



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN
OF WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 26, 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, 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 Caroline Jones.

Doc: Any additions to the agenda from council? *NO*.

**THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED AS WRITTEN BY MOTION MADE BY VERNON BROWN AND SECONDED BY PEGGY LEIGHT.
THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, JONES, LEIGHT)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **AUGUST 22, 2024**
- **SEPTEMBER 12, 2024**

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(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. We have been trying to locate and have returned the quilt that hung in the library for years. Each square of the quilt represents some historical fact about Walkertown. The quilt belongs to the "Friends of the Walkertown Library". Jacklyn White, the Walkertown Branch Manager, had the quilt taken down and sent to the Main Branch. I spoke with assistant county manager, Kyle Haney. He is calling back within 2 weeks to set up delivery of the quilt.

Doc: Thanks Mike. The Athena Book Club minutes are also missing. The minutes go back at least 84 years.

Peggy: The storage room was cleaned out.

With no other speaker coming forward, the Mayor closes the **Public Session @ 7:12.**

BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

1. 2024 FALL FESTIVAL UPDATE

Doc: Rusty, how are we doing with festival vendors so far.

Rusty: Vendors seem to be excited about this year's festival. We have 71 vendors signed up so far. That is 9 vendors ahead of last year at this time. We have 37 Arts & Crafts vendors, 16 Information/No Sales booths and 11 Direct Sales booths. Direct Sales would be like 31 Gifts, Leaf Filter or Scentsy Candles.

Food vendors so far are the Civic Club, Walkertown Girls Softball and Delicias Xpress Hispanic food truck. Also, the Street Corn vendor.

We will start Saturday morning off with Quincy Lundy and the Walkertown High School Band.

"Mystic Muse" and "Legends of Motown Review" are both coming back again this year

2. ONGOING PROJECT UPDATES

Scott leads the discussion.

COMMUNITY MEETING SPACE

Scott: 90 to 95% complete.

Started putting in the carpet this week.

Ceiling tiles are installed.

We have the temporary electric permit.

Monitors are not installed yet.

They finished the desk bracing this week.

Kitchen work is mostly completed.

Rest Rooms are complete.

Landscaping is in.

Peggy: Do we get some kind of warranty on landscaping? Some of the plantings don't look to good.

Scott: Yes.

Doc: Bag worms are on the evergreens.

Scott: They should be finished by the middle of October.

The monitors and audio visuals are yet to be installed.

Wesley: Is the furniture in yet?

Scott: The podium is in. Chairs and tables are ordered next.

HVAC system in Booe House is complete.

HVAC work in the old Fire Station has started. The furnace went out.

New Town Hall lighting is complete.

Doc: Any DOT project news?

Scott: Got new project numbers this week.

Peggy: Did we get the easement from BP?

Scott: Our lawyer is working on it.

Doc: I'm getting complaints about the high grass at Gas Town needing to be mowed.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September, 2024

Doc: We are 3 months into our new year or 25 % of the way through the year. All in line and on budget with no department over budget. Revenue is coming in slowly at 13%. Expenses at 12%. Current year property tax at 11%. We have Unrestricted Funds for May @\$6,565,169.79. Restricted Funds @\$790,387.06 for a Grand Total Fund Balance of \$7,355,556.85.

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

BY: PEGGY LEIGHT

SECOND: WESLEY HUTCHINS

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

(BROWN, HUTCHINS, JONES, LEIGHT)

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING AT 7:54 P.M.

BY: PEGGY LEIGHT

SECOND: CAROLINE JONES

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

(BROWN, HUTCHINS, JONES, LEIGHT)

ANOUNCEMENTS:

No Planning Board Meeting scheduled for October

Fall Festival Meeting – October 14th – 4:00 pm

FALL FESTIVAL - October 19th

Submitted by:

Rusty Sawyer

Town Clerk

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