURE PETITION

Scott: The portion in the county has already been closed by the county. The site plan calls for an emergency gate only. No thru traffic. No impact by the closure.

The closure was approved by the Planning Board.

We posted signs, sent letters to neighbors.

The Town Clerk ran an ad in the Kernersville paper for 4 consecutive weeks.

Doc: Any questions from council?

Wesley: How many letters did you send?
Scott: One to the owner and six neighbors.

With no more questions from the Council, the **Public Hearing** is opened by Mayor Davis @ 7:11 to those wishing to speak for or against the Morris Street Road closure.

With no speakers coming forward Mayor Davis closes the **Public Hearing** at 7:12.

MOTION: TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION CLOSING A PORTION OF MORRIS STREET

BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS

SECOND: VERNON BROWN

VOTE: UNANIMOUS
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2. RESOLUTION APPROVING LOCAL PROJECTS FOR WS/MPO CALL FOR PROJECTS

Scott leads this discussion.

Town projects expected to be approved for funding.

- Ruxton Drive Sidewalk & Friendly Road/Walkertown Elementary School Crosswalk Improvements: \$484,000 federal funding. Local match - \$121,000.
- Sullivantown Road & Depot Street Additional Funding Request: \$440,000 (\$220,000 to each project). Local match - \$110,000.
- Main Street and Harley Drive Intersection & Sullivantown Road Conversion (Pending signalization warrant review by NCDOT): \$1,210,000. Local match - \$302,500.
- Total federal funding: \$2,134,000 – 20% Local Match - \$533,500.

The Main Street/Town Hall Improvements (\$275,000) and Main Street & Pine Hall Intersection projects (\$1.1 million) will remain eligible to submit for funding at a later date.

** Council is in agreement to start the Pine Hall Road design & ROW costs estimate.*

3. PUBLIC NUISANCE CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

Scott leads this discussion. Pictures of nuisance properties are included in the agenda.

- 3000 Old Hollow Road – Centre Stage Shopping Center Property has been cited for the unsanitary accumulation of garbage and overflowing garbage containers. Deadline for response from property owner is April 1st.

- Old Hollow Road Vacant Lot (Near Harley Dr. and Walkertown Plaza Blvd)
No response received from notifications. Town removal of debris and trash started on March 25th.
- Partly burned property at 4927 Salem Road
Building demolition completed.
- Various Properties on Leake St./Linville St./Watkins St.
Town is working with property owners to address multiple properties regarding minimum housing code issues and abandoned structures.

4. PROJECT UPDATES

Scott: Framing on meeting facility project is completed and passed inspection. Insulation installation is underway. Grading for exterior work is scheduled to begin shortly.
Doc: Work on the exterior of the building is mostly complete.

5. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARCH, 2024

Doc: We are 9 months into our year or 75% of the way through the year. All in line and on budget. Interest is unbelievable at 320%. Revenue is coming in at 60%. Current year property tax at 97%.
We have Unrestricted Funds for March @\$7,298,206.06. Restricted Funds @\$993,508.13 for a Grand Total Fund Balance of \$8,291,714.19.

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

BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS
SECOND: VERNON BROWN
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, JONES)

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING AT 7:33 P.M.

BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS
SECOND: VERNON BROWN
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
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ANOUNCEMENTS:

No April Planning Board Meeting
Town Hall Closed March 29th for Easter Holiday

Submitted by:
Rusty Sawyer

Town Clerk

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