

SPECIAL CALLED WORKSHOP MEETING
6:00 P.M. @ TOWN HALL
OCTOBER 8, 2009
MINUTES

Mayor Doc Davis called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Present were the mayor and Randy Mendenhall, Marilyn Martin, Sarah Welch, Lynn McKinnie, and Scott Snow. (Wayne Hester was absent.)

Mayor Davis welcomed, in the audience, the various owners of the property located on Highway 158, known as the Oculus Rezoning Case #WA-38.

1. OCULUS - PROPOSED CONTRACT AGREEMENT

- Attorney Harry Boles' Proposed Contract Enclosed
- Informational Review Only

Having submitted a signed agreement entitled "Request and Consent for Deletion of Use and Addition of Condition" to the Clerk before this meeting tonight, several of the signees stayed for the meeting. The agreement was accepted by the Mayor and Town Council and will be included in discussions at the October 22, 2009 council meeting. This item was not further discussed.

2. SIDEWALKS

- Pre-Bid meeting was held October 1st for contractors
- Bid opening will be October 16th at 2:00 p.m.

Sidewalks were discussed briefly – the council was informed that the pre-bid meeting was held on October 1st at town hall for any contractors wishing to bid on the sidewalk projects. These three sidewalk projects are moving along quite nicely and the architectural/engineering firm of *Alley, Williams, Carmen & King* are to be commended for all the work they have put in on these projects. The bid opening will begin promptly on October 16th at 2:00 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Another issue was the Main Street sidewalk that was torn up during moving of light poles several years ago. No one will accept responsibility for repairing the damage.

Council and mayor agreed that the town lawyer should send a letter to the company responsible for the damage and, if need be, sue to get fixed.

3. MAYORS' MEETING IN RURAL HALL

Mayor Davis attended the mayors' meeting which took place today at 11:00 a.m. in Rural Hall. Tax Assessor Pete Rodda was the featured speaker and Mayor Davis was quite impressed with Mr. Rodda's presentation. Mayor Davis gave a brief overview of the meeting, concluding with the fact that Walkertown's overall tax collection rate is 97.3% - a very good figure!

4. WICKENHAM

- Septic System Contract Enclosed – Review and Approval
 - Shingled outside roof
 - Working inside building now

Mayor Davis briefed the council on the status of the Wickenham Park Concession Building and reviewed the contractual agreement included in the packet. This agreement is with O.H. Plumbing Inc. & Utilities and is for installing the septic tank and pump tank and other work as noted. The agreement is for \$20,625.00. The council reviewed the document with the mayor and several changes were made to be considered by the contractor. These changes are:

1. First page – under PRICE

Remove the sentence: “.....All Stored Material that is delivered on the job site will be paid for in FULL prior to any services rendered.”

2. Third page – under INDEMNITY

Remove the following portion of - and full - sentences:

“.....that either are or may be chargeable by law to O.H. Plumbing, Inc. and Utilities. Customer specifically agrees to reimburse O.H. Plumbing, Inc. and Utilities all legal cost associated with the defending against any legal claims arising out of the alleged acts or omissions of the Customer and further agrees to pay any judgment entered against O.H. Plumbing, Inc. and Utilities resulting from Customer’s acts and omissions that are chargeable to O.H. Plumbing, Inc. and Utilities.”

The council and mayor agreed that there would be no pay in advance for any work done – only after work is completed.

A Certificate of Insurance for at least \$1-million is to be procured.

On a motion by Sarah Welch, seconded by Randy Mendenhall, the contract with O.H. Plumbing, Inc. and Utilities is approved with the above mentioned changes and the manager is authorized to sign for the Town.

5. WALKERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

- Grading is going on at this time.

The Walkertown High School property is in the grading process at this time.

The Town maintenance crew is to be advised that the “outhouse” that was saved from demolition is to be refurbished as soon as possible.

6. BOOE HOUSE

- J.H. Batten is preparing proposal but it is not ready for presentation at this time.

Proposal for the Booe house should be forthcoming soon.

7. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION AND UPDATES:

1. There is a new NC-DOT representative, Ralph Cromwell(sp?)
2. Walkertown Little League is sponsoring a chicken stew starting at 5:00 p.m. on October 24th.
3. The town has the engineering firm working on the PARTF grant for 2010 – we can use most of the same paperwork (surveys, articles, etc.) as we did for 2009. Mayor Davis urged the council to take a day and write a letter to the people who carry weight advising them that we are again applying for grant money for a very useful park.
4. The Fire District process is on hold at this time. This project is to research the best way for the Town to pay for fire services – either stay the way we are now (County pays town – town pays fire departments) or County pays fire departments directly. It is too late to change anything for 2010 – so we should start the process now for 2011.
5. A major concern for the Walkertown Volunteer Fire Department is the need for an elevated stream truck. The town approved helping pay for this type of truck and the cost estimate, at this time, runs around \$700,000. In supporting this venture, the Town may need to come up with approximately \$400,000 to \$500,000.
6. Another issue is that the WVFD chief, Wesley Hutchins, is up for re-election in November. Chief Hutchins has not decided whether or not he would like to continue in this position. The mayor will keep us posted on this situation.
7. The town's dump truck, which was in dire need of repair, has been repaired and should be returned to the town sometime next week. It was sandblasted and painted and various repairs were done.
8. Mayor Davis informed the group that the town is now the proud owner of:
 - (1) A hot dog rolling warmer/turner
 - (2) Various commercial baking sheets
 - (3) Seville Metro Style RackThese commercial items will be very helpful with our July 4th hot dog day each year and cost practically nothing!
9. Mayor Davis asked if the council felt the town should create a recycle center. Several issues involved in this center were discussed and no decision made. Clerk is to check with Waste Management about large recycle containers Manager is to check with Advance Auto about how they handle their oil containers.
10. Clerk was asked to check into ordering numerous marketing items, such as pins, cups, badges, rain gauges, bags, post-its, etc., with the Town of Walkertown logo – to be used as "give-aways" at various times.

At 7:38 p.m., Randy Mendenhall motioned for adjournment, to which Marilyn Martin seconded, and the meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

**Lynn McKinnie
Town Clerk**