



Town of Walkertown, North Carolina
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Walkertown Town Council Meeting
Walkertown Library Auditorium
THURSDAY 7:00 P.M. JULY 26, 2007

Minutes

Mayor Doc Davis called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and then said a brief invocation. Councilman Hester led the Pledge of Allegiance...

Present were Mayor Davis, Council members Wayne Hester, Ralph Landreth, Brenda Mabe, and Sarah Welch. Also present were Clerk Lynn and Town Attorney Amy Lanning.

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

Mayor Davis requested two additions to the agenda:

1. Under #2 – a gentleman, Ken Stafford from AWCK will speak on our recreation; and
2. As #13 - Discuss appointing during this interim period, Ms. McKinnie as interim town manager if she so sees fit to do that during this interim period until we get to where we're going.

Ms. Mabe wanted to add a date for the council to have a work session.

3. As #14 - To set a date for a work session meeting.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED ABOVE
BY: BRENDA MABE
SECOND: WAYNE HESTER
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF

- JUNE 28, 2007 – REGULAR MEETING
- JUNE 28, 2007 – CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS WRITTEN FOR:
JUNE 28, 2007 – REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 28, 2007 – CLOSED SESSION
BY: WAYNE HESTER
SECOND: RALPH LANDRETH
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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 and closed at 7:10 p.m. with no speakers.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

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

ANNEXATION REQUESTS:

1. BETTE FAY GARWOOD

2686 ROCKY BRANCH ROAD
BLOCK 3241 LOTS 012K AND 012N

- CERTIFICATE OF SUFFICIENCY
- RESOLUTION TO SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING
- LEGAL AD ANNOUNCING PUBLIC HEARING FOR 08/23/07

DISCUSSION:

Mayor: You have your information, Council. It looks like the clerk has certified that this is eligible to be annexed, is that correct, Ms. McKinnie?

Lynn: Yes – it is contiguous to town properties.

Mayor: I assume this goes to close the do-nut holes as we had talked before?

Lynn: No. It will close a do-nut hole – it’s right off Rocky Branch to the right – but it was set up to

Ms. Welch:At the end.....

Mr. Hester:But it would be a complete
.....Annexation.....

Lynn:annex the property.....into the town.....for building a housing.....development.....

Mayor: Okay. Is there any discussion from council?

Mr. Hester: Well, this is a complete annexation of a development – a request to annex into Walkertown. And this is one of the items that we wanted to bring up in the work session to work on so ---

Ms. Mabe:Right.....

Mr. Hester:I don’t know if we want to go ahead and set up a public hearing tonight or just wait until we have the work session.....

Mayor:Are you.....??

Mr. Hester:I propose that we table it until the August meeting and we will set a public hearing at that time.

Ms. Mabe: These table -- it immediately goes to --- did you say “table it”?? Okay. So it goes to the next town meeting, if you tabled it.

Mr. Hester: Um hmmm.

Mayor: So I think our word is “No Consideration”. So this item 1 on this property would be “No Consideration” until the August meeting.

Mr. Hester: Correct.

2. SAMMIE & LISA BEASLEY

1931 CLOVER TRAIL
BLOCK 3010F LOTS 024 AND 102

- CERTIFICATE OF SUFFICIENCY

- RESOLUTION TO SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING
- LEGAL AD ANNOUNCING PUBLIC HEARING FOR 08/23/07

DISCUSSION:

Mayor: Same circumstance – we have a certificate of sufficiency, resolution to set a date, and a legal ad. Is there a motion on this one...that we want to go forward with this property? That would be setting the date for public hearing.

Mr. Hester: Section 1 it says Public Hearing would be held on August 23rd, is that correct?

Mayor: Right. That would be confirmed. That's what's proposed here in this. We're confirming that now. Is that correct, Ms. McKinnie? I

Lynn: Yes.

Mayor: It's proposed to be August 23rd. That can be changed or we can confirm that in a motion now, if someone would like to do that.

MOTION: TO APPROVE MOVING FORWARD WITH ANNEXATION FOR 1931 CLOVER TRAIL AS PER:

- CERTIFICATE OF SUFFICIENCY
- RESOLUTION TO SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING
- LEGAL AD ANNOUNCING PUBLIC HEARING FOR 08/23/07

BY: BRENDA MABE

SECOND: SARAH WELCH

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

3. JOE BENNY AND MECHELE G. STOLTZ
1644 OLD HOLLOW ROAD
BLOCK 5151 LOT 106

- CERTIFICATE OF SUFFICIENCY
- RESOLUTION TO SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING
- LEGAL AD ANNOUNCING PUBLIC HEARING FOR 08/23/07

DISCUSSION:

Mayor: Same circumstance.

MOTION: TO APPROVE MOVING FORWARD WITH ANNEXATION FOR 1644 OLD HOLLOW ROAD AS PER:

- CERTIFICATE OF SUFFICIENCY
- RESOLUTION TO SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING
- LEGAL AD ANNOUNCING PUBLIC HEARING FOR 08/23/07

BY: BRENDA MABE

SECOND: RALPH LANDRETH

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor: Two of the three go forward tonight for the August 23rd meeting. The first property on Rocky Branch will be considered again on August 23rd.

Mayor: Item #2 – Ken Stafford is here to speak a word to us concerning architects and engineers for a recreational area.

Ken Stafford: I appreciate your taking the opportunity to hear me. I know your agenda's pretty tight. I'm going to take just a very short time to kind of give you just a little bit of information, if I can. Some of which you may know and may not. Mr. Bell asked me and I understand he's not here. My name is Ken Stafford. I'm principal architect with Alley, Williams, Carmen, & King. We have offices in Burlington, Kannapolis and Sanford. We provide architectural surveying services for a whole range of clients, most of whom, or a biggest portion of them, are municipal clients. I think the issue that is first and foremost on your mind has to do with parks and PARTF granting. And we've worked with the state on a number of projects that have involved state matching grants. Just to give you a few examples, we've worked with Tobaccoville, relative to their very first park – village park – and a fifty-fifty grant that they received through the state. We worked with Rural Hall on four projects, dating all the way back to 1981, that they've gotten grants through the PARTF program and the federal program prior to that that was called LWCF (Land and Water Conservation Fund). We're currently working with the City of Graham on a project in which Graham is not putting up any dollars at all – they're using land that was given to them, property that was given to them, as their match. That grant was just approved within the last 60 days. And we're also working with the Town of Yanceyville on a new park for them, called the Malt Gatewood Memorial Park in which they also used a grant of land as their match. Graham is getting about \$230,000; Yanceyville about \$130,000 – the grant limit is about \$500,000. So there is money available from the state on a dollar for dollar match. They will allow land as a match. They will allow in-kind(?) services to some extent as a match. They're looking to get into towns, municipalities, that have limited recreational opportunities or that don't have parks. The broader exposure you can get to the town, and to the town's population in terms of opportunities within the park, the better chance you have of funding. Which means, if you can reach out to an elderly population – a younger population – a family population – with the kinds of things you're offering and the more offerings you have, the better off, the better chance you have of obtaining funding. Kathy White, out of Winston-Salem office, is the representative for the state – for the program on the state wide level and we've been working with her for about 15 years and have been pretty successful in obtaining funds. Again, we'd love to work with you. Our firm's been around for almost 50 years. We understand that things run at not necessarily a fast pace – and that's okay. We were around yesterday and last year – we'll be around next year and we're extremely flexible in how we work with towns. In addition to doing parks, we also design town halls and fire stations and police stations and public libraries and recreation centers – water and sewer systems. We provide town engineering for a lot of smaller towns, including a lot of towns around you, like Rural Hall, Tobaccoville. We're working with Kernersville right now on a public works project that we're anticipating to cost that town about \$22million over the next 10 to 12 years. We go from little stuff to large stuff. We like to develop relationships. I'm going to leave you some information about our firm. I'll be able to talk to whoever at your convenience. Again, I appreciate the opportunity to be able to talk to you.

Mayor: Does anybody from council have any questions that you'd like to ask Ken?

Mr. Hester: I do. I'd like to ask you, you were talking about the grants and matching grants, etc. Does your firm work with us as far as trying to help get those grants or do you have anything to do with that?

Mr. Stafford: We can do whatever you need – however much or however little. Working with Frank James, the manager up in Rural Hall – lots of times he gets us to do all the paperwork. Frank will tell you we've been working with that town since the 1930's – Frank hasn't been around that long; neither have I. But our firm's been there. The grant in Graham, basically, we put together the drawings and the construction cost estimates and Melody Wiggins, the recreation director over there, put together most of the other paperwork. So it really depends on the project. I've found from experience that doing a professionally looking presentation and one that's believable and one that addresses the issues that the state's looking for, increases the chances of getting funds. Some towns out there simply turn in those grant packages over to the recreation or park director and they're kinda putting some stuff out there that's not getting funding but we've been real successful at doing that. Again, the state has a checklist and our objective – and a point system – and our objective is to maximize the point system without going out in left field. We're used to dealing with a lot of small towns – what you're looking for. We know your dollars are limited. We want to turn projects into reality and we want to be able to take advantage of funds. One other thing that we have done is we've also helped a lot of towns on other capital projects obtain private placement(?) funds and money, at least right now, is still cheap. I know, for instance, the town of Tobaccolville is in the process of building a new town hall. Dan Corder up there says they're going to be able to borrow money at less than 4%. So sometimes, if you're doing capital projects, there's some advantages to borrowing money – as opposed to funding it out of your bankroll. You may be able to make money _____. But, again, we're willing and able to help our municipal clients with the process of going through the Council of Governments and all the processes that are needed to make that happen as well. So we're kind of available to help as needed. We do lots of things. We – I mean, right now, to give an example, we're – my staff of architects are also licensed building inspectors – we're under contract with the city of Burlington doing building inspections and we're doing all the building inspections on this Alamance Crossing Shopping Center that's going to open the middle of next week. So right now, about 600 square feet – about 40 stores – opening next week. They're driving us nuts but we are helping that municipal client because they've had a challenge being able to get Level III Building Inspectors. So they asked us would we help, come in and provide them supplemental services and we're doing that. So, again, a whole range of services that we can provide as need be. And, again, be glad to talk to whatever committees you set up or come back to talk to council at any time about what we can do if we can be of any help to you at all, we'd be glad to!

Ms. Mabe: On the grants --- are grants offered all year long or just certain time of the year?

Mr. Stafford: No. They're set up on a periodic basis. I know the last grant application set that I was familiar with, the applications were due December 31st. My guess is that the next cycle we're looking at at this point, probably going to be about the same time frame. Sometimes it just has to do with when the state, or that agency, feel dollars are available and they accept the package. And there are programs that will help both us and you understand what has to happen in the process so it's an advantage to take care of each of those because we're never sure what things might have been tweaked. But the state does put out a package. It should come to all municipalities – kind of thing you

want to – it'll be a little bit thick – make sure it doesn't slide through because there's potential free dollars there for you to take advantage of.

Mayor: Thank you. Appreciate the materials. And I'm sure we'll be in touch with you.

Mr. Hester: Definitely.

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

RESOLUTION

TO ACCEPT OFFER TO PURCHASE FROM GEORGE PRICE, JR. FOR TOWN PROPERTY LOCATED AT CORNER OF LEIGHT STREET AND SALEM ROAD BLOCK 2156 LOT 024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,000

DISCUSSION:

Mayor: Is there discussion on this item? Everyone knows where this property is. We declared it surplus several months ago.

Mr. Hester: We've gone through all the bidding process on this, right, Lynn?

Lynn: Correct. We've gone through this for a couple of months now.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE RESOLUTION AND ACCEPT THE OFFER FROM GEORGE PRICE, JR., FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE LOT ON LEIGHT STREET

BY: WAYNE HESTER

SECOND: SARAH WELCH

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION BEFORE THE VOTE:

Mayor: And that is with no improvements – as is.

Ms. Welch: As is.

Mr. Hester: As is.

Mayor: Since George is here tonight, I would like to ask George, for the council's sake, George: what's your plans for this lot?

George Price: Well, through the process, I've had ideas and I've been out there and looked at the lots. At the beginning of the process, but we've been through so many upset bid periods, that I sort of got disenchanted on something I didn't know if I was going to get or not, you know? But – I've been in the mortgage business and we don't have a mortgage company here in Walkertown. My office is in Greensboro. I've entertained the idea of maybe constructing a mortgage place here so the residents could have other options besides just a bank. I've also entertained the idea of, maybe, storage units – something low maintenance; something that wouldn't be back there close to traffic – off the beaten path. I've had many ideas but through the process, I didn't know if I was going to get it so I said I'm just beating my head against the wall so I'm just entertaining a lot of different ideas right now.

Ms. Mabe: Nothing specific?

Mr. Price: No – because I didn't know until now if I was really going to get it or not. Thank you.

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

RESOLUTION

TO ACCEPT OFFER TO PURCHASE FROM JODY AND DEWEY EDWARDS FOR TOWN PROPERTY KNOWN AS FRIENDLY ROAD WELL PROPERTY BLOCK 2150 LOT 202F IN AMOUNT OF \$11,000

DISCUSSION:

Mayor: This is what we call the Friendly Road Well property. This, too, went through the bidding process for several months, didn't it?

Lynn: Yep.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE RESOLUTION AND ACCEPT THE OFFER FROM JODY AND DEWEY EDWARDS FOR PURCHASE OF THE FRIENDLY ROAD WELL PROPERTY

BY: RALPH LANDRETH

SECOND: WAYNE HESTER

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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

2007 TRANSPORTATION NEEDS LIST OF PROPOSED PROJECTS FOR NC-D.O.T. (DUE 08-06-07)
DOES WALKERTOWN HAVE ANY PROJECTS?

DISCUSSION:

Mayor: Was this one of the items you wanted for the work session?

Ms. Mabe: Yeah. I went to the work session and we have got to send our list in and that's why we're here. And I did talk with them and ask them why we were dropping "Widen three lanes and five lanes".....

Mayor: Well, this goes back several years ago when they were doing a three-lane from dead-man's crossing to Darrow Road; five lanes from Darrow Road to Main Street; three lanes from Main Street to Harley Drive. That was the Number Three project that year.

Ms. Mabe: Well, you know, I said – and we talked about the shopping center thing and I said actually it would be wonderful if we could get it all the way to 158 because of the traffic – and the new housing development coming in. And then I discussed it and I said, well, the strangest fact is we widened all these streets and then when you get to dead-man's crossing, and you go across on Old Hollow Road, you go back to two-lanes. But I voted, agreeing with it, because we are on the list – we're number two – I'll take three to five lanes better than have no lanes. But he told us that we did have to have our list in, what we do plan that we want to re-pave or have widened and so my concern is that we need to get this in tonight – discuss which streets we want to have Lynn submit to DOT from the town. You have to send your list in every year.....

Mayor:Right.....This is the same basic.....

Ms. Mabe:the same basic thing.....

Mayor:plan that they've had about three, four years ago – three years ago, I believe it was – and it got bumped down, so this is.....

Ms. Mabe:Well, at least, we're up on number two.....we were farther on down.....

Mayor:We were number three, then.....

Ms. Mabe:yeah.....And I'm very thankful that we are –you know.....I tell..... themI wasn't really.....

Mayor:Theydon't meana lot.....there.....

Ms. Mabe:Well, he said.....that things can.....change, too... when he comes back around..... So it doesn't mean..... It's 100% that way. But we're at least on number two. But I am recommending – I want the town and anybody else on the council – to give a list and I would like for us to petition DOT to pave Main Street, which is also 311, because it needs to be paved. Sullivantown Road needs to be widened because we know we got a high school coming in and it needs to be taken care of. And that's the two, you know --- and if anybody, please make a recommendation of anything they know of that needs to be on the list.

Mayor: We'll put that.....on the work sessionagenda.....

Ms. Mabe:Yes!.....We call it.....our "wish list".....

Mayor: Okay. Any other comments on Item #4??

Ms. Mabe: Well, I'm going to recommend – nobody else will – Darrow Road, three lanes all the way from Old Hollow Road to 158 – because we've got so much – we got a church there – we got a park there – we got a lot of traffic there and I think three lanes would be – needs to be taken care of. So, I'm going to put Darrow Road.....

Ms. Welch: Is this still the same proposal? It's the list???

Mayor: Yes. Any other comments on this?

Ms. Welch: Well, aren't they doing three lanes already from Whitehall to Darrow on Old Hollow Road?

Mayor: Yes. That's already in the process.

Mr. Landreth: Yes. They're working on it.

Mayor: The stakes – survey marks – are already out.

Ms. Welch: Right. Well, that's what I thought I saw.

Mayor: Right. But it's not the --- this will take in from 158 to Darrow, which that will be the 'nother extension and then it would move – this particular one would also add five lanes between Darrow and Main Street and three lanes, it would continue on to Harley Drive – the three lanes from Main Street to Harley Drive. This is pretty much – well, it is the same proposal as three years ago. Any other comments? Okay. We'll deal with that at the work session and get it in by the sixth. And if not, if we don't have the work session before the 6th, which is this week from Monday, we will deal with it – we've got three or four items already, we'll see if there's others. If you have others, we need to get it in, quickly, though. We can't be late on that!

5. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**
 PETITION FROM RESIDENTS REQUESTING TOWN COUNCIL
 ACCEPT JACKIE LANE AND CHRIS DRIVE INTO TOWN OF
 WALKERTOWN

DISCUSSION:

Mayor: This is the street that was dedicated in the early to mid-70's; was not accepted by the state. That was prior to the town being a town; and not been accepted by the town. It's not on the – our accepted property – or our accepted maintenance – it's not on the state. So this is the action for tonight. We have a petition in the packet requesting.....

Ms. Mabe:On this petition, is 100% coming on?
Lynn: As I understand it, there's one family left on one of the roads that did not sign.
Ms. Mabe: Just one?
Tamra Eccles: There was 95% that signed. One house did not.
Ms. Welch: I'd like to make a motion that we accept Jackie Lane and Chris Drive into the town of Walkertown street maintenance.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT JACKIE LANE AND CHRIS DRIVE INTO THE TOWN OF WALKERTOWN'S STREET MAINTENANCE SYSTEM

BY: SARAH WELCH

SECOND:

VOTE:

Ms. Mabe: If we accept this, is this the same.....
Mayor:Wait a minute.....we've got a motion on the floor. We need a second and then we'll discuss.
We've got a motion to accept these two streets - we need a second to go forward.....
Ms. Welch:They've been paying Walkertown taxes for some time, haven't they?
Mayor: Yes, ma'am. This is the ones we have discussed for some time, now.
Ms. Welch: Yep. I've been down there.
Mr. Hester: I second the motion.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT JACKIE LANE AND CHRIS DRIVE INTO THE TOWN OF WALKERTOWN'S STREET MAINTENANCE SYSTEM

BY: SARAH WELCH

SECOND: WAYNE HESTER

VOTE:

Ms. Mabe: If this comes into the town, is it going to follow under our policy where we said that if a new street comes on board they're going to be responsible for some of it – or it's going to be 100% paid by the town?
Mayor: We decide that. And I would like for us to go ahead and decide that tonight, if at all possible, and go ahead and move forward – to decide what

Ms. Mabe: Well, I know this has been an issue for a long time and I know these people are tired – and I'm tired – of listening to it, too. But I have a question. How long has this been a problem?
Larry Bolden: This has been going on for seven or eight years – now, Jackie Lane – and something was said here a minute ago – let's get it straightened out....Jackie Lane was accepted in '92 --- somebody ain't got their facts straightened out yet! Jackie Lane was accepted in '92 by the state and it was supposed to be taken in, is that correct, Mr. Jumper?, in '92 – and it has not been taken in yet. And nothing has been registered. Somebody's got to do some figuring somewhere. It was taken in '92 and the state accepted it – it met

state specifications then. My question is why is it not meeting state specification now?

Ms. Mabe: Well, I am going to ask the question – is, we have been asked this many times. In 1992, you said it's ----

Mr. Bolden:Yes, ma'am.....

Ms. Mabe:Okay --- This is 2007! It's almost ten years since anything's been done to this street. Why is it taking so long --- and we inherited this problem. And now it's going to cost more to fix it – if it had been taken care of by the previous council. What was the reason why the previous council didn't take it in.....?

Mayor:Well, I don't think they can answer that.....

Mr. Bolden:I can't answer that! I don't know that!.....

Mayor:The one question here, I think Larry's talking about it being accepted by the state --- we're talking about it being accepted by the town and once and for all, drawing a line in the sand and fixing it. That's where we're going with it tonight. We've got a motion and a second that the town accept these two streets. If you do accept them, then we'll decide on the percentage – how you want to handle that afterwards. We'll go ahead and do that after we do this portion of it. Let's finish the discussion on taking the two streets into the town, if that's what you want to do.....

Ms. Mabe:Well, I agree ---- that this has been a mess!!! And it should have been taken care of long ago – and we've inherited it – I want the people to understand that. This is something that's been going on a long time and it's not that I don't want to take care of it, but I don't know why this was not taken care of before we came on board. But, now, I agree. But – people in this town, most people in this town, resident – have always paid to have their street paved. We did on our street that we lived on --- that's even before it was a town. And that's when the state took it over – and the state wouldn't pave unless we paid it. So, I have no problem taking it in as a town street but --- that is why I was asking --- my concern is, I want to know how long this has been going on, since 1992 – and it's took us almost ten years for the Town of Walkertown – or anybody – to make a decision on this – and I think it's important for the people know that we're trying to clean up messes that's not been done in the past. The Town should have taken care of this way before now because it wouldn't have cost this much to fix it, if they had done it right the first time!

Mayor: Well, we've got a motion and a second. Any further discussion?

Ms. Lanning: I was just going to point out – if everybody follows the resolution, it also ties in your prior resolution for your – that you accept it into the town but it's still pursuant to your Private Road Acceptance Policy that you adopted in April – so that, even though you accept it, your maintenance obligations don't kick in until the Private Road Acceptance Policy is complied with – dependent on the 50% or 75% - or whatever you decide on each particular road.

Mayor: Is it in line then if we, in the event we accept this tonight, can this council not set the percentage tonight that.....?

Ms. Lanning:I think you can.....

Mayor:Okay. Thank you.

Ms. Lanning:I just wanted to point out that accepting the roads into the Town of Walkertown, pursuant to the resolution, the way that it's written, that it's still subject to your Private Road Acceptance Policy for the maintenance

obligations have to be met by the residents before the Town is obligated to start maintaining.

Mr. Hester: Would it have to be met by all of the residents before we would have to do it? I mean, there's one or two that haven't.....

Ms. Lanning:Well, that's not really the way that it's written.

The way that it's written is that the residents, or whoever wants to come up with the money, has to come up with whatever percentage you decide for those particular roads. I don't think it makes any difference how many come up with the money, as long as they come up with whatever percentage you.....

Mayor:Okay.....You got "X" number of dollars. If it's divided by 100% of them, or if it's divided by 95%

Mr. Hester:95.....

Ms. Lanning:95.....It's thereeither way, so.....

Mr. Hester:So.....if the oner.....person didn't pay.....the other people would make up the difference.....and.....

Ms. Lanning:That would.....be up to them.....if they would be willing.....to do.....

Ms. Eccles:We've talked.....to one.....and ...some.....are not.....a couple over there on Donna Marie – they have to come down it just like we do to get out so we would feel free to ask them to make some kind of donation as well.....

Mr. Hester:I think.....I think that would be good!

Ms. Welch: I think that's all we need to do.

Ms. Eccles: _____ Does _____ state standard road or is it city standard --- is Walkertown city standard the same as state standard?

Mayor: I can't answer that. I don't know the state standards?

Ms. Eccles: Or would it just be patching?

Mayor: No. No.

Lynn: No. It wouldn't be patching. If you say you're going to pave it, you are going to pave it!

Mayor: Let's get back to this item. We've got a motion and a second. This is to accept these roads, these private roads, that have been dedicated to us, and they would become town roads at that point. Nothing to be done to them, except they would belong to us at that point. No further discussion. All in favor of this action that we accept these roads as the motion says:

MOTION: TO ACCEPT JACKIE LANE AND CHRIS DRIVE – PRIVATE ROADS – THAT HAVE BEEN DEDICATED TO THE TOWN OF WALKERTOWN INTO THE TOWN OF WALKERTOWN'S STREET MAINTENANCE SYSTEM

BY: SARAH WELCH

SECOND: WAYNE HESTER

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor: Okay. We've accepted the roads. That's approved. Now, you decide on the maintenance of the roads, do you want to pay 50%? Do you want to pay 75%? What do you want to pay? Do you want to pay all...do you want to require them to pay a portion? You decide, council. Amy, what's our options here, please?

Ms. Welch: We've made a resolution. We've accepted.....

Ms. Lanning: Didn't you just adopt the resolution? The resolution is what you just adopted. Now, you're talking about what incentives, pursuant to your private road acceptance policy that you adopted back in April – where you can contribute up to 50%, or at your discretion, you can contribute up to an additional 25% if you feel there are factors for outside the property interest – if all of you feel like you want to do that. And that's on a case-by-case basis. So the maximum, I think you can contribute, pursuant to policy you adopted, is 75%. Up to the 50% - then 25% is based on the incentive – on an individual basis, individual roads and how you feel about it.

Mayor: This has been an ongoing problem. I would encourage council to be as liberal with their contribution as the policy allows and move forward with it.

MOTION: THE TOWN OF WALKERTOWN WILL CONTRIBUTE 75% AND THE RESIDENTS OF JACKIE LANE AND CHRIS DRIVE WILL CONTRIBUTE 25% AND MOVE AHEAD WITH GETTING THESE TWO STREETS PAVED
WAYNE HESTER
SECOND: SARAH WELCH
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION BEFORE THE VOTE:

Ms. Mabe: Yes. We're going to fix your problem. I'm sorry it took this long!

Mr. Bolden: I am, too.

Ms. Mabe: We are cleaning up a lot of messes. I wish this had been addressed and taken care of ten years ago. And, I'm sorry you have had to suffer like this. I'm tired people have promised you things and ---- This council is going to take care of it, okay?? Some people think I'm not in favor of things, but I am. I know a lot of people's paid more than you are going to get to pay, but I feel like this has been drawn out too long and I think that it's time that we look at all of our streets in this town and we pave all of our streets that need to be taken care of, but we look at each one on individual basis – like we've done yours! And why it took so long – I had to wrassle with this, okay? I had to make sure but I want the council to know – I've heard this too many times – I've seen that you have been through it too many times – and no one else in the past has done anything for you, so we want to let you know – thank you so much.

Mayor: Okay. The town will contribute 75% and the citizens on these streets will provide 25%. All in favor, raise your hand. Okay. Ms. McKinnie will be up there rolling asphalt in the morning!!!

Ms. Eccles: Can you give us a time that.....

Mayor:No, ma'am.....

Ms. Mabe:No. Un huh.....

Mayor:No idea – we'll do our best to follow through – but I can't sit here tonight and say it's going to be next week!!!

Mr. Hester: It won't be another five years!! It'll be very soon – as soon as we can get it done.

Lynn: But I did tell you, Tamra, that you had to come up with the money first!

Ms. Eccles: Yes, you did! That's why I want a time-table so I'll know how much time we have to gather.....

Mayor: You've got all the time on that basis – I mean, I can't say when we'll finish – but you've got all the time it takes. We won't move til we see you've got your 25%.

Ms. Eccles: Okay. If you'll come up with figures, I will gladly start collecting. I just need – a number – so we can get it. I've got someone to help me do some legwork and try to get that money together....

Mayor:We'll get one or two of them to volunteer... to meet with the paving gentleman and we'll get that done within the next week or two, okay?

Ms. Eccles: Thank you!

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

RESOLUTION

TO APPROVE COLLECTION OF YEAR 2007 TAXES BY FORSYTH COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH G.S. 105-321

DISCUSSION:

None.

MOTION: TO APPROVE FORSYTH COUNTY TO COLLECT THE TAXES FOR 2007

BY: WAYNE HESTER

SECOND: BRENDA MABE

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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

RESOLUTION

TO APPROVE COLLECTION OF PRIOR YEARS TAXES BY FORSYTH COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH G.S. 105-373, 105-321 AND 105-330.3

DISCUSSION:

Mayor: I don't know what this is about at all. Can you shed some light on that, Ms. McKinnie?

Mr. Hester and Ms. Mabe:in tandem: Yeah. This is to collect back taxes from '92 through 2006.

Mayor: Well, they've already had authorization – well, whatever....

Mr. Hester: Whatever they need to do, we're giving them authorization to do whatever they need to do to collect that.

Lynn: This is routine approvals – we do it annually.

MOTION: TO APPROVE FORSYTH COUNTY TO COLLECT THE PRIOR YEAR TAXES AT WHATEVER MEANS THEY DEEM TO COLLECT THEM

BY: WAYNE HESTER

SECOND: SARAH WELCH

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

8. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**
MUNICIPAL CODE CORPORATION CONTRACT
TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE CONTRACT FOR CODIFICATION OF
UDO - TOWN ORDINANCES

DISCUSSION:

Mayor: Ours is similar to, but not exact, the County; however we have agreed that we would have Municipal Code Corporation --- that includes the white and black graphics, proof reading, internet access – however, the internet access is going to be about – how much did you tell me??

Lynn: Four hundred dollars a year.....

Mayor: That's \$400 a year in addition to the price here - \$7,350. Does this include the covers?

Lynn: Where are you reading from? The highlights or the contract?

Mayor: I'm reading from your highlights.

Lynn: It includes the book – I think, it includes five books, and then anything more than that is at another cost.

Mayor: This is putting all our ordinances, all our codes into a book, having it on, I assume, a disk and then having it on their website – of course, we would have it on our website as well. The question I guess, remains, do you want it on their website. Do you want to pay \$400 a year to have it on their website?

Lynn: I have to remind ya'll that you did sign the agreement with City-County that we would do what the other towns are doing – and that's what they are doing. And trying to maintain the codification ourselves would be just about impossible. Nobody else at City-County would maintain it for us – they aren't even able to maintain their own – it's just too troublesome. All of the other towns' UDO s are on the website – online - That was one of the conditions when I was attending all those UDO meetings, that we agreed to put our ordinances online.

Ms. Mabe: And this would help us as well.

Lynn: When you stop and think how many people come into town hall – I've had three people this week come in physically to town hall asking about our different codes and different building ordinances. With this online, they can pull up the Muni-code website and see for themselves what the different ordinances – as they apply to Walkertown – are and how it would affect their proposed business. For me, it would be worth \$400 just for that!

Mayor: Okay.

Mr. Hester: I make a motion we accept.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR CODIFICATION OF
WALKERTOWN UDO - TOWN ORDINANCES**

BY: WAYNE HESTER

SECOND: BRENDA MABE

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

9. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**
"OLD" FIRE DEPARTMENT ISSUES AND DISCUSSION
.....BRENDA MABE

DISCUSSION:

Mayor: Brenda, you want to address this?
Ms. Mabe: Yes. We have been a town over twenty-something years. We don't have a town meeting hall. There is an empty bay right now being used. I am suggesting that we send them a letter and notify them we would like them to be out by October 1st and then we get somebody in here and get this area planned for a town meeting hall, which would be used for multiple purposes – not just for the town – citizens, but the Planning Board and me and Ms. McKinnie went over and looked at it. It's a wonderful big building. I thank the library greatly for letting us use these facilities. There are other towns coming on board – in North Carolina – and smaller towns that have just started – have a town meeting hall. I think it's time that we have our own town meeting hall. The place that we can call ours. It's closer to town hall - that way, Ms. McKinnie can come over and not have to travel all the way up here. Secondly, it's our building. We own it – so why not use it to the full facilities for the town. Not only could we use it for the town hall, but there'll be days that we don't designate it and other facilities can be used. I see a multiple-use for this room. So, I think it's time, instead of waiting and giving these people longer time, I think it's time we notify them that we need this facility. I think it's time that we have a place that we call our meeting hall. And everything is located right there, close to town hall. And everybody knows where it's at. We've got plenty of parking, so that's not going to be a problem. So, I'm recommending that we notify the people who are renting now, that we'd like them out by October 1st. I make this motion.

MOTION: TO NOTIFY THE RENTERS OF THE OLD FIRE STATION
THAT THEY HAVE UNTIL OCTOBER 1ST TO RELOCATE
BY: BRENDA MABE
SECOND:
VOTE:

Ms. Welch: Is that Creative Design?
Ms. Mabe: What?
Ms. Welch: Creative Design?
Ms. Mabe: Yes.
Mr. Hester: By what date?
Ms. Mabe: October 1st --- that gives them two full months to find something. Like we did with the garage people – we gave them two full months.
Ms. Welch: Mr. Bowden.
Mayor: We have a motion on the floor – for any more discussion. Do we have a second or not? Is there a second on this motion?
Ms. Welch: I second it.
Mayor: All right.

MOTION: TO NOTIFY THE RENTERS OF THE OLD FIRE STATION
THAT THEY HAVE UNTIL OCTOBER 1ST TO RELOCATE
BY: BRENDA MABE
SECOND: SARAH WELCH
VOTE:

Mayor: Let me caution you. We do have a second. Now we can have discussion. We have already put in writing to Walter Bowden that he could stay a few more months – even to the end of the year. We put this in

writing. I think it goes against the grain for us to come back now and tell him that you've got to be out by October 1.

Ms. Mabe: Well, how about November 1st?

Mayor: I say we've put in *writing* that we've told him he could have until the *end of the year*.

Ms. Mabe: The end of this year?

Mayor: That's what we put in writing.....

Mr. Hester: Yeah..... We brought up.....

Mayor: We told him We told him he could have..... a couple of more months- his lease..... Their..... lease ran out..... July 31st. We asked that half of the building – be vacated by July 31st and we gave Walter an additional two to three months, or even til the end of the year, if needed. That's what we voted as a council – and that's what we put in writing to him. And I think we should stand by what we said,

Ms. Mabe: Okay..... All right..... Okay Well, it's no way okay Say, we say that the end of the year, is it anyway possible that he might be able to move out before the end of the year?

Mayor: I don't know.....

Ms. Welch: Is he the one that owns Creative Designs?

Mr. Hester: ... Yeah..... But, I feel like you..... I think we should give him until the end of the year, if he wants it that long. He may decide to leave earlier, but at his option, we gave him the chance to stay til the end of the year if he wanted to.

Ms. Mabe: Oh. Okay.

Mayor: That's what we told him and that's what we put in writing to him.

Mr. Hester: Right..... Right..... And I agree with that.

Ms. Mabe: All right. I have no problem with that But could we not have somebody come in and look at the place and maybe, you know, get some ideas of what we might be able to do with this before the end of the year?

Mayor: We could do that. I think we do – I am in conversation, today, with the Sheriff's Office. They do plan to come to the middle bay.....

Ms. Mabe: Yeah.... I know..... to the big window..... where the big window is..... We know they're coming in there.

Mayor: Right..... The "old" meeting room.....

Ms. Welch: ... Well, excuse me. I thought he was the one that we'd already dealt with, where the sheriffs were coming. I had the wrong idea. I had them mixed.

Ms. Mabe: I can withdraw my motion?

Mayor: That's entirely up to you.

Ms. Mabe: Well, I can withdraw the motion.

Mayor: Help me out, Amy.

Ms. Lanning: I think she can withdraw the motion. And I wasn't entirely clear when you make the new motion, whether you're making a motion on when to ask the new tenant to leave and to use the space for a meeting room or if you're only making the motion on when to end the lease or when to ask them to leave?

Mayor: I think the motivation of the motion was to make it ours – take possession.

Ms. Mabe: Yes. Right.
 Mr. Hester: If she withdraws the motion, then we just honor what we had told him before?
 Ms. Lanning: Yes. Just make a new motion.
 Ms. Mabe: But it will not be extended after the first of the year --- at the end of the year.
 Mayor: That's up to the council. I mean, right now, he's to be out by the end of the year.
 Ms. Mabe: Well, then – okay --- **I withdraw**.....
 Mayor:That's whatThat's the way it is right now...He's to be out the end of the year.
 Ms. Mabe:Okay.....Okay.....We can add this to.....
 Mayor:Are you okay with that, Second?
 Ms. Welch: Me?
 Mayor: Yes.
 Ms. Welch: As I said, I had it mixed. My information was so it's fine.....
 Mayor: All right.... So we're okay with this --- to withdraw the motion and the second and the council will go forward. And we'll discuss at the work session on ---- on getting some

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

9-1-1 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DISCUSSION

DISCUSSION:

Mayor: This is our recognition service for our fire service, fire and EMS that we're having at the fire department --- at the fire department building on 9-11 – Tuesday evening at 6:30. This, I don't think we've actually set a budget for the reception, have we, Ms. McKinnie?
 Lynn: No. And, you know what? Since we are going to set a date for the work session, we might as well wait until then.
 Mr. Hester: That's what I was going to ask. We can bring this up and discuss it at the work session – and we'll be thinking about it – what we want to.....
 Mayor: Okay..... Anybody have any thoughts? Since it is on the agenda, did anybody have anything they wanted to say about it tonight?
 Ms. Mabe: I think it's time that we --- I appreciate – I'm glad that we're doing this and I think it's important that we recognize the people who serve our community and put their life on the line for us. Recently, in my neighborhood, we had a home to burn and I saw action and I do appreciate the fire department. And I do appreciate the men who give their time and serve it so I do think it's a good opportunity for showing our respect.
 Mayor: Okay. Any other comments tonight? We'll complete this at the work session because we can't tarry long on this. We've got to move right on. We do have some activities planned. The Forsyth County EMS Honor Guard will be present and we have some other speakers that will be present as well. And there will be, and we talked in terms of --- what they call it?? We just said a "heavy hor deorves reception". So that's what we're going for right now.

11. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**
JULY 4TH CELEBRATION REVIEW

DISCUSSION:

Mayor: Our July 4th celebration – in review. In retrospect, what did you think? Council?

Mr. Hester: I thought it went very well for the time that we had to prepare for it and everyone that came, enjoyed it, and said that they hoped that we would continue it in the future. That they looked forward to it – that they had a great time there. And I hope we can enlarge it next year and make it a lot better than we did this year.

Mr. Landreth: I heard a lot of good comments about it.

Ms. Mabe: I had a lady come to me and said she really appreciated it because she's always had no place to go – no family. And she said this would be one fourth of July she would always remember because she counted us as her family and she came back several times and thanked me. I told her I was so glad she was able to enjoy it. And it was such a short notice. We threw it together in a short period of time. I said, man! If we'd worked longer on this, what would we have had?! I think everybody enjoyed it. We appreciate everybody coming out. We appreciate everybody helping out from Food Lion to all the volunteers, to the Fire Department and other organizations that helped us. I thank you so much. I think it's important that we keep this going on because I found out – lot of people don't travel on the 4th – especially when it's in the middle of the week and you don't have time to get away from your job. Just a time to go down and talk with your neighbors and friends and be a part of the community. So I want to appreciate all the council that worked hard on it – and I want to thank everybody that put forth an effort that day! And hope next year, we see you all there again.

Mayor: Since we've named Chip our resident theologian – I think a resident chef would be a little too sophisticated for the grill man !!!!!

Mr. Hester: Oh no!!! He is our resident chef!!!

Mayor: I do want to say "thank you" to Tom Lane who helped us out and provided his grill!!!!

Mr. Hester: And a lot of people commented that they enjoyed having the mayor fix their hot dogs!!!

Mayor: Some of them wanted the best one.....

Mr. Hester:They came over to my line when they wanted to real good one!!!

Mayor: Around 860 were served. The one comment that we will go forward for next year and look forward was a P.A. system. I did hear that we needed that – and they were right – we did need that.

Ms. Welch: And better transportation for our pianist!!!

Mayor: I think he was pretty happy!

Mr. Hester: Yeah! He did a good job!

Ms. Welch: Well, did we tune the piano?? Have we tuned it yet?

Mayor: No..... No.....

Tom Lane: We need to invite the square dancers next year!!!

Mr. Hester: One other comment - - - - They have these hot dog eating contests. And I think we had two people at our 4th of July celebration that could almost qualify to get in the hot dog eating contest.

Ms. Mabe: Well, I know who could get in on the cake eating contest, too!!
Ms. Welch: I heard the mayor ate four before the meeting!
Mr. Landreth: Well, they were good!

12. **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

- **JUNE, 2007**

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR JUNE, 2007
BY: BRENDA MABE
SECOND: WAYNE HESTER
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Mayor: Brenda said that she felt we should officially name Lady McKinnie as the Interim Town Manager. Do you want that done?
Lynn: I'm doing fine as it is.
Ms. Mabe: She's already doing it – might as well make it legal.
Ms. Welch: Will it increase your pay any?
Lynn: No.
Mayor: Is there a need for it, I'm asking you?
Lynn: I don't need a title...
Ms. Mabe: Yes. We do need to make her.....
Mr. Hester: You weren't named Interim when we looked for about a year

Ms. Welch: Two years!
Mr. Hester: Two years! The other council didn't.....
Lynn: No. Because I didn't want to. But if ya'll want to – or feel the need to – go ahead – I'll be doing the work anyway.
Ms. Mabe: I make the motion.
Mr. Hester: Okay.
Mayor: Brenda's made the motion that we make Ms. McKinnie the Interim Town Manager.

MOTION: TO APPOINT LYNN AS THE INTERIM TOWN MANAGER
BY: BRENDA MABE
SECOND: WAYNE HESTER
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor: And all her duties and powers will remain the same, is that correct???

Mr. Hester: And pay!!!

Ms. Mabe: Just add another thing – another hat – on her head!!

Ms. Welch: She's already the queen – so what's the difference?

Lynn: Hey – rather than appoint me Town Manager, why don't you just appoint me as queen???

I'd rather have the tiara and scepter!!!

Mayor: You're already the Queen "B" !!! All right.....motion to appoint Ms. McKinnie as Interim Town Manager with all her powers and duties to remain as she is ----
Mr. Hester:As omnipotent.....

13. FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:
WORK SESSION DATE

DISCUSSION:

Mayor: Work session date --- all right. Get your calendars out.

After a round of discussion, the council finally decided on

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 2007

AT 7:00 P.M. UNTIL 8:30 P.M.

AT TOWN HALL

As the date of the work session meeting.

Agenda items have been determined per this agenda.

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 at 8:15 p.m.

1. Tamra Eccles
2038 Chris Drive

I did have something written out because I didn't know how the vote was going to go tonight. But when my daughter said, "What are you doing, Mom? I wrote something. Can I speak?" So, keep in mind she wrote this prior to knowing what you were going to do but I thought because as a 15-year old, she took the time, and wanted to speak that I thought you all needed to hear how she felt about this issue as well.

Danielle Eccles

Good evening. I am a resident of Chris Drive. I have personally witnessed this road go from bad to worse. My mother as well as other residents from Chris Drive and Jackie Lane have tried their hardest to get the town to fix our roads yet nothing has been done. The longer this issue has been put off – the worse it has gotten. My brothers and I have walked this road every day during the school year to get to the bus stop and, trust me, it is not an easy walk. This may seem like a small, non-important issue to some of you but to the residents of Jackie Lane and Chris Drive, it is a big issue! We have to deal with this daily and, honestly, it is very disheartening even for the youngest of the residents. I know that the town has money set aside for things like this, yet is questioning using it. Fixing roads should be number one on the to-do list instead of contemplating using the money for other things. Some of these things can wait. This town has talked throughout the years about fixing our roads yet it seems that that is all it was – was talk. I may be just a child but I am old enough to know that the way this is being handled is wrong. So I ask the Town of Walkertown to fix our roads because putting it off and driving out the process isn't doing any good. Thank you.

Mr. Hester: And thank you.

Tamra Eccles: And - I would like to add that I apologize for not being here in May and June – I had a back injury and could not be here. I hope the town council did not think that I had lost interest and did not want to be here at that time! Because it's been a long year – and except for those two meetings there, I have hit every one trying to do new process forward. I did speak with Ron the day before the June meeting and he asked me to get the petition together and one of the things he told me was that, "You know – you ought to be proud – at least of for ya'll's efforts. You have actually gotten the town to create a policy a road acceptance policy" – you actually have a policy in place. Which looks great. And I am glad we were able to get that done. But, you know, for us, the main thing was we needed to get our needs taken care of. So, we thank you that you all have gotten a vote and that you are willing to, based on the policy that you accepted, while I think it – you know, wished it could have been more – based on what you did – you maxed out and we will do our part – we promise – as soon as, you know, we get the numbers and the rest of the information we need. And since we have one-way in and one-way out, if you will get us a date so we'll know if we're stuck "in" all day or we're stuck "out" all day. We need to make a plan for that issue – for folks coming and going in to work. We just need to make some adjustments but we thank you very much for everything that you are now planning to do. We appreciate it.

Mayor: Thank you, Ms. Eccles.

Mr. Hester: I'd like to reiterate what was said before – what Brenda said. This was going on a long time before this council came on and I've only been here two years. And when everything started coming up. We started doing what we could to get things done and there was a lot of red tape, or whatever, or innuendos – it could be this way or it could be that way – or whatever. So we're glad that it's finally getting straightened out to where something can be done.

Ms. Mabe: And I also want to say, it's not that I didn't want to do it but I wanted the town to know that we have to look at each street and I felt like ya'll had been – the old expression – "hoo-dooed" – long enough. And I feel like that it's important that we're trying to rectify some problems we've had in the past with this and I feel like you have faced these issues too long, even though conscience warned me not to do it. But I realized we had to solve this problem – nobody else was going to take care of it. Nobody else has. And I felt like ya'll had got the run-around too long, you know. So, like I say, in the future, we'll look at each street individually as we did yours. And I wrassled with this one and then my conscience was that you had been very patient. No one listened to you in the past so I want you to know this council – these group of workers here – was willing to listen and to work with you. Thank you.

Mayor: Anyone else wishing to speak:

- (2) Sandra Miles
2924 Theresa Ave.
Winston-Salem

I live in Winston-Salem but I do own property on Mecum Road. Now, I am here on behalf of the Walkertown Wolfpack Football Team. Dorez Thomas was supposed to be here tonight but we have a new Board in place this year. I

wanted to come and introduce our officers and let you know of our immediate need. We do have the information for your grant because we are in need of several things. But, I'd like to first start by saying my name is Sandra Miles. I'm going to be the new Cheerleader Director. Shanetta Neal, in the black – she's our new League Rep. Antoine Williams, he's our Assistant League Rep. Ms. Taronia Brown, in the blue, she's our Vice-President and Mitzi Johnson is our new Scholastics Director. As you all know, our field is being demolished by the school. I mean, they can't help that. The school – we're growing in the area. But we really need help in finding space for a new field for next year. Right now, the school is going to move the goal so that we can play. We have over 200 children that are looking forward to participating in football and cheerleading. So, we would ask that you all will consider helping us through the grant that I will submit next week. We were out – that's why we look like we do – we were checking to see what equipment we have; what uniforms we have; and what we have a need of. But we do need cheerleaders, we need football players. We need everything! So if the council could work with us and help build a rapport together to help get the Walkertown Association back the way it used to be. We are one of the oldest that's been in existence for over 50 years and we just don't want to see their tradition die. You know, everybody has a team and Walkertown has been second to none. For the last three years, we have been at Regionals for football and for cheer – and we plan to go to Florida this year on the cheerleading and football. So if you all know of any children 5 to 15 or if you would like to donate corporately, through your business or personally as a family for a sponsorship to help pay for a youth – because, as we all know, education is very important. But if we motivate them through something, you know, you give them something to be motivated to keep their interest because they know in order to play football or to cheer, they have to keep their grades up. So we want to work together and help empower our youth and we can't do it without your support. Thank you.

Mayor: Thank you. Anyone else wishing to speak?

Public Session was closed at 8:23 p.m.

OTHER INFORMATION ATTACHED

- (1) Planning Board Meeting Minutes for July 3, 2007
- (2) Historical Society meeting minutes for July 12, 2007
- (3) Historical Society meeting minutes for July 19, 2007

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **RECYCLING** in Walkertown continues every two weeks.
AUGUST 6th AND 20th 2007
- **TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:** (4TH THURSDAYS)
7:00 P.M. AT THE WALKERTOWN LIBRARY
AUDITORIUM ON:

FOURTH THURSDAY @ 7:00 P.M.

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 1ST TUESDAY OF MONTH

AUGUST 7TH

SEPTEMBER 11TH *DUE TO LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

OCTOBER 2ND

NOVEMBER 13TH *DUE TO ELECTION DAY

DECEMBER 4TH

- **HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETINGS**

TOWN HALL @ 2:00 P.M.

2ND AND 4TH THURSDAYS OF MONTH

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 8:24 P.M.

BY: RALPH LANDRETH

SECOND: BRENDA MABE

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ATTEST:

TOWN OF WALKERTOWN:

Lynn McKinnie
Town Clerk

Kenneth R. Davis
Mayor