



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN
OF WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
APRIL 24, 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.

Also in attendance, Michelle M. McCullough, Historic Resources Officer with the Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission.

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

- **MARCH 27, 2025**
- **APRIL 10, 2025**

**THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY MOTION MADE BY PEGGY LEIGHT AND SECONDED BY WESLEY HUTCHINS.
(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 @ 7:04.**

My name is Mike Morris and I live at 2670 Morris Meadow Lane. I received a survey from Duke Energy about running a line going west to a 100 kilowatt substation. I was wondering if anyone else got it.

Rusty: I did, even though the line is not that close to me.

With no other speakers coming forward, the Mayor closes the **Public Session @ 7:07.**

BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

1. RESOLUTION: RECOGNIZING HISTORICAL PRESERVATION MONTH

Doc: I would like to welcome Michelle M. McCullough, Historic Resources

Officer with the Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission.

Michelle: Thank you Mr. Mayor. I'm here with our annual report. We are in our second phase of writing the manuscripts for the County's architectural survey publication. County commissioners have picked a publisher. Still 2 years before the book is ready. Good news for Walkertown. No more payments. On May 3rd, Kernersville Follies will host a self guided walking tour. This is something Walkertown might want to do. Or, you might have to do a driving tour.

Our Historic Marker Program is also very popular and something Walkertown might be interested in doing. They cost \$2K - \$3K.

Doc: The Crews house should have a marker. The mill is the oldest continuously run mill in the county.

Wesley: Does \$3K cover the design coats?

Michelle: Yes, up to 680 characters.. They come from Seawall in Ohio.

Doc: I think this is a program we would like to start.

Michelle: I can come back with more information in 2 months.

Doc: Mr. Sawyer, please read the resolution.

Rusty: (Rusty reads the resolution).... NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Town Council in the Town of Walkertown do hereby declare the month of May 2025 as Historic Preservation Month and call upon the people of Walkertown to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

Doc: Thank you sir.

MOTION: TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION DECLARING MAY, 2025 AS HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH

BY: PEGGY LEIGHT

SECOND: CAROLINE JONES

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

2. PROJECT UPDATES

Scott leads this discussion.

- The Fire Department monthly alarm activity report is included in the agenda. Total calls 168, 70 in town – 8.57% Fire & 58.57% Medical, 98 in county.- 18.37% Fire & 48.98% Medical
- Community Meeting Building: We have new mikes this evening and they seem to be working better. We should have them hooked up to the overhead speakers by next meeting. Looking at low profile monitors. Replacement of the time clock will complete the punch list.
- Sidewalk Project:
Recording of easements. Bids in late spring.
Getting estimates for WAHS repairs and fence replacement, painting in town hall.
The June Planning Board Meeting for Poindexter Street may be delayed because of changes to site plan.

Peggy: How long for plant & tree guarantee?
 Scott: One year. They will replace all dying plantings.
 Wesley: What is the status of Ruxton?
 Scott: Submitted to DOT, back in 2 months.
 Wesley: Deadline?
 Scott: No.
 Wesley: What about an additional field at Wickenham Park.
 Scott: Substantial grading would be required.
 Wesley: Ballpark estimate?
 Scott: After site work is complete and the site is flat, with fencing, grass and dugouts, \$100K. Plus the cost of the scoreboard.
 Doc: Peggy is our COG representative.
 Peggy: Still talking about the bills in the House. HB 765 is the only bill in committee. Discussing an 18 – 36% tax on online gambling and also a tax on sweepstakes.
 The House still has no budget.
 Doc: Wesley is our TAC representative.
 Wesley: No TAC meeting. Old Hollow Road is 20% complete.
 Reidsville Road is 12% complete with 3 years left to completion.
 Doc: Caroline is our Forsyth 250 representative.
 Caroline: Last year we got a state grant for a web page. The 250th anniversary of the United States will be in 2026. I have been attending the meetings.
 December 24th was the last meeting. None this year. We didn't get any grants from the state so far this year.
 Doc: What will we do to celebrate the 250th?
 Peggy: Let's bring back the 4th of July Town celebration.
 Doc: Perfect time to bring it back.

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

APRIL, 2025

Doc: We take our finances very seriously. We are 10 months into our new year or ~83% of the way through the year.
 All in line and on budget with no department over budget. Revenue is coming in at 60%. Expenses at 40%. Current year property tax at 102%.
 Scott, how much is in the CCU line?
 Scott: \$400K. The amount doesn't change.
 Doc: We have Unrestricted Funds for May @\$6,651,327.09. Restricted Funds @\$1,032,429.09 for a Grand Total Fund Balance of \$7,683,756.18.
 Scott, we appreciate your hard work on this year's budget report.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR APRIL, 2025
 AS PRESENTED BY STAFF
 BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS
 SECOND: VERNON BROWN
 VOTE: UNANIMOUS
 (BROWN, HUTCHINS, JONES, LEIGHT)**

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING AT 7:52 P.M.

BY: VERNON BROWN

SECOND: CAROLINE JONES

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

(BROWN, HUTCHINS, JONES, LEIGHT)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No Planning Board Meeting scheduled for May

Fall festival Committee Meeting May 12th, 4:00 pm

Submitted by:

Rusty Sawyer

Town Clerk

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