



**Town of Walkertown, North Carolina**

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**Walkertown Town Council Meeting**

**Walkertown Library Auditorium**

**THURSDAY 7:00 P.M. MAY 24, 2007**

**MINUTES**

**PROTOCOL:**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** ..... Mayor Davis

**INVOCATION**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** ..... Councilmember Wayne Hester

Mayor Doc Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for a quorum were Mayor Davis, council members Ralph Landreth, Brenda Mabe, Wayne Hester, and Sarah Welch. Also present were Town Clerk Lynn, Manager Bell, and Attorney Amy Lanning.

After a brief invocation by Mayor Davis, council member Wayne Hester led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA**

Mayor Davis asked to include an Executive Session at the end of the regular items to deal with personnel matters, which would be Item #10. He also said the council should add as Item #9 to discuss a game plan for the fire station building. A motion was made by Wayne Hester, seconded by Ralph Landreth, and unanimously approved to approve the agenda as amended by the two additional items.

**MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF**

- APRIL 26, 2007
- MAY 2, 2007 - BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING

The minutes for the regular council meeting of April 26, 2007 and for the Budget Workshop meeting of May 2, 2007 were approved unanimously on a motion by Brenda Mabe, and seconded by Wayne Hester.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

THIS SESSION IS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY AND IS LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER WHEN SPEAKING TO ANY ITEM, PLEASE RESTRICT YOUR REMARKS TO THE SUBJECT AT HAND.

Public Session was opened at 7:05 p.m. There was one speaker.

- (1) Diane Joyce  
3157 Old Hollow Rd.  
Walkertown NC

I just wanted to make a suggestion. I've had this on my mind for several years here with the number of senior citizens that are in this town and anyway, I lived near someplace else and I thought it would be a good kind of a benefit to the seniors especially but not just --- if next to Food Lion, Winn-Dixie Plaza there, if

that space that the Lion's Club uses so well right now – if they had apartments there that were walking distance for senior citizens to just be able to walk to the grocery store to get their own food and have other things taken care of in that building, like laundry, you know, be able to do your own wash – people that are able to take care of themselves. But not just seniors, but it would be available for singles too. So if you have young people that are leaving the nest, you know, maybe after high school or after college, they would have some place too that they would have a nice environment. I believe it's called "singles" apartments. I watched the program by PBS and they said that was one thing that was the way to go for senior citizens – was that singles housing. And it seemed like a really nice place to invite somebody to build an apartment – it would keep people moving around, you know – older people moving around, walking to the, hopefully there would be a safe place to just walk to the store there and all those stores there. And my second thing, is a community center. I think we really should put forth the effort with the \_\_\_\_\_ for a community center that would serve both young, middle and old – not both but all – all ages. So I think that you would get a lot of enthusiasm from the young people if you had people moving, you know, toward a fund-raiser like that. I understand you guys have some funds but if people participated and were able to contribute to that, especially young people, but everybody, I think it would be a real unifier for the town and the people would get, you know, excited to participate – not just have it handed to them, but you know work for it – and I'm all for classes and Parks and Recreation be able to use that building and you know \_\_\_\_\_. Thank you.

Mayor Davis: I might mention that property that you spoke of, Ms. Joyce, has been eyed by quite a few, not apartment contractors, but probably more like marketing restaurants and things of that nature. I notice quite a few of them have been eyeing that – probably the most eligible property in town not to be already under contract, so.... I don't know how much is for sale or not for sale; I know that where you spoke of earlier is for sale. But I don't know behind it if that's for sale or not. It's going to take investment money for somebody that wants to invest in it. The town doesn't do things like that but it would take some private investors that want to buy the land and invest in building apartments, similar to what's going on behind Lowes' – is what it amounts to. Okay. Anyone else wishing to speak?

Public Session was closed at 7:11 p.m.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**

1. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**  
"PART" BUS SERVICE FROM WALKERTOWN TO WINSTON-SALEM  
.....Council Member Sarah Welch

**DISCUSSION:**

Ms. Welch: Well, I've had some queries from some residents about bus service. I have called the WISTA and he said he'd get back with me about maybe extending the city bus service as it exists. He didn't know he'd have to be before their Board. And then, of course, I talked to Mr. David Morris, at P.A.R.T. Our pick-up in Walkertown for P.A.R.T. would be Kernersville – right there as you come out from Hopkins Road, at that Kerner Village Shopping

Center, behind Hardee's. Of course, that's not very good for someone that wants to go to work in the morning. It would take them 30 minutes to get to Kernersville!

Mr. Hester: It would take longer to get to Kernersville for that than it would to go to Winston!

Ms. Welch: So, he said he sent me some literature on the van-sharing pool. And he said they had a van – doesn't have anything yet – but they had a 6, 7 passenger van, and also a larger and that he'd be glad to come over if we'd set up a meeting for him, and talk to our citizens. We need to get information out to the public and find out how many's interested – not more than two. When I told her that the van, she said, well, they'd like the van better. But, that's the reason I brought that up was because they had asked me. And then I do have one on the van sharing pool if you want to pass those down.

Mayor: Is this for.....?

Ms. Welch: .....For Walkertown.....Course I know if we got it in Walkertown, Walnut Cove might come. The PART's bus runs the inner expressways and course they have a pick-up in Rural Hall, I think, and King, but that's not --- still take people from Walkertown a long time to get there.

Mayor: Do the people that contacted you, are they needing to go to work, or are they just.....?

Ms. Welch: .....to go to work..... Now, of course, we have the one from Winston-Salem, oh, the handicapped, that comes around noon time and it comes to the Center Stage Shopping Center for pick-ups. Unless you request them to come to your house. If we're interested and would like to set up a meeting, he said I could get back with him and he'd come do it.

Mayor: Well, council, how do you feel?

Mr. Hester: How many people do we have that are interested in something like that?

Ms. Welch: .....Don't know until you.....

Mayor: .....I guess that would be what a meeting would determine.....

Mr. Hester: ....But I mean, how many have spoken to you?

Ms. Welch: ...About three.....That's not a whole lot but if you get three, maybe you can get three more.....with a smaller van.....

Mayor: .....There may be others.....Well, do you want to.....?

Ms. Welch: .....You want me to pursue it?

Mayor: ....I'm fine with it. Would ya'll want Ms. Welch to have a meeting and see if there's enough interest?

Ms. Mabe: Yes. I think we need to know if there's enough interest and then I'm sure and some people don't know about this and we need to get the information out to them and I appreciate Sarah doing this because it might start off small but it can always gain.

Mr. Hester: Yeah.

Ms. Welch: Well, I thought through our little news reporters here, they could put an article, maybe in the Kernersville Journal.....and help get people interested. Course they all might be like everybody else – well, I want to do something else when I get off.

Ms. Mabe: Well, especially since we got this new apartment complex coming in behind, you know, all them people will not definitely have all kinds of transportation. It might be for them down the road, too.

Mayor: Ms. McKinnie, can you give us some advice on a meeting time --- if Ms. Welch is willing to conduct it.

Lynn: I can certainly set up a meeting for you all, if that's what you are saying?

Mayor: Yes. I would like for you to give us guidance on that -- when it would work.

Lynn: Forty eight hours notice. When you want to set a meeting up, I need to give 48 hours notice to everyone -- including our reporters -- and that could be through email to everyone on our sunshine list, also.

Mayor: Okay. Pull out your calendars. Would you want to have it at night, or on the weekend? What time? When? Choose a date since you are going to be willing to head it up.

Ms. Welch: Night would probably be better for people who work. Let's look in June.

Mayor: Choose a date for us and see if the head lady in charge can make it happen.

Ms. Welch: Well, I didn't want you to think I was doing anything behind your backs but I thought it would be interesting to see how many people really wanted to go this route. I know we don't live about 8 miles from Winston-Salem but gas is \$3.09 here; \$3.30 in Williamsburg -- I mean, it's going everywhere -- and we need to boycott it!!

Mr. Hester: I agree to that!! They talk about California but it's cheap there as it is here because I just got back from there.

Mayor: What day would you want to try in June? First week in June?

Ms. Welch: Well, I can and I also need to find out what date that he can come. If you all approve it, then I'll get with him and give it back to her on the actual date that it would be in June.

Mayor: I'm good with that. Are ya'll okay with that? To let Ms. Welch get with the gentleman from PART and see when he can come and then set up a meeting between her and PART and Ms. McKinnie could arrange it?

Ms. Welch: Six, seven or eight would work for me.

Mayor: Okay. All right. Would you work with Ms. McKinnie on getting that arranged?

Ms. Welch: Sure.

Ms. Mabe: And the time is going to be?

Ms. Welch: I would say, probably 7:00.

Mayor: Sixth, or seventh is what she's going to shoot for and 7:00.

2. **FOR DISCUSSION ONLY:**  
ROAD PAVING ESTIMATES

**DISCUSSION:**

Mayor: Road paving estimates are next.

Ms. Mabe: A little bit late, but.....

Mayor: You see before you -- these are the ones we discussed at the workshop and now Mr. Bell has some estimates here from three different paving companies.

Ms. Mabe: There's a big difference between Eddie's and Yadkin Valley.

Mr. Bell: You can see it varies but generally Yadkin Valley was the lowest, except for Snider, they were the second low. These estimates came in somewhat lower than we anticipated due to the asphalt prices – they're not as bad as we had feared. I've also added in some additional footage that the council can look at to pave more of Jones at a time and probably if you went with the low bid of Yadkin Valley we could pave even more than that additional 800 feet so we could actually if the council wished that I'd pave as much of Jones at one time as we could with the funds we have in this year's budget after we pave the other three. Eddie's paving does a lot of work for us – it's a local company, small company just right up Pine Hall Road. They're just a little over on Depot Street – the council could consider breaking it in to two sections and giving that to a local contractor without spending too much more money. I know his work – it's always very good. The others have good reputations but I haven't worked with them.

Mayor: Well, if you look at the numbers, it's pretty easy to see. The top four – Jones, Depot, Leight and Snider were the ones that were proposed plus the additional 800 feet on Jones, which would mean 1600 if we chose to do that much.

Mr. Bell: As you mentioned, the intent would be to get this round done and then as soon as possible as we got in to the new fiscal year in July as soon as possible go ahead and get bids and go ahead using next year's money for the next fiscal year continue the paving through the summer so this is really sort of the first round of paving in this season so to speak.

Mayor: Tell me the results down here of Chris and Jacki. Tell me what that represents.

Mr. Bell: What this is is basically I took the policy that the council approved and ran the numbers out so the maximum the town by that policy would contribute would be in general would bet 50% but then you lower that depending on the frontage in-town frontage so they've got 95% of the property on that road is in town so that 3444 is half of 7250 times 95% so it's a little bit less than half. Then the possible additional is the contingency amount that the council had - that's = that's how much that could be – be up to that much so the total maximum out of those two council could contribute of is 5256 under that policy.

Mayor: What is the feeling of the residents? Are they receptive to this or not?

Mr. Bell: It's my understanding they are. We have to this is the road that's not it's sort of in never-never land – it's not D.O.T. It's not ours so we have to do some paperwork and I've got to get with Amy to get a document so the owners will sign but it's my understanding that I believe all the owners are willing to sign that they would deed that they would let us have the right-of-way and then the town could take it in if the council so chose and it would be eligible for this payment under that .....

Larry Bolden: Now, are we speaking of Jacki Lane...or Chris Drive?

Mr. Bell: Yes, sir.

LARRY: It's already been taken in, has it not by the town council? We took voluntary into the Town of Walkertown.

Mr. Bell: Well, it's a...it's a sort of a technicality but the road was never officially accepted by D.O.T.

LARRY: Hold .... Hold it..... The road was accepted by D.O.T. several years back.

Mr. Bell: Okay.

LARRY:                               Somebody ain't getting this right because it was accepted several years back and the road has set there. Now, if you go back in time, D.O.T. wouldn't take complete charge of it because there was not enough homes in there to start with. That's the whole problem. The road did pass D.O.T. inspection.....

Mr. Bell:                               .....Yes. It did pass. Their current records and I'm not disagreeing but their current records show that they never took it to maintain it. But yes it did pass D.O.T. standards – they signed off on the construction and it was just appeared to be it appeared that it fell through the cracks in getting it in the D.O.T. system but if the property owners will sign an agreement to let the town have the right of way in the road the part that the road sits on then the town could pursue maintaining it under this policy if the homeowners were agreeable.

Mayor:                                So we're saying the amount that would cost the town on this one to prepare Jacki and Chris is \$5,256, is that correct?

Mr. Bell:                               That's what the town could contribute. The total estimate is the \$7,250 so it's about \$2,000 short of the total amount the estimate was for.

Mayor:                                And the residents have agreed to this?

Mr. Bell:                               ...Ummm.....Not in total ..... but the ones we've talked to are in favor of it and so.....

Mayor:                                .....So we've got ..... How many have agreed and how many are outstanding? Do we have some.....

Mr. Bell:                               .....We haven't gone..... through that process. I've got to get with them and get them to get signatures and we'll need to get a document for them to sign on the right-of-way to establish that everybody's willing to donate the land or.....

Mayor:                                .....So we don't know a number, then.....?

Mr. Bell:                               .....Don't have a number at this point.....

Mayor:                                .....We don't know if they are willing to pay the balance to make this thing once and for all a done.....?

Mr. Bell:                               .....Yeah.....From what they've said, it sounds like most of them probably are but no, we don't have the count to make sure...I mean, now, if one person wanted to come up with the \$2,000 as long as they sign the right-of-way over to us, I don't know that the town would care. I mean, that's sort of on their side if they want to however they want to get their share of the funds up but we do have to have the right-of-way in our name before we can proceed.

Mayor:                                All right, council. You see what the numbers are before you. Let's just deal with the top first, then we'll talk about Jacki and Chris after that. So what's your pleasure on repaving? We said we'd make a decision based on the numbers we got today or by this meeting so look at Jones, Depot, Leight, and Snider and the additional Jones. What do you want to do?

Ms. Mabe:                            Well, on this Yadkin Valley – what is their record of paving?

Mr. Bell:                               They have .....a good reputation.....

Ms. Mabe:                            .....They have a good one?

Mayor:                                All three of these are reputable people.

Ms. Mabe:                            Okay. I know the other two but I've never heard of Yadkin Valley. I know Larco....and I know.....

Mayor: .....Down here towards Lewisville, I think.....  
 They're Forsyth County.  
 Ms. Mabe: .....That's a big difference – some of them and some  
 of them aren't.  
 Mayor: .....Well ---- Yeah! .....  
 Ms. Mabe: .....And we were going to save money...  
 Mayor: .....Minimum \$4,000 – nearly \$8,000.....  
 Ms. Mabe: .....Well, since we don't know about the bottom  
 streets, I think we need to go ahead. These streets have been on the agenda for  
 over a year. It was put on there last year so we cannot wait much longer so I  
 think we need to go ahead get these paved.  
 Mayor: Is that a motion?  
 Ms. Mabe: I make a motion to go ahead – and a motion that we  
 accept Yadkin Valley bid.....  
 Mayor: .....To pave.....Jones, Depot, Leight, and  
 Snider? And additional Jones?  
 Ms. Mabe: .....To pave.....Jones, Depot, Leight, and  
 Snider? And additional Jones.  
 Mr. Hester: I'll second.

**MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE YADKIN VALLEY BID AS DESCRIBED  
 HERE TO PAVE JONES ROAD, DEPOT STREET, LEIGHT  
 STREET AND SNIDER STREET ALONG WITH AN  
 ADDITIONAL 800-FEET OF JONES ROAD USING  
 YADKIN VALLEY BID AND INCLUDE THAT WE  
 COMPLETE AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN GET THE RIGHT-  
 OF-WAY AND THE SIGNATURES ON A COMMITMENT  
 FOR THE FUNDS FROM THE RESIDENTS OF CHRIS  
 DRIVE AND JACKI LANE**  
**BY: BRENDA MABE**  
**SECOND: WAYNE HESTER**

Mr. Bell: We have about \$75,000 in this year's budget which  
 runs out the end of June for paving; if the council wishes you could leave the  
 open-ended on the Jones additional and I will pave up to – I could pave up to a  
 total of \$75,000 – I'd pave as much as I could on Jones to stay within this year's  
 budget and that would use that up.  
 Mayor: I would suggest we leave enough to take care of this  
 Chris and Jacki and go forward with that in this session.  
 Mr. Bell: Well, we won't be able to do the paperwork in time to  
 get the bids to get it done in June so that would be one of the first projects in  
 July.  
 Mayor: .....How long does it take??? We've been working  
 on it for.....  
 Ms. Mabe: .....Over a year.....  
 Mayor: .....Why can't we get the.....  
 Mr. Bell: .....We have to get the ..... right-of-way before  
 we can do anything and we've only got five weeks.....  
 Mr. Hester: .....Chris and Jacki.....Have to get the  
 right-of-way on Chris and Jacki.....before we can do the paving.....

Ms. Mabe: .....Well, can we just go ahead and get these others paved? Can we get them in here?

Mr. Bell: .....Yeah.....Yeah....

Ms. Mabe: .....Well, we can do that!

Mr. Bell: .....And then, Chris and Jacki --- we can do as soon as possible next year when we get the right-of-way squared away.

Ms. Mabe: .....And that can come in June (July).....on the next one – Chris and Jacki.

Mayor: I don't want to push Chris and Jacki off another year!

Ms. Mabe: No!

Mr. Bell: No! No! Just til next fiscal year – two months.....

Mayor: .....I understand.....but.....

Ms. Mabe: .....Well, they haven't contacted the neighbors there so that's got to be taken care of before we can.....

Mr. Bell: ....We.....We have.....We have no right to go on to that road.....

Mayor: .....I understand that..... I understand that ..... But I don't want us to drag our feet and not do it right away. I think we've had ample time and we need to move on with this.....

Mr. Bell: .....Well.....if we pave it...

Mayor: .....The residents of these streets ..... are willing to cooperate and get the road deeded over.....and pay their share, which, really, the total will be about \$2,000 and we'll foot the bill for the balance. I'd like to see us go forward as quickly as we can and I can understand you can't get it done in thirty days time. I'm not trying to be unreasonable but I want us to go forward. Is that your feelings, council?

Ms. Mabe: Yes.

Ms. Welch: Yes.

Mr. Hester: I say just as quick as we can get that done, we'll have another meeting and approve Chris and Jacki at that time.

Ms. Mabe: Well, my thing is that we get everything paved in Walkertown. I want all the streets taken care of. So, you know, we need to look at this! Everything's been going on too long.

Larry Bolden: I'll agree to that!

Ms. Mabe: And I agree with you.....

Ms. Welch: Can the gentleman that's here tonight get the signatures to us?

Larry Bolden: Yes, ma'am. I will try - sure will. I'll see each one of these people that got this letter. I will tomorrow try to get ahold of each one of them and see if they will give me ---- do I need a form of any kind?

Mayor: ...Well. We'll work with you.....We'll go with you and help you do that.....

Ms. Welch: ...In the morning – we can get you one in the morning...

Mr. Bolden: .....Okay.....I'm willing to do that.....

Mayor: .....We're not trying to dump everything on you, Larry, but.....

Mr. Hester: .....You'd stand on your head and gargle peanut butter to get that, wouldn't you?

Mayor: .....I know but I'm just saying we're not trying to put our work on him.

Mr. Bolden: .....I appreciate your time and effort and I know everything don't happen real soon.....

Mr. Hester: .....But the motion, we go ahead and do these others and then do this Chris and Jacki as soon as possible?

Ms. Welch: Right.

Mayor: .....As soon as we can get it worked out. Is that okay to include with your motion?

Ms. Mabe: .....Yep.

Mayor: Okay. The motion is, then, on the floor, that we accept the Yadkin Valley Bid as described here and include in that motion that we complete as quickly as we can get the right-of-way and the signatures on the commitment for the funds on the residents of Chris and Jacki, we include that, and get it done as quickly as possible. That's what the motion is, is that correct?

Ms. Mabe: Yes....Yes.

Mayor: Any further discussion? Now, is council willing to want to consider the recommendation that we use the additional funds available to pave additional footage on Jones Road? The 1600-feet would get us – still about a 1,000 foot from the end....That's about twenty.....

Mr. Bell: .....Actually, I think I ..... If you accept the Yadkin Valley, I think we can get another, I think, it's at least 1,500-feet, which would be a total of 23 – which is within a few hundred feet of the total length so it'll be almost completely paved.

Mayor: When you say to the total, you're not talking about where it turns to go down to the.....

Mr. Bell: .....Not down.....not down.....all the way to that little.....

Mayor: .....You're talking about .....all the way .....to the end .....where it makes the curve .....and then goes straight .....okay? On Jones, not on Pack?

Mr. Bell: .....Yes. No, sir – not Pack.. Jones, yes, sir.

Mayor: ....Okay. We're not looking to pave Pack. I see what you're saying. How do you feel about that, council?

Ms. Welch: That's fine.

Mr. Hester: Go.

Ms. Mabe: My goal is to get things done in this town.

Mayor: Okay – so you're saying pave as much as we can on Jones, even if we could complete all of Jones?

Ms. Mabe: .....Yes.....Yes.....

Mayor: .....Okay.....all right..... As much that we have in the budget of the \$75,000? Okay. Any further discussion? That would leave no fund allocated for Chris and Jacki in this budget year but that would come from the funds ..... of July 1.

Ms. Mabe: .....For the next.....Yes. July 1. But our goal is to get our streets taken care of and we're trying to get that done so – we've not used money in the past. We're going to use money now!

**MOTION REPEATED FROM ABOVE FOR VOTING:**

**MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE YADKIN VALLEY BID AS DESCRIBED HERE TO PAVE JONES ROAD, DEPOT STREET, LEIGHT STREET AND SNIDER STREET ALONG WITH AN ADDITIONAL 800-FEET OF JONES ROAD USING**

**YADKIN VALLEY BID AND INCLUDE THAT WE COMPLETE AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN GET THE RIGHT-OF-WAY AND THE SIGNATURES ON A COMMITMENT FOR THE FUNDS FROM THE RESIDENTS OF CHRIS DRIVE AND JACKI LANE**

**BY: BRENDA MABE**  
**SECOND: WAYNE HESTER**  
**VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mayor: You see that Sitka and Ola are private roads and these would have to be accepted to the town system. The council can accept them at any time. When you say private roads, is this like the right-of-way has to be deeded also, like you spoke on the other or what???

Mr. Bell: I haven't done any investigation – they could be. They're similar to Chris in that they're not a D.O.T. road and they're not a town road as far as the records we have show. We'll have to dig into it and see if it's a situation which – that's an odd sort of situation – I'm thinking – I wouldn't think this would be exactly like it. I think it's probably in one or the other but it's mislabeled or something so we will dig into that.

Mayor: All right. So do ya'll want to instruct the manager to do something on these two roads? Sitka and Ola?

Ms. Mabe: Well, on a private road, do these roads meet state standard?

Mr. Bell: I don't know the answer to that. They may have -- When they – they need some repairs so they're not up to current standards. Currently, when they were built, I can't answer whether the met standards or not. They may have.

Ms. Mabe: I'm concerned with private roads because some of them are very small – they're like a driveway and then they're in a development and some of the people don't want to give up their yards so I think we need to make sure before we agree to take private roads. I suggest we do them one at a time. Don't just "blank" and say we take all the private roads.

Mayor: It appears we need more information on Sitka and Ola.

Ms. Mabe: Yes. I cannot just say let's do that.

Mayor: Melvin Lane? This is a state D.O.T. maintained road. Why will the state not pay for this?

Ms. Mabe: Yes?

Mr. Bell: It is on their list. I'm waiting for a call-back. The guy was digging up what the priority number is – they go in priority. But if you have a large paving project up front or many larger roads up front, I don't know how - I mean, there's no guarantee of how long it'll take. We can choose to request that it be put in the town system but we have to wait til the next cycle, which starts in January, is when they collect information for which roads you want to shift between D.O.T. and the town.

Ms. Mabe: Is there any way we can encourage D.O.T. to move that street up on their list?

Mr. Bell: Sure. They can be encouraged...but..... I mean, that's.....

Mayor: .....We don't even know where it is on the roster, right?

Mr. Bell: ....No. We don't know where it is at all. But now, normally, the D.O.T. will let the town take a road, particularly if it's a gravel road – they'll probably bring it over ..... In a silver tray.....

Mr. Hester: .....But.....would it ..... benefit the town?

Ms. Mabe: .....But.....this is ..... supposed to be paid by the ..... state.

Mr. Hester: .....Would it benefit the town in any way as far as Powell Bill goes to take over Melvin Lane?

Mr. Bell: .....We would get some additional funds but if the town intends to pave it then it would be the immediate impact would be negative and then it would pay over time through the Powell Bill funds.

Mayor: We would get additional funds because of the mileage; however, the additional paving would be far, far outweigh any additional mileage we'd gain. But in the long run, it would be a town road and we would get it paved although we \_\_\_\_\_ I mean, that would come through the town's funds.

Mr. Hester: .....So we'd be better off..... to encourage D.O.T. or try to .....

Mr. Bell: .....It may ..... It may depend on the priority. If it's coming up soon, we might be better off waiting until they pave it and then.....

Mayor: .....Well.....Let's determine before next meeting when that Melvin Lane is..... Let's get the priority. **We're ready to make a decision on that at the June meeting.** And, Bell, if you would, let us know what the priority is on Melvin Lane on the D.O.T. list – where it falls.

Okay. That takes care of the paving. Now, this paving will be done right away, on these four roads?

Mr. Bell: They had estimates from one to two weeks to get started but they estimated it'll take less than a week to do the work so... it should be by the middle of June unless they get a delay – but should be by the end – I told them we wanted it done by the end of June if at all possible

Mayor: I think the – I don't know if the council notices or not – but I think ever who does the paving ought to see if they can't do some patching, paving or something right there in front of town hall ---

Ms. Welch: That was the state???

Mr. Bell: That was a real thin skin coat put on and then it was sealed and we're going to have to look at paving that not too many years down the road.

Mayor: Potholes need to be patched if we're not going to pave. That may be for this time but... Okay. Anything else on the paving?

Ms. Welch: How about Sitka and Ola?

Mayor: That's what we said we'd leave for...

Mr. Hester: .....Check on the.....whether.....

Ms. Welch: .....Oh.....Okay.....

Mayor: .....We're going to check to see what the status is.

Ms. Welch: .....Okay..... Check..... I knew we said Melvin...

Mayor: .....Melvin – we'll make a decision in June.

Ms. Mabe: .....That's what we said.

Ms. Welch: .....Very good..... That'll be great.

3. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**

**"THE HAVEN AT HANLEY PARK"**

Forsyth County (Not Walkertown) - Rezoning Issue

Property at end of Swain Lane and Rock Lane

**DISCUSSION:**

Mayor: What's .....? Bell? McKinnie? Someone want to bring us up to speed here? Amy?? Anybody??

Mr. Bell: It's a development that's coming before the Forsyth County Planning Board next month and the Planning Staff has a process by which they identify cases like this that are just outside in our do-nut holes or somebody else's and they get it to the town for the council to consider and they also copy the Planning Board and Peggy's been actively involved with Aaron – she knows more about it than we do judging from the questions she's asked.

Mayor: Well, I noticed on here – wasn't it some point that the developers said they planned to ask for annexation? Is it being built to our standards with curb and gutter?

Ms. Mabe: Yes. It is.

Mr. Bell: It appears that it is. He had a question whether we could actually require that but the county has now adopted I think the same standards on curb and gutter that we have .... Is that correct, Peggy, that all the buffers and curb and gutters seem to be identical?

Peggy Leight:

Ms. Welch: Did they say how much land was actually in that plot? It goes from Swain Lane back of Rocky Lane over to.....

Ms. Leight: Three point eight something acres.....

Mayor: Is that all??? .... That don't seem like enough...

Ms. Welch: Looks to me like it would be more than that and I drove it today!

DISCUSSION THEN REVOLVED AROUND LOOKING AT THE HAVEN AT HANLEY PARK MAP AND TRYING TO DETERMINE THE ACREAGE AND POSITION AND ETC.

Ms. Welch: You know where the zoning sign is?? At Jack Duggins' driveway on Swain Lane!! That's the only zoning sign!!!!

IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THERE WERE 11.4 ACRES IN SINGLE-FAMILY AND 3.8 ACRES IN MULTI-FAMILY. TOTAL – 15.2 ACRES.

Mayor: Peggy, do you have any information on the value of the houses they plan to put up?

Ms. Leight: No, sir! The only thing I know is what I looked up on the internet – after Lynn emailed me. It's only been then that I knew anything about this – this week.

Mr. Hester: They said \$150K to \$250K.

Ms. Welch: Then they're a little more expensive than the ones in Hanley Park – the first phase.

Mr. Hester: Well, what I was told it would be \$150,000 up. And I was told 15 acres.

Ms. Mabe: My concern is outside our limits, we have no say-so.

Mayor: Well, the county is asking us for our input – that's what this is all about. They're asking so they'll..... I don't know..... I don't know if they'll listen or not.....

Ms. Mabe: .....No ....My concern is..... That's why I'm pushing – I know we don't have "*forced annexation*" but we need to take some of these areas in to protect what we already have here.

Mayor: Wayne said that they are willing to come in – that's not the question.

Ms. Mabe: Well, I think we need to send a letter out to the citizens of Walkertown who's not in Walkertown who's laying out there between Walkertown and Winston – please let us know if you want to come in and we'll be glad to accept you. But we've got to do something!

Mr. Hester: The person that's developing this just mentioned to me that he was going through Forsyth County. Forsyth County, he thought was approving it or was going to approve it. Do you know if that's right, Peggy?

Ms. Leight: \_\_\_\_\_

Ms. Welch: She don't know....

Mr. Hester: And he said it was going to be approved and he had – he would rather come in to Walkertown. He said he would put the land there for annexation into Walkertown. The homes were going to be from \$150,000 to \$225,000 or \$250,000. Said it would be a good tax base – and he would be glad – he'd rather have it – the sewer's already in that area, he said.....

Ms. Leight: .....Already Walkertown sewer.....

Mr. Hester: .....And he's got Walkertown.....So he said he'd rather come in and let Walkertown get the tax base and he would be annexed into Walkertown and they would go ahead and do that before they even did this stuff. He said there's one home built down there already and it has a tax value of about \$250,000 and they were going to leave that house there. It was not going to be moved or destroyed.

Ms. Welch: Is that the one on Rocky Lane?

Mr. Hester: I don't know.... He said it was down in that area where they're going to be developing.....

Ms. Mabe: Well, we can take him in right now but once that land is sold --- it'll be a little bit --- I think we need to go ahead and take it in if he's willing to voluntarily come in.

Mr. Hester: He said that if we would contact him then he would come and ask for annexation into the Town of Walkertown.

Ms. Mabe: Then I think we need to contact him.

Mayor: What are the multi-family? Tell us about those.

Wayne, do you know anything about those?

Mr. Hester: No.

Mayor: We need more information.....

Mr. Hester: That's what I would like to do is have more information....

Mayor: .....I don't – there's not enough information to make a statement on.....

Lynn: At one time, I was told they were going to build more townhomes and they wanted to hook up with the townhomes that are already built off Rocky Branch.....

Ms. Mabe: .....Because those are not in town.

Mayor: .....Just the two-story – they wouldn't be more than two story?

Ms. Mabe: No.

Lynn: No. I don't think they'd be more than two-story but that's something that needs to be found out real quick.

Mr. Hester: He could come to the council meeting and tell what it's going to be and ask for annexation at the same time, I think --- ***if*** we wanted to do that.

Mayor: We definitely need something more to study than this. I can't do a lot of studying on this map.

Ms. Mabe: Well, I can't see this and I would like to know what the value of the homes are and what size.

Mayor: When is Forsyth County supposed to consider this?

Mr. Bell: The Staff is meeting tomorrow to prepare their recommendation and I'm not quite sure when they meet. Do you know when they meet???

Ms. Leight: The City-County Planning Board would have to review it first and they meet the second \_\_\_\_\_ in June.....and then it would go to the county whenever they put it on the agenda.

Mayor: Has the Planning Board here even discussed this at all?

Ms. Leight: No. I only heard about it this week.

Ms. Mabe: To get to these homes, they have to use our streets to get there, is that correct?

Ms. Leight: .....Swain Lane and Rock Lane.

Ms. Mabe: And this is my question. We need to do something. We need to be looking at areas that we're going to have problems with. And I think it is time we start looking and be in control of what we put there.

Mayor: What do we want to do in the way of getting the information or advising Forsyth County Commissioners or Planning Board? What is your advice for them at this point?

Mr. Bell: We can request that we get a copy of the Staff Report and I don't know if they would release that.

Mayor: Why don't we get a copy of the Staff Report and see what they're doing because right now we can't tell. Ya'll agreeable with that?

Ms. Mabe: But the only problem is – they're going to be using our streets to get in and out.....

Mr. Hester: Would you like to have the developer come here and tell what he's.....

Ms. Mabe: .....I would like to hear something from him.....

Ms. Welch: .....That or the Planning Board one.....

Mayor: .....We need a copy of the Staff Report of the actual plan says and I believe Ms. McKinnie said that Aaron would not be available next meeting.....

Lynn: He's getting married.....

Mayor: .....I think if he could give us some input between now and next meeting – maybe if he could come, we could have a special meeting to discuss this.....

Ms. Mabe: .....It's important ..... because..... this..is.....

Mayor: .....Because it is worthwhile – us meeting on it. So if you could contact Aaron and see what the score is – if he could.....

Lynn: .....Well, why not let him talk at the Planning Board meeting – maybe he could bring his information to that and answer.....

Mayor: .....That would be good!  
Mr. Hester: .....What date is the Planning Board meeting?  
Lynn: June 5<sup>th</sup> ---- at 3:00 .....  
Mayor: Why don't you see if Aaron can come to the Planning Board meeting so he can give us some information? Is that good enough with ya'll, council?  
EVERYONE AGREED IT WAS.

4. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**

RESOLUTION #07-\_\_\_\_\_  
TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH NC-DOT TO OBTAIN FEDERAL FUNDS TO IMPROVE THE RAILROAD CROSSING AT LEIGHT STREET AND MAIN STREET

**DISCUSSION:**

Mayor: Couple of questions I had on this. It says we would be responsible for 10% of any and all expenses incurred in the planning, design, and installation. Then we would be responsible for 100% of the costs not reimbursed by the Federal Highway Administration. Do we have any idea what we're talking about in the funds here?

Mr. Bell: At this point, they have just a rough estimate as the \$150,000 of the total cost which would leave us with \$15,000 on the total of our share but what would happen is if the council approves entering into the agreement tonight they'll work up the details, the engineering studies and do a detailed estimate and at that point in time they would come back to the town and say okay, here's a more accurate estimate of what it's going to cost.. Do you want to proceed? Now, the catch in it is and it's hard to know but the engineer I talked to estimated that the engineering studies that they would do which, let me back up, if they do the studies and we opt out later when we find out what the real cost is, we'd have to pay for the engineering studies.

Mayor: Why do we need engineering studies – if they're going to put an arm.....? I don't understand it. They put arms at thousands of crossings; why do we need to have a study? I don't understand that.

Mr. Bell: Not a study – the engineering design – they have to – they'll study and determine how to build it is what I mean. It's a design. It's just engineering work they have to do and determine if they're going to recommend arms or flashing lights – that sort of thing. But they estimated that engineering work could cost \$12,000 to \$15,000 so if the council approves going ahead tonight – we are sort of on the hook – we may be on the hook for \$12,000 to \$15,000, maybe less, but if they go ahead and build it and our share is \$15,000, then it's about a wash. Because if they build it then our total is just the 10%. So essentially tonight the council would be approving an amount, you know, going ahead and after tonight, even if we continued, it would only cost us a few thousand more, most likely. So .....

Mayor: .....Well.....What.....I guess.....I'm just a little --- the ambiguous wording to me is we'll pay 100% of the costs not reimbursed by the Federal Highway Administration so D.O.T. is really not paying anything!

Ms. Mabe: No!

Mayor: .....I'm a little concerned.....

Mr. Bell: .....It's a Federal Safety Program, yeah, and D.O.T. is just ---- the money's coming to D.O.T. and they're administering it so it isn't actually state funds, it's federal funds.

Mayor: But is it going to be one of these deals where, well, we didn't have any funds this year. We're stuck with \$150,000 – that's my concern.

Mr. Bell: .....No.....No – this is on the list and it's on the top of the list with the studies they've done of all of the crossings and they've said, okay, this one it is priority.

Mayor: I'm not against having a signal – I just want to know the cost. That's my concern. I want to know what we're going to pay!

Ms. Mabe: Yeah. And, why?

Mr. Bell: The other option is to – three options, really. To proceed with this as is; to proceed and close the crossing which eliminates any accidents because no cross; but then they did have a caveat in that the town should consult with their attorney in terms of any liability if we didn't take the money to put up the warning signals and then there was an accident and somebody was injured. Amy looked at that.

Amy Lanning: You may have seen in the letter that was written – they said if you decide not to accept this, then they suggest you talk to your attorney about possible liability. I'm not sure if they just said that to kind of just cover themselves.....

Mayor: .....I'm sure they said it to scare us!!

Ms. Lanning: .....I mean, I couldn't find anything to suggest that you would be more liable because you said no, we don't want to do this right now. I'm not sure if they're basing that on anything at all. I couldn't find anything that suggested that it made you more liable than you are now. People have a responsibility to stop and look at all railroad crossings as motorists and trains/railroads have a duty to ring their bell and all that. I couldn't find anything that suggested it would make you more liable because you decided not to do it!

Mayor: I understand what they're saying because we have an opportunity to put up warning lights or arm or whatever they want to use and we was negligent by not voting for it. I understand what they're saying but let me get one thing clear. If we decide to go forward tonight, and they did the – whatever plan they were doing – the expenses they incurred in planning and the design of the installation – the most we would pay is 10% of that? I mean, if we came back and they said it's going to be – this part of it is going to be \$10,000 and the whole thing is going to be \$150,000, we said we don't want to go that much, then the most we'd pay would be \$10,000 of the design – I mean, 10% of the design?

Mr. Bell: .....That's correct..... No – we'd pay the \$10,000 - -- the money they had to spend to get to that point – the \$10,000 in that case.

Mayor: .....So it changes from the 10% - we'd pay the full amount at that point.....

Mr. Bell: .....Well, yeah.....10% of the project of the full amount of the engineering if we don't do the project.....

Mayor: .....Well, that's not what this reads – it says 10% of any and all expenses incurred in the planning, design and installation of the protective device.....

Mr. Bell: .....That's assuming we proceed with the project, yes.

Mr. Hester: If it goes all the way through.....

Mr. Bell: .....If we proceed with it but then the out clause basically is that we at that point when we get the detailed estimates that we would if we decline we would only owe them for the engineering costs. One other point I forgot to mention – this is Powell Bill eligible. We can use Powell Bill funds.

Mayor: Okay. And we see here that this requires us to pay 50% of the annual operating expense .....

Ms. Mabe: .....That's what it says.....

Mayor: .....And our share of that is supposed to be twelve hundred ---- what do you have.....what do we do to operate that?

Mr. Bell: That seems high.....I don't know.....

Mayor: .....I don't understand that our share would be \$1,290 a year..... to operate a signal.....

Mr. Bell: .....Yeah – I don't know where they --- it's one of their standard, you know, they plug in some standard numbers until they do the engineering – it seems high to me – I don't know what they'd have to do – some grease and some electricity ought to do it, but.....

Mayor: Okay, council. What do you want to do with the railroad crossing?

Mr. Hester: Is this something that we have to do tonight – either approve or disapprove or can we put it off to get more information?

Mr. Bell: We do have about thirty days in which to respond. Now, that's from the start. Now, I can check – it may be that they can extend it but we did.....

Mr. Hester: .....I'd like to extend it.....

Mayor: .....It's been going on for about --- they've been talking about doing it for three or four years.

Mr. Hester: But this is the first we've had on it as far as the cost.....

Mayor: .....Yeah, this is the actual – when they're really getting down ---- which they normally would not bring it to our attention until they got ready to do it. But we had a letter, I'd say, two or three years ago, Ms. McKinnie – wouldn't you say – when they planned to do it?.....

Ms. Welch: .....Yeah.....

Lynn: .....Yes.....It seems.....

Mayor: .....When it first got on the radar and now it's come to fruition that they're going to do it.

Mr. Hester: Can we continue it and have the town manager check and see where the yearly upkeep would be – how it would come out to be \$1250 or.....?

Mr. Bell: .....At this point, I'm not sure they could give us a better number until they do the engineering work to see what they're going to install lights versus arms and things. I can check and see where they got that number from and we only --- the wording in the letter says we have 60 days to – we need to tell them within 60 days if we're going to decline it.....

Mayor: .....What's the date of that?

Mr. Bell: The 19<sup>th</sup> of April ..... so then we're looking at like, the.....like .....three weeks.....

Mr. Hester: .....19<sup>th</sup> of June.....

Mayor: Well, it would have to be before the next meeting if we're going to decline it. It needs to be tonight.....

Ms. Lanning: It seems to me the way it's worded that if you need a little more time, then you could probably ask them – I don't think it gives you a time limit of 60 days – to have to permanently stay locked into it. I don't think it reads that way!

Mr. Bell: I think she's right. I think the problem, though, is if the council doesn't act tonight and for some reason move on..... I agree with Amy – it seems to be saying, let us know if you don't want it and get in touch within 60 days. I didn't ask him and he didn't say specifically make sure you get back to me so I feel like they would but I guess we could always have the option of a special meeting if the council wanted to act but .....

Mayor: You said the other option is to close the crossing?

Mr. Bell: Yes. One of the other options would be to just close it. Now, that's – they actually – they would have to study that and concur that it was a reasonable action to take. Apparently, they have wording in there saying they would – if it was – if it was feasible, I think – yeah --- *If feasible, this crossing could be closed under this project.* In other words would help pay for the closing.

Mayor: Okay. And the third one is to decline the project.

Mr. Bell: Now, if the project is declined, it gets back and they review it as they have been and so my assumption would be would pop back up pretty quickly but they don't say anything about penalty points for not taking it when they offer it. But it still should be fairly high on the priority and might be available at some point but I don't know if there is a guarantee for that.

Mayor: All right. We need to face this one. What do you want to do, council? Do you want to go forward with the engineering study, with the design, first phase? Do you want to decline it? Do you want to drop the whole thing? Need to make a decision.....

Mr. Hester: I say go forward with the first phase of it.

Ms. Welch: Right.

**MOTION: TO MOVE FORWARD WITH PHASE I – DESIGN PHASE – WALKERTOWN WOULD PAY INITIAL ESTIMATE OF APPROXIMATELY \$15,000**  
**BY: WAYNE HESTER**  
**SECOND: SARAH WELCH**  
**VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BEFORE THE VOTE:**

Ms. Mabe: Have we had any accidents at this location? ...With no more traffic flow that we have through there.....

Mr. Hester: I don't know but it's quite a bit.....

Larry Bolden: You've got down here, now I understand, \$150,000 roughly cost for an engineer to come out and tell you you need to put up a....

Mayor: .....No....no.....no.....no! That's the cost....

Mr. Hester: .....That's total cost of the whole development if they develop it.

Mayor: \$150,000 is for the signal – whatever they estimate that to be the cost of the entire project.....

Mr. Bolden: .....You also have one right there on Salem Road where it comes across at the Shell Service Station – old Shell station – you mean to tell me that thing cost \$150,000??

Mayor: I don't know..... I don't know. That's why I was so shocked about the price of \$150,000 on that one!

Ms. Leight: Do we pay on that one?

Lynn: Yes. We do.....

Mayor: Just like I'm shocked that it costs \$1,290 a year for our portion to maintain it..

Ms. Leight: Well, how much do we pay on that one?

Lynn: One-oh-five-eight-point-fifty (\$1,058.50)

Ms. Welch: And we've been paying that every year, too.

Mayor: Do what?

Ms. Welch: I thought we were paying fifteen hundred a year to maintain.....

Mayor: .....Nope ---- it's a thousand-something a year we pay – maintenance.....

Mr. Hester: .....Well, when was that done? ..... That was done in what year?.....

Lynn: .....Oh, that was done long before I came here and I've been here going on 11 years.....

Mr. Hester: ....Yeah..... So the cost would've been a lot less then so it's not that much more now.

Lynn: Well, I didn't think the \$1290 was that much out of line.....

Mr. Hester: .....Right..... Well, I make a motion that we go forward with it.

Mayor: We've got a motion and second on the floor. All in favor of going forward with Phase 1 of this – this is not approving of doing the project – Phase 1 of the design.....raise your hands. Okay, it's unanimous. Go forward with that, Ms. McKinnie, Ron.

5. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**

**HISTORICAL COMMITTEE**

Council to furnish one name of committee member

**DISCUSSION**

Ms. Mabe: Okay – if you haven't given Lynn your name, you need to give it to her this week. Has everybody given you their name, Lynn?

Lynn: No.

Mayor: We said last..... month that..... each councilmember .....would select..... a person .....to serve.....

Ms. Mabe: .....Okay.....Before the next meeting.....

Before we have..... the next meeting.....I would encourage.....you to give Ms. McKinnie.....

Mayor: .....I have mine ---- Mr. Jumper.....

Ms. Mabe: .....I have mine.....Wayne Mabe.....

Mr. Landreth: I haven't given one yet – I'll get it to Lynn this week.

Ms. Welch: Jane Morris.....

Mr. Hester: I've got a name but I don't have the approval yet of that person so I'm going to hold off until I get it.....

Ms. Mabe: .....But you'll tell Lynn?

Mayor: I would like to recommend that we go forward with this and organize this committee as quickly as possible. And, Ralph, if you and

Wayne would let Ms. McKinnie know your selected person that has agreed to serve.....

Mr. Hester: I will let her know before this time next week.....

Mayor: .....You can set up a meeting in the very near future.....so we can get the plans made for the Sullivantown house.

Mayor: Okay, council. You good for that, council?

Everybody good for those names? Anybody have a problem with any of those names?

NO ALL AROUND....

6. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**

**SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS APPLICATION FOR FUNDS**

(Walkertown Warriors)

.....Council Member Sarah Welch

**DISCUSSION:**

Ms. Welch: You know the Walkertown Warriors came and introduced themselves but we didn't go into details what we'd give to them. So I was at their fundraiser Saturday night – I didn't know it, but anyway, I was – and I was talking to one of the coaches and I told them what we needed would be their statement of their expenses and revenues and what-have-you. And I thought they'd come tonight but they said they were playing ball. Ms. McKinnie got a memo from them and she sent their statement to us through email – their revenues, their donations and fundraisers. And I think Lynn made everybody a copy, didn't you? Okay. Which you should have in your hand. And I just want to tell them that we hadn't forgotten them – didn't really know that they were going to come forth this quick. Now, the spaghetti dinner – didn't say that on the sign – but the Walkertown Civic Club did it for them and they put down here that they got \$925 Saturday night for that.

Mayor: All right. Anything ya'll want to do tonight, council?  
What are you proposing, Ms. Welch?

Ms. Welch: Do we want.....you asked the last time if we heard from them and do we want to go ahead and administer some funds or bring.....? Course they still lack a lot of funds yet for their tournament and that's the biggest thing that they're doing. What did we give the other people? We've given the Little League at least \$500, haven't we?

Lynn: Yes. We have given them about \$5,000 in money and we paid..... I gave everyone a copy of the amounts given to each group.....

Ms. Welch: .....Yes. We got it one time in our packet.

Ms. Mabe: .....And we also passed a resolution about something they filled out – or something.....

Mayor: .....Yeah..... She's talking about the application. I think as soon as they complete the application.....

Ms. Welch: .....Well, Lynn sent that to them through email today, too.....

Mayor: .....Okay..... I feel like we ought to give them an opportunity to complete their application and at that time – I think the council is willing to do something but I believe we need to follow suit, don't you agree, Amy? We need to go ahead get our application completed and.....

Ms. Lanning: ....Yes..... Wait for the application.

Ms. Welch: .....Well..... They didn't ask me ..... I just was talking to them. I didn't realize it was their fundraiser until I saw all these young people there with Warrior ---- .....

Mayor: .....I didn't know it either..... Okay. So what we're going to say on that is hold off until we receive their application, is that correct?

CONSENSUS OF COUNCIL – AGREE TO HOLD OFF UNTIL RECEIVE APPLICATION.

Ms. Welch: And they have those now – they have the Grant Application and the Financial Support.

Mayor: And this would be recreation funds?

Ms. Mabe/Ms. Welch: Yes....Yes....

Mayor: We have not received any applications yet, is that correct, Ms. McKinnie?

Lynn: We have not received any.

7. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY HOT DOG DAY!!!**

**DISCUSSION:**

Mayor: Hot dog day! At our work session, we spoke of having this at the town center area. I've since talked to Wesley Hutchins, who said that they had reserved the park on that day, originally, at the church – and we had asked the church if they would be willing to allow us to have it as a town since we wanted to do something on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July day – and they agreed to do that. The church said they would be glad to let the town do it. I'm speaking of the Sunday School class at Love's that usually does this for their church. They would still be invited to participate as normal. My question to you, council, is due to the short time, we have no plans for rainy day that date – would you be wanting – willing – to accept the reservations they have at the park, if they're willing to work with us and they said they would and let's have it at the park that day on the 4<sup>th</sup> and cook hot dogs and maybe have abbreviated music? We'd first said maybe have community choirs – I don't know if that's really feasible in this short time.....

Ms. Welch: .....Well, Ms. Beth got the letter from Mr. Wagoner and she read it to the choir last Wednesday night and she said she'd be glad to lead it if he wanted to play.... And get as many as we could.....

Mayor: ....Well..... We could have it – we could see what we could work out – I don't know how that'll come together but I feel like we – I – need to recommend that we move it to the park.

Ms. Welch: That's a better idea – right now.

Mayor: I think so. It's a little premature to have something on our grounds since we don't have.....a shelter yet because maybe by next year we .....

Ms. Mabe: .....We're not ready for ---- .....

Ms. Welch: .....That's right.....

Mr. Hester: .....Hadn't been cleared --- no shelter.....

Mayor: .....What's your .....?

Ms. Mabe: .....I recommend that we go with the park.

Mayor: .....Okay. Park. We've got a few things – many of the choir members probably have a few more birthdays under their belt and the heat without a shelter would not be good!

Ms. Welch: .....No, it will not.....

Mayor: .....So..... Everybody willing to go to the park?

Ms. Mabe: Yep.

COUNCIL AGREED BY NODDING HEADS.

Mayor: Okay..... We've got Ms. McKinnie – if you'll look in your worksheet, back here at the back, you've got a worksheet – that she's been contacting. We need to set a budget for this item.

Lynn: I have talked to T.W. Garner about some hot sauce and maybe some chili and whatever else I can get. I've talked to Food Lion and they've said they would work with me on hot dogs, buns – and she said we could probably get the drinks there cheaper than Cheerwine or Pepsi or Coke – They quoted me \$6.00 a case and Food Lion said she could do \$5.00. And Lay's chips quoted me \$10 for 44 small bags but the lady there said she buys hers at Sam's for about \$9.62 for 50 bags – you can get more for less there. But I just need to know about how many hot dogs to plan for ---. Wesley said he started out with about 200 people but it has dwindled down now.

Mayor: I would imagine we'd have quite a few more than that.

Lynn: Okay. And I needed a sample "flyer" so I just did a little quickie up ---

Mr. Hester: Would Food Lion be willing to work with us on the hot dogs if we had several that we didn't use – could we return them?

Lynn: I didn't ask about that – we didn't get that far – but I don't think that they would take any back once you walk out of the store.....

Mayor: .....I doubt if you would be able to – once you took them out, I don't think you could take them back.

Mr. Hester: Hopefully, we'll run out!!

Mayor: We'll eat the things!!!!

Mr. Hester: Doc can take care of all the excess!!!

Mayor: I've never had that problem!!! Amy – you are required to attend!

Ms. Lanning: I'll be on my honeymoon!!!

Mr. Hester: Well, let's just say that all council members and the mayor will be available to Ms. McKinnie to help her and follow up and to check on anything that she wants us to.

Lynn: Well, right now – I really need to know how to judge how many hot dogs.....

Mayor: .....Well, we'll come up with a number within the next week or so – let's get a feel. I'd say about 400-500.....

Lynn: Good. I had told her we'd need probably around 500.....a good round number.....

Ms. Welch: .....That's what I would've said.....

Ms. Mabe: ....That's a safe number.....

Mayor: .....Tom Lane has agreed to bring his grill and we can cook hot dogs faster on that. He'll furnish his grill and then if we need to, we can use the one at the park as well.

Ms. Mabe: ....What time we want this to start, too, the time?

Mayor: I figured – what, 4:00 ???

Mr. Hester: .....I was thinking 4:00.

Lynn: .....On the flyer, I put 4:00 to 6:00 – but just to have a time frame.....

Mr. Hester: .....Or put 4:00 until .....

Mayor: 4:00 until.....

Ms. Welch: .....Well, the park closes at 9:00.

Ms. Mabe: .....Til the hot dogs are gone.....

Mayor: .....We'll serve hot dogs until --- not just forever, but – I'd say 4:00 to 6:00.....

Welch/Hester .....Right.....Yes.....

Mayor: .....4:00 to 6:30 – something like that? 4:00 to 6:30??

Mr. Hester: .....I'd say 4:00 to 6:00 would be plenty of time. If anybody wants a hot dog, they'll be there during that time.

Lynn: ....Now, are you selling them are you giving them?

Mayor: .....No. This is the town's birthday gift!

Mr. Hester: Donation. We figure it'd be 500 – if you're selling, it would be 100!!!!

Ms. Mabe: But if you'd like to donate, we'd be glad to take your money!!! We could put a little jar out there and say if you'd like to donate a little money, the town would appreciate it!!! I'm just kidding!!!

Mayor: This is part of our recreation ----

Ms. Mabe: ....It's our celebration – a birthday!

Lynn: All right --- do you want a huge, huge birthday cake???

Mayor: Sure.....why not?!!

Mr. Hester: Is it birthday....or is it 4<sup>th</sup> of July? We could just have a patriotic cake with a flag on it!

Ms. Mabe: Well, 4<sup>th</sup> of July is a birthday ---- birthday of our country, so.....

Mayor: We'll talk about the cake --- we do need to set a budget, council!

Ms. Mabe: But we want this as a celebration. We want the people to come out and have a good time.

Mayor: Would ya'll authorize Ms. McKinnie – let's come up with a budget and give her some guidelines on that. I would guess it's probably going to be in the range of \$2,500 – that would probably be reasonable. Is that okay for her to work on that number?

Welch/Landreth/Mabe/Hester: Yes.....yes...yes...yes...

Ms. Welch: Who makes the best cake? Food Lion or Lowes?

Lynn: Oh..don't look at me!!! I was thinking Sam's – oh, wait a minute!! Wayne makes the best cakes!!!!

Mr. Hester: But I can't make one that big!!!

Mayor: Well, actually, Sharon Moore/Warfield(?) makes the best cake.

Mr. Hester: You just lost out on my cake from now on!!!

Mayor: Okay. Any other things concerning the 4<sup>th</sup> of July that we need to think about? Wayne and I will get with Phil and Ms. McKinnie and discuss.....

Mr. Hester/Ms. Mabe: ...The music.....the music???

Mayor: Yeah, the music. I don't think we need to have a large scale but we do want to have as much participation as possible.

Ms. Welch: .....He's already sent the music out.....  
 Mayor: .....Well, that's great but I don't want him to feel like we're going .....

Ms. Welch: .....It's not many pieces.....  
 Mayor: .....I think he said it's like three or four.... something like that. And they're great – perfect for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July he shared with me.....

Ms. Mabe: .....And we might come up with some more ideas between now and then..... Right now, we're just putting some preliminaries together and have some things.....  
 Mayor: .....Let me encourage the council to get their ideas – let Ms. McKinnie be the gathering point for those ideas and let's go forward and get the word out to our people – 4:00 to 6:00 on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. We're cooking hot dogs for the town.....and don't forget your aprons that day, council. We are serving the town that day, council!  
 Ms. Mabe: .....Town birthday party!!!

8. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

- **APRIL, 2007**

**DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Hester: The financial statements are here for you to look at. They are basic, just as usual, and I make a motion we accept them.

**MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE APRIL, 2007 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS PRESENTED BY THE TOWN CLERK**

**BY: WAYNE HESTER**

**SECOND: BRENDA MABE**

**VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mayor: The one thing Ms. McKinnie did discuss – her and Wayne discussed – maybe changing some bank accounts. Did ya'll do anything on that?

Mr. Hester: Have a meeting next week.

Mayor: They're just looking to simplifying some of our banking issues and I think everybody's in favor of making it easier for her...

9. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**  
**FIRE STATION BUILDING**

**DISCUSSION:**

Mayor: We need to decide – we purchased that building two months ago, March/April? We need to decide – we'll be getting...probably closing some time – when we going to close on that, Amy?

Ms. Lanning: We haven't set a date yet.

Mayor: Got us a deed yet?

Ms. Lanning: No. Did I ? Come to think of it, I sent it over for them to look at. But they have asked for an extension but I think that – do you have some things in there that need to come out as well, in the building? Or does somebody have.....?

Lynn: .....Barry has almost everything out – it wouldn't take him a day to finish up.

Ms. Lanning: .....He's almost got everything out?? I think they're waiting to find out when everything is going to be removed. They don't want to close on it anyway until.....

Mayor: .....So Rumburg doesn't want to close right now?

Ms. Lanning: .....Well, they're ready to close soon --- they just wanted to make sure everything was removed first – before they closed on it. So if I could get an idea of when that's going to be. I think they had heard it was going to be a little while but maybe they just heard wrong. Or maybe it just got conveyed to their attorney wrong, then.

Mayor: Probably, I would say – sometime middle of June, we should be ready.

Mr. Bell: They were actually wanting to not move quite as fast. Barry has most of the stuff out and they weren't quite ready to move as fast. We set a time frame of 30 days in the original document and she was saying they weren't quite ready \_\_\_\_\_ .....

Ms. Lanning: .....No.....

Mayor: .....That's fine. I've got to talk to her tomorrow. I'll ask her tomorrow.

Ms. Lanning: .....So, I know they still need to do, according to their attorney, some due diligence items. At least that is what he said. I've never talked to the Rumburgs directly so I don't know. This is just what I hear from their attorneys. I mean, they have to do title work and things like that so maybe somebody can find out.

Mayor: ....Due diligence should have already been done, I would think.

Ms. Lanning: I don't know how much they've got done. When I talked to their attorney, they didn't seem to know what they had done. They had asked us for some information and I told them I didn't think you had surveys and all that because you purchased it from the fire department a while ago so there's no reason you'd have all that. They would have to do whatever they wanted to do on their own. It didn't seem like they had really discussed it all that much with their attorney and their attorney is the only one I've spoken with. You guys might probably know more than I do.

Mayor: I'll follow up with them tomorrow and see where we stand – see what kind of date they want to shoot for but we're really subject to go any time.

Ms. Lanning: And it won't take any time to do Walkertown's side.

Ms. Welch: Didn't Barry say today, Lynn, that he's already got it in a little cage.

Lynn: Yep. He did.

Mayor: The question remains, Council, depending on when we close, the old fire station building, next to the warehouse is leased until the end of July. Is that correct, Ms. McKinnie? The end of July. Do you want to – we've not advised them of a date – we've not given them notice that we would or would not renew the lease, even on part or all or anything. I don't know if he's planning on using part of it but I did have a meeting two weeks ago with Sheriff Schatzman, who is proposing that we put a substation in Walkertown. And no longer would they be hidden in the back but we looked at moving it to the front in the old fire station building – plate glass and \_\_\_\_\_ .....

Ms. Mabe: .....Yes. And that's exactly.....Yes..... And that's where it needs.....

Mayor: .....and that's what he's proposing – a number of deputies would be there. They're running out of space downtown so they're going to go to outlying offices throughout the county and different districts in the county. Walkertown would be one of them. And it would be anywhere from two to six. It could grow into even having a detective – I don't know. But right now, that's what he is proposing. And this would probably be – earliest date would be in September.

Ms. Mabe: .....And I think we need to go ahead and get moving on that.

Mayor: .....What they would be looking for is us to provide the space; they would provide the upfit and this would be – this is very tentative as there's two or three sets of people that have to look it over and pass on it first – give their approval on it, if it's suitable for them to use. So, what's the feeling on this.....?

Ms. Mabe: .....We need to get in there and look at that room and see what needs to be done so he'll know. I think we need to go ahead and get this taken care of. If he's willing to come out this way, we need to get prepared and ready for him.

Mayor: .....I met with him a couple of weeks ago and he was very willing.

Ms. Mabe: .....Well. And I think that is a good location – a prime location – and everybody can see that so I think we need to get moving on that as soon as possible.

Mayor: You'd think that would be a deterrent to crimes since they would be more visible – out front – cars would be out front – they would be out front. They wouldn't be behind so it would be a much more visible location for the sheriff's office and that would be like a branch – a district office, with deputies there, most of the time.

Lynn: And we need to think about a place for our "traffic" deputy that we might get, also.

Ms. Welch: Yeah.

Ms. Mabe: So our deputy – he'll have a place, too. It's a good location plus people can see that and when they come by, they can be able to stop and know where it's at. Lot of people don't know it's behind – they don't know if anybody's back there. And, actually, for me, when you see something, it's better – it's in front – and more visible. And that's a nice, big room in there. I've been in that room before, and you have too, so I think we need to go look and see what needs to be done to get ready for them to move in.

Mayor: They will be telling us their feelings once their people come – their site people. I don't know who all's involved with the county but I think there's several layers, as you can imagine. So he said he'd get back in touch once they get their surveys, so – is everybody in agreement?

Mr. Hester: Yeah. And, really, you said that what they wanted us to do is just furnish us space and they would take care of.....

Ms. Mabe: .....Yeah ..... But we need to get that moved out so they can be able to look and see what they need to put in there.

Mayor: .....They can look now! .....

Mr. Hester: .....They can look.....They know what they're going to put in there ....and they .....just want.... to know if the space.....

Mayor: .....You realize that they're in there until their lease is up at the end of July.....

Ms. Mabe: .....But I don't think we need to.....

Mayor: .....But we need to go ahead and send the letter.....

Ms. Mabe: .....We need to send them a letter.....

Mayor: .....To let them know. Now, do you want to just take a half – Mr. Bowden is renting the entire building and he subleases the northern half of the building. Do you want to require all of it to be vacated...do we want just the part that we're going to be using at that time? What do you want vacated?

Ms. Mabe: I think we need the whole building...to go ahead and get planning what we plan to use. Because we've got to have a maintenance area, too.

Mayor: What's the rest of your feelings, council?

Mr. Hester: Well, at one time did we not say we would ask him if he needed another month or two, that we would work with them on that?

Mayor: Yes. We said we would.....

Mr. Hester: .....So, I think.....

Mayor: .....Brenda suggested we work toward getting the entire building.....

Mr. Hester: .....Well, we need to find out from him how much he will need, if he does need it for another month or two and then go ahead because.....

Ms. Mabe: .....But, I'm not willing to extend a year.....

Mayor: .....I think we did say we would work with him but we wouldn't just say at the end of your lease, you got to get out immediately.

Mr. Hester: .....Right.....Right.....

Ms. Mabe: .....No.....I agree that we give him time but I'm not going to extend it for a whole year.....

Mr. Hester: .....No!..... We weren't talking about a year – we just said that if he needed another month or two or.....

Ms. Mabe: .....But we need that building on this side by July.... and the rest of it.....

Mayor: .....We have a need July for that part if the Sheriff's Department plans to come, they would want to be able to start the upfit....

Ms. Mabe: .....Yes.....We need to have that.....And the rest of the building – by the end of September? That will give him plenty – three months to vacate.

Ms. Welch: .....I'm just listening right now but I think September, October ought to be giving him enough more time. But if he should need more.....

Ms. Mabe: .....But if.....we send..... a letter now to him.....that would give him June – July – August – and September. That's four months.....

Mr. Hester: .....Well, at one time.....we did say.....that we would.....we would give .....him extra time – possibly up to the end of the year, but no longer than that.

Mayor: One time we mentioned that but we never ---- He may not even need the extra time.....

Mr. Hester: .....Right.....He may not.....need it but we were going to ask if he needed it.....and if he needed to work it out through that time, we would go possibly up to then.....

Ms. Mabe: .....Wait ..... Now, remember .....we're not going to have a maintenance building.....and we got to have a place to store our stuff – so we've got to have that!

Mayor: .....Right.....Most of that's going to be in the warehouse for right now, is it not?

Lynn: .....Most of it – but some of the larger equipment will need to be stored either.....

Mr. Bell: .....But we will be in..... a situation where we don't have a place to put some of the equipment unless.....Mr. Rumburg.....

Ms. Mabe: .....But we've got to have a place for the equipment. That's a problem.....

Mayor: .....When he comes out, maybe, we'll have to work out – there's going to be a – look like – if we close by the end of June or the first of July, it's going to be probably thirty days that we don't have storage space before they can get out! So it may be - we'll just work out - I will see when they will close – be ready to close – and we can go from that – if ya'll are agreeable with that. Are ya'll agreeable with that?

Ms. Welch: Fine with me.

Ms. Mabe: But we do need to send him a letter and let him know that if possible, he'll need to vacate by the 1<sup>st</sup> of October but under the circumstances, it could be extended. We'll work with him. But I think we still need to send him a letter stating that we need this.

Mayor: I think we should probably state that the northern half of the building, including the old meeting room, would need to go by our lease agreement and that would terminate at the end of the lease, at the end of July and we would work with him on the other – the southern end of the building – on a month-to-month.....

Ms. Mabe: .....Monthly basis.....yes.....month-to-month basis, yes.....

Mayor: .....Month-to-month basis.....

Ms. Mabe: .....But we still need to let him know that we are looking for a deadline....

Mayor: .....Okay. You got all the consensus of the council members, Ms. McKinnie?

Lynn: ....I have all the comments, I think.....

Ms. Mabe: .....Thank you, Lynn.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

THIS SESSION IS FOR ANY TOPIC AND IS LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER  
WHEN SPEAKING TO ANY ITEM, PLEASE RESTRICT YOUR REMARKS TO THE SUBJECT AT HAND.

Public Session was opened and closed at 8:35 p.m. with no speakers.

**MOTION: TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION (For the purpose stated below) AT 8:36 P.M.**  
**BY: BRENDA MABE**  
**SECOND: WAYNE HESTER**  
**VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**§ 143-318.11. Closed sessions.**

(a) Permitted Purposes. – It is the policy of this State that closed sessions shall be held only when required to permit a public body to act in the public interest as permitted in this section. A public body may hold a closed session and exclude the public only when a closed session is required:

(6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee. General personnel policy issues may not be considered in a closed session. A public body may not consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, appointment, or removal of a member of the public body or another body and may not consider or fill a vacancy among its own membership except in an open meeting. Final action making an appointment or discharge or removal by a public body having final authority for the appointment or discharge or removal shall be taken in an open meeting.

**OTHER INFORMATION ATTACHED**

(1) Planning Board Meeting Minutes for May 1, 2007

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- RECYCLING in Walkertown continues every two weeks.  
**JUNE 11<sup>th</sup> AND 25<sup>th</sup> 2007**
- TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS: (4<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAYS)  
7:00 p.m. at the Walkertown Library Auditorium on:  
**FOURTH THURSDAY @ 7:00 P.M.**  
**JUNE 28**  
**JULY 26**  
**AUGUST 23**  
**SEPTEMBER 27**  
**OCTOBER 25**  
**NOVEMBER 29 – CHANGED DUE TO THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**  
**DECEMBER 20 – CHANGED DUE TO CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**

- PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS:

Library @ 3:00 p.m. On 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of month

JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>

JULY 3<sup>RD</sup>

\*DUE TO JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> HOLIDAY

AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>

SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> \*DUE TO LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup>

NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> \*DUE TO ELECTION DAY

DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>

**MOTION: TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**  
**BY: WAYNE HESTER**  
**SECOND: RALPH LANDRETH**  
**VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION: TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 9:10 P.M.**  
**BY: WAYNE HESTER**  
**SECOND: RALPH LANDRETH**  
**VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ATTEST:**

**TOWN OF WALKERTOWN:**

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**Lynn McKinnie**  
**Town Clerk**

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**Kenneth R. Davis**  
**Mayor**