

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TOWN OF WALKERTOWN COUNCIL
MARCH 26, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Doc Davis. Present were the mayor, council members Hester, Welch, Martin, and Mendenhall. The clerk and manager were also present.

Randy Mendenhall said a brief invocation and Sarah Welch led the pledge to the flag.

Approval of Agenda

Marilyn Martin moved to approve the agenda as presented and Wayne Hester seconded.

Approval of Minutes

1. FEBRUARY 26, 2009 – REGULAR MEETING
2. MARCH 21, 2009 – WORKSHOP/RETREAT MEETING

Minutes for FEBRUARY 26, 2009 – REGULAR MEETING and MARCH 21, 2009 – WORKSHOP/RETREAT MEETING were unanimously approved on a motion by Randy Mendenhall and seconded by Marilyn Martin.

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 7:02 p.m.

1. Blanche Blowe
3815 Kilberry Ct.

I'm here to really ask a question. There is so much congestion trying to get off of Rocky Branch Road and come on 66 –it's almost impossible. The cars block the whole roadway. It's no like stopping- you know you have the roads – you're supposed to stop, I thought it was. That's the way you do it every where else anyway. You stop – you don't block the whole road up. But they do it! And then you can't get out. And try to squeeze out – somebody's flying up on your right to make that turn into the shopping center. And I just want to know if there's something that can be done about it cause evidently no tickets are given out around here cause people use no signals and that's not the only road that is blocked. You try to get off a street and you just can't get off the street. You have people going through the shopping center to come up through the light that try to get, you know, so that they can get out. And it shouldn't be that way so maybe signs could be posted then leave an opening, you know, when there's a red light or whatever – just no blocking. And, like I said, it's not only that Rocky Branch – but there are other streets that the same thing are happening. So I'm presenting it to you because I don't know what to do about it and I figure you might know

who to contact or how to go about doing something- maybe signs could be put up or, you know, whatever it takes. Okay? Thank you.

MAYOR: Thank you, Blanche. Thank you for coming. I don't know if there's anything available or not but the manager can check on it.

Public Session was closed at 7:05 p.m.

BUSINESS

1. PUBLIC HEARING

TO HEAR COMMENTS PRO AND CON FOR TOWN OF WALKERTOWN
PAVING MELVIN LANE

DISCUSSION:

MAYOR: Actually this is more taking over Melvin Lane and more to it so we'll open the Public Hearing concerning Melvin Lane. We have received a petition concerning Melvin Lane – we'll discuss that later. We have one lady signed up:

PUBLIC HEARING WAS OPENED AT 7:05 P.M.

1. Shirley Wheeler
4440 Melvin Lane

I live on Melvin Lane – I know you all are wanting to assume responsibility for it or whatever so we can get it paved because it's a state road right now so one thing I wanted to mention is that we do have a – it's not just residents – we have a Christian fellowship on Sunday mornings – so there is more traffic than just the residents there. Also, the state maintains it but with the Waste Management and the recycle and all that coming down through there, it's really – at the end of the road where the cul de sac is – it gets muddy because they just tear the road up and they do grade it and put gravel on it sometimes but it's not enough and it's really turned into a mud area down there at the end. I don't know – did I forget to say anything? - - - Oh yeah, well - mentioned – we talked to Lynn about that. I don't know if there's any plans in the future about water and sewer coming down our road, but.....I assume that's what our taxes are going for? Or does that help pay.....taxes.....

MAYOR:Taxes do not go to water and sewer, no, ma'am.... Everybody pays for those services. The people here in town pay for those services. Water and sewer – and I didn't mean to interrupt you but they're not planned - - - - that comes from City-County Utilities and that is not – I have not discussed that with them and I don't think you have, Scott or Ms. McKinnie???

SCOTT AND LYNN - No.

MAYOR: Neither one of you? I didn't think so. But the main purpose of our hearing tonight was concerning the paving of Melvin Lane. In order to pave it, Walkertown has to be in control of it. If you'll think back about six years, you contacted me about paving Melvin Lane. And we've been working ever since that time trying to figure out a way to get it done – there's so many roadblocks and this is the only way we can – we've got to be in charge of Melvin Lane before we can pave Melvin Lane. It's a state road – a state-maintained road – and their list is so long that you may not live long enough to see it paved if

it's under state control. And the only way to ever see it paved in our lifetime, it looks like, is if we take it over. In order for that to happen, we've got to take it over and then we would have a plan of sharing expenses. And that's the way we do roads where there's..... Course any development now has to be paved. But that one was long before any of those types of ordinances had been passed. So that's what brought all this about. And Scott will go into that a little more detail - I didn't mean to cut your time short but go ahead and tell us anything else you want to say. And we'll have the Public Hearing and then we'll discuss it further with some additional information when our manager addresses it.

MS. WHEELER: No. I didn't have anything.....I did talk to Ms. (I forget her name) She's in charge of that Powell Bill. And I talked with her and got some more details on that about, you know, using that money because that can be done with that. I didn't know. And I was wondering when did ya'll change the policy or have a policy that the residents should pay part of that?

MAYOR: The last time we went - I don't know the date - but the last actual road that was involved with that is Chris Drive and Jacki Lane and I believe there was one other over there right near you. And that policy was formed at that time. That's how that road got paved. There is a percentage - we have a 50-50 percentage unless there's other request made - and that's the best way to say it. So, if there was different arrangements made, then we would possibly consider something different, but that's the way it is - set - as the ordinance is written.

MS. WHEELER: Okay. Thank you.

MAYOR: Let the record show we do have a petition including Ms. Wheeler's name and six other residents that live on Melvin Lane that are in opposition as it stands as it is written.

PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED AT 7:10 P.M.

MR. SNOW: Mayor Davis, you covered a pretty good there in your discussion. To answer the question when did the 50% match come into play, I think it came into play in March, 2007. I believe prior to that, the best I could see, the town without a policy actually required a 100% match - the town didn't participate in paving projects and then after 2007, it allowed a 50% participation in these projects. But, as you stated, Melvin Lane is currently a state-maintained road, gravel road, state route 2471, 2471, approximately two-tenths of a mile. There are there is sufficient right-of-way on the street. It meets the Powell Bill funds requirement for width- 16-foot requirement for that. It ends in a cul de sac - there should be a map in your book there. It is eligible to be paved by the NC-DOT with secondary paving funds but as you said, they're - they don't even have a list ready yet _____ so it would be several years at best before it is done. Pretty much the most definite date I've heard is not within - at least not - it's not within the next two years - out - before it more or less gets considered to be paved by the state. What....discussions I've had with DOT about what our options are - he said the town has the option to request DOT to turn over maintenance to the town and at that point the town if it wished to pave and surface the road using Powell bill funds or you know _____ to do it _____ whatever you like. In talking with DOT, they have offered to pave the road once we take it over - at their cost - through a municipal agreement with the town, which would most likely reduce the cost significantly. The estimates from DOT - approximate estimates - are \$70,000 for 16-foot wide

paving; however, to make it up to state standards, 18-foot and little bit of shoulder _____ they would require would be \$85,000. Compared to estimates- an engineer came up with it for some recent work they had done with private contractors and he said that the equivalent work through private forces would be for 16-foot would be around \$93,000 and for 18-foot, around \$110,000 so it seems like the cost would be lower if we did go through the NC-DOT if they did provide it through a municipal agreement. As you stated, the town's current policy is that the town would participate up to 50% of the cost. That amount could be decided by the council – it's up to your discretion actually how much you participate in but there would have to be justification if you were to participate more than 50%. So we're currently, you know, we're kind of at the early stage of this process – that's the reason for having the Public Hearing. We're wanting to get the input from the residents there and see their willingness to participate in the project, and, you know, how they would like for us to move forward. So, if the council does want to move forward on it the next step would be to ask DOT to turn it over to us. DOT would then reciprocate and turn it over to us _____ and then the town basically, at their leisure, _____ you know, how they wish to maintain it from that point.

MAYOR: Thank you. Any discussion from council?

MS. MARTIN: Well.....with this petition, are they saying they no longer want us to take over the road, then?

MAYOR: I read it as saying that the expense is too – Ms. Wheeler, since you've talked – and you're on here – let me address to you. Is pretty much – you want it paved, but you're saying the expense is too great? Is that what most of these people are saying? Is that correct?

MS. WHEELER: Yes. They cannot pay 50%.

MR. HESTER: How many other residents are on Melvin Lane besides the ones that have signed this? Are there others?

MS. WHEELER: Two. Two that we couldn't get in touch with.

MAYOR: And you said there is now a church on there, which I wasn't aware of?

MS. WHEELER: Well. It's not a church – we have a church – a “home” church.....

MAYOR: Okay. So it's not like they own different properties?

MS. WHEELER: No.

MAYOR: Okay. I was looking for another shareholder! What you are saying is the expense is too great so if the expense is less, would you be interested?

MS. WHEELER: Well. You're still paving for \$90-\$100,000? Half of that would be.....

MAYOR: Half of \$85, 000 would be \$42,000.....

MS. WHEELER: That's still a lot of money. I got an estimate from a paving company I had to come out there and they would do it for \$33,000.

MAYOR: To state standards?

MS. WHEELER: I don't know about that. I don't know the width – I mean, they measured. I could find out from him for sure. I just wanted to see. I wanted to see what someone would do it for.

MS. WELCH: Are most of the residents retired or on fixed incomes and things?

MS. WHEELER: Well. Yeah. My mom and dad are. Everybody else – well, I don't know about everybody else – but none of us have a lot of money in the bank!!!

MAYOR: Well. Since expense is such an issue – if requested, due to expenses, I'm sure that the council would listen to some reason.

MS. WELCH: Right.

MAYOR: I'm not speaking for them – but I'm just speaking on behalf. They'll have to make their own decision but if you request, possibly they would like to hear from you on a request. We would like to do as much as we could to take it over and get it paved. I don't know what more we can do other than what we've told you.

MR. HESTER: Well, since we had the request from them, we've worked diligently trying to find out how we could take it over and working with DOT to see what would have to be done and if it was up to DOT specifications and we wanted to do all we could to get it paved. And, like the mayor said, before this came up and I was in Walkertown on an unpaved street, we had to pay the full amount. And now we are helping out. And, like you say, the Powell bill money will go toward that but it also goes toward the maintenance of all the streets in Walkertown and any unpaved. So we'll be glad to help out as much as we can.

MR. SNOW: Approximately \$30,000 is close to the same estimates we had for the paving work that we received from the DOT and also from our estimate but there are other expenses that would be involved in it as far as preparing the road for paving, making sure that all ditches and all water flow and all water maintenance is taken into account, too, to make it up to either municipal or state standards.

MS. WHEELER: I can call and find out.....

MAYOR: We can work that out. Council, do you have any comment on this expense request? Does anybody have any comment at all?

MR. HESTER: Well, we have helped out Jacki and Chris a little more than that and if these people could come up with what they did on that, I think I would be willing to go along with it.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Does what ya'll have include curb and gutter?

MS. MARTIN: No.

MR. SCOTT: Mayor Davis, in comparison Jacki and Chris to this case, there are some details that are – that do separate the two. I believe the reason why the council decided to participate more in those cases Jacki and Chris were private streets that were being maintained by the residents out of pocket and I believe their case was that the town's garbage service as well as the county's bus pick-up were doing damage to the streets and they were having to pay for that out of pocket and that makes it a little bit different in this case because it is maintained by the state. I don't know if you are or not but the residents shouldn't be required to pay for that themselves. So that kind of justifies that. It would be difficult to make a "hardship case" with this case. The residents' ability to pay or willingness to pay is not something you can consider in a hardship case; however, the town could change the policy – you can change the overall policy to whatever you would like to but as far as what I've seen so far, I haven't seen any evidence that would fit the parameters of a hardship case – at least comparing to what you've done in the past.

MAYOR: Okay.

MS. MARTIN: And it does say that “.....the residents’ ability or unwillingness to pay for their portion of the project should not be a factor in making decision to increase the town’s percentage of participation.” That’s in the ordinance- so in order to do it, we’d have to change - - - I’m willing to help them – I don’t mean to say that I’m not because I would like - - - - it’s been a long haul!

MS. WELCH: Been working at it a long time!

MR. HESTER: And another thing- - -once we did take it over and it was paved, then the town would keep the maintenance on the road – so that would be good for you also. But it is up to the residents as to whether they want it done or not.

MR. SNOW: Mayor Davis, just another point. If we – if the town is leaning towards taking it over, it would be in the town’s best interest if we’re going to do it in this year, to do it before July 1st in matter of for Powell Bill matters because that’s whenever we turn in our list of streets so if we don’t have it on this year we won’t receive funds for that being considered part of our maps.

MAYOR: Any further discussion? Do you want to get more information.....push this back to next meeting?

MR. HESTER: I make a motion that we do – and give them a chance to find out more about their paving that she was checking on and that we put it off to the next meeting.

MR. MENDENHALL: I’ll second it.

MAYOR: We’ve had the Public Hearing so we won’t need to rehash that.

MR. MENDENHALL: Have any of the residents on that road discussed what they would be able to pay or has that come up in anything? Are you looking for a 100% or nothing from the town?

MS. WHEELER: No – we have not discussed it, but we will!

MR. MENDENHALL: Okay. If you could do that and maybe be ready to get back with us.....

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Now that we’ve got kind of a base figure to look at – that’s what we were looking for- we had no idea how much.....

MS. MARTIN: So, when do we have to have this in before...July?

MR. SNOW: July 1st is due date

MAYOR: That’s the date where we have to add it to our Powell Bill map

MS. MARTIN: Maybe we can get it done next month then.

MOTION: TO CONTINUE THIS ITEM TO APRIL 23 MEETING TO GATHER MORE INFORMATION

BY: WAYNE HESTER

SECOND: RANDY MENDENHALL

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

2. PUBLIC HEARING

3799 PINE HALL ROAD

- **ORDINANCE: TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF WALKERTOWN**

DISCUSSION:

MAYOR: This is the ordinance to – that’s the property next to Ron’s, is that correct, Ms. McKinnie?

LYNN: Yes.

PUBLIC HEARING WAS OPENED AND CLOSED AT 7:25 P.M. WITH NO SPEAKERS.

MAYOR: And if the council votes approval on this, this will be June, is that correct, Ms. McKinnie?

LYNN: Yes. June 30th it will become a part of Walkertown proper.

MAYOR: This has been researched and has been found to be contiguous, is that correct?

LYNN: Yes.

MOTION: TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF WALKERTOWN TO INCLUDE 3799 PINE HALL ROAD TO BE EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2009

BY: SARAH WELCH

SECOND: WAYNE HESTER

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

3. PUBLIC HEARING

1943 OLD HOLLOW ROAD

- **ORDINANCE: TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF WALKERTOWN**

DISCUSSION:

MAYOR: This too, would be effective June 30, 2009.

PUBLIC HEARING WAS OPENED AND CLOSED AT 7:26 P.M.

MOTION: TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF WALKERTOWN TO INCLUDE 1943 OLD HOLLOW ROAD TO BE EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2009

BY: RANDY MENDENHALL

SECOND: MARILYN MARTIN

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

**4. SPECIAL REPORT:
FORSYTH COUNTY AGING SERVICES COMMITTEE**

- DIANE WIMMER
- DEBBIE MCCAULEY

RESULTS OF "AGING" COMMITTEE MEETING AND CITIZENS COMMENTS HELD AT LOVE'S IN NOVEMBER, 2008

DISCUSSION:

MAYOR: We have two ladies with us – Diane Wimmer and Debbie McCauley – and ya'll are going to give us a report. Tell us how we're aging!

DIANE WIMMER: Yes, we are! And pretty fast in Walkertown!!!
Actually, Rural Hall, Walkertown, and Clemmons are going to see the largest growth of persons over 55.....

MAYOR: When are they coming??? (LAUGHTER)

MS. WIMMER: They're here! Unfortunately – or fortunately – they are, we are here!

MS. MARTIN: Most of them are on the council!!!!

MS. WIMMER: Well, it's amazing how often I have to deal with both my real job and this job and other jobs and I talk to people and they don't realize that they are also part of the "baby boomers". It's interesting. But - - - I am Diane Wimmer and I chair the Forsyth County Aging Services Planning Committee – that's a whole mouthful of words but basically, this committee has been around since the 90's. One of our primary responsibilities is to do recommendations to the commissioners on the money that comes in to Forsyth County for services to older adults – and that's under the "Older American Act". Last year, we appropriated \$1.6million so we have a formidable task of making sure that the providers get the funding they need – or what we can provide in order to maintain persons in their homes – by Meals on Wheels services and Aide services, etc. So that was the primary responsibility of this committee but over time, we branched off into things like advocacy – we are very active on transportation. As a result of our transportation committee recently we were able to bring over \$500,000 into the City of Winston, which would otherwise been lost. So we're pretty active in all things as well as health and education and one of the things that we've been involved in is because there's well over a 100 members involved in this whole committee – between the sub-committees and the full committee but we're always very concerned when we have our monthly meetings that we get the same persons coming every time and we're not always hearing from residents from within the county – especially from the rural areas, etc. So, back in October --- we meet with Mayor Joines on a quarterly basis and we talked about this and out of that came community conversations. We decided to take – we were willing to folks to ask them what they thought was working and not working within their communities. Since they were not coming to us, we wanted to go to them so that we could have some sort of a plan in place on how we address the needs of older Americans as well as letting towns know exactly what people are saying about ya! Reports you should have received as well as – and I won't go through this - I'll let Debbie do her presentation. We provided senior power think tank – this is our advocacy group. They put together a whole bunch of numbers and, of course, this is based on the last census, but this talks about the persons in Walkertown that are over 55, living alone, below poverty. And it gives you some interesting facts.....

MAYOR: It doesn't call us by name, does it??? (JOKE)

MS. WIMMER: Ha ha ha.....Anyway, so the group that we met with and some of you participated – we had well over 40 persons that attended the meeting and I think it was a very good group except for the jack hammering in the bottom of the church while we were trying to talk and you all were trying to eat at the same time, I believe. That's okay – it was kind of funny! So, out of that, Debbie McCauley is going to present to you what the information that we received from the residents because we want this information to come back to you and then we need to look at further how we can help assist in further development if that's what it's calling for. So, Debbie was a facilitator as well as Deb Mitchell who used to be with the Sheriff's Dept.

DEBBIE MCCAULEY: Thank you for having us and allowing us to bring this information to you. We went over a variety of different areas and we tried not to get the participants to talk on what we wanted them to talk about. We wanted

them to tell us what they thought was important to them and how things are going. Now, this particular group – the group was 2/3 of lifelong residents of Walkertown and there were at least 9 representatives of agencies or government. Some of you attended as well. The group described Walkertown as a blue-collar town and there was the perception among the participants that Walkertown was largely overlooked by the county. There was a great deal of community pride – the Historical Society, the downtown park – the 5 acre park which was geared towards seniors that has a walking track. You have a huge volunteer base. They're a strong faith community – five churches participated in the Meals on Wheels program, which many felt could be expanded. Many of the churches have outreach ministries which include a food pantry. Adult learning was a strong area – there are classes at the library and through local churches. On the area of transportation, they said it is difficult to find transportation in Walkertown. Many of the cab companies will not serve the Walkertown area. The Shepherd's Center of Kernersville does not have many volunteers that are willing to drive to Walkertown and then to Winston-Salem and back – so that caused the issue of transportation. Under the area of safety, participants said there is some uneasiness about their personal safety in their homes. Several participants stated that they live some distance from neighbors so they're all spread of. They expressed that they would like to know that there would be prompt response should someone try to break into their home. One participant living in a newer development stated that people who lived in these developments do not look out for one another. They don't have the typical cohesiveness that small towns usually have. Dealing with medical – they say that there is one medical center in Walkertown and something about they will not take insurance.....

MAYOR: I don't know where that came from! They take insurance as soon as you enter.

MS. MCCAULEY: I think they may be speaking of Medicare or Medicaid because some physicians will or will not – or they only limit it to a certain amount of patients. They said there is one dentist, one optometrist and there are no other specialists. As far as access to services, that was a big issue for participants – several participants wanted to know where they could get help with insurance forms; wanted to know how to find key people to do things around their house. A councilmember pointed out that community information is posted on-line and there are computers available at the library. However, many seniors are intimidated by computers and few have them in the home. At the very end of this, we wanted to make sure that we were hearing participants loudly – so we asked the question for them to prioritize their concerns, so we did a roundtable and let everyone express. The "key" issues that they are concerned about are:

- Social isolation
- Seniors living alone
- Communicating to the senior population
- Available community resources and
- Social opportunities
- Lack of transportation
- The need for a senior center for activities
- Learning and socialization
- The need to coordinate and plan for the needs of seniors
- How do we find out the needs of those who do not attend church?

These were the key issues that came out of that participation in community conversation. So communication is a big issue! Getting information out to all your seniors, particularly those who do not attend church because the churches provide a lot of activities and information so that is a key resource. But being isolated, lack of transportation limits them from finding out community resources available to them and such.

MS. WIMMER: (FROM THE AUDIENCE) And if I could add – in Lewisville, they've got a Steering Committee already looking at the development of a senior center or community center because of the meeting. And, again, it's to prevent the isolation of so many older adults because not everybody wants to participate in a church group. I think there was one gentleman in Walkertown that said, "...if I wanted to go for coffee and gossip...." and he had moved here from out of state. He really wanted a facility that he could go to that wasn't so much church-related but he could meet other people versus just those in a congregation so it was some really valid things that we're finding on health and wellness and obviously the issue of community center/senior centers – considering the size of Forsyth County, all we have is the Shepherd's Center of Winston-Salem and the Shepherd's Center of Kernersville. And that's it! So, it's pretty widespread _____

But a lot of these people feeling alone and not knowing how to ask for information – even for a handyman in their homes. _____

So it's a safety issue.....Sam Matthews from the Shepherd's Center in Winston-Salem has met with the Rural Hall – Ministerial Association (???) They're trying to set up an information and assistance for persons in the community as a result of the fact that so many people are saying, _____ people to call 9-1-1. We also have basic information but there are some persons out there _____

MAYOR: Thank you. I suppose some of these funds that you help advise on the direction of it is.....

MS. WIMMER: _____ Block Grant funding should be _____ next month _____

(I could not understand anything further that she said from the audience.)

MS. MARTIN: There was also a lot of good information given out at that meeting, by you. Course it only went to the people that were there but it was several pamphlets and booklets that had a lot of good information in it.

MS. WIMMER: And we're more than willing – a lot of us that make up the aging committee, like, I'm also the news director for adult services – Dept. of Social Services – and Debbie works for mental health and there's so many of us that are part of this community that are also "in the field" shall we say? And we're more than willing to come out _____ as a group to make sure that we get the information like we try to do at the community conversations.

_____ People don't realize what's out there and don't know where to go to until it becomes an emergency that they need something for a spouse or a mom or father – caregiver. _____

MAYOR: All right. Thank you, ladies. We appreciate your report and appreciate your time and interest.

5. **NC-DOT AGREEMENT WITH TOWN OF WALKERTOWN
AGREEMENT ID #99**

DISCUSSION:

MAYOR: All we need to do is pass this agreement tonight. This is the agreement that we've already received the grant money. If you'll look in your packet – this is the \$125,000 grant on the sidewalks of Main Street – that will pay \$100,000 and we'll match it with \$25,000. So all we need to do is a motion to approve this - we've already got the go ahead on the funding and we're ready to let the contracts on it soon.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE NC-DOT AGREEMENT #99 WITH THE TOWN OF WALKERTOWN

BY: MARILYN MARTIN

SECOND: RANDY MENDENHALL

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

6. **STIMULUS PROJECT LIST – SUBMITTAL**

- LETTER OF SUPPORT

DISCUSSION:

MAYOR: This is the stimulus project list we have included in your packet some shovel-ready projects that we sent – Friendly Road, Morris Street, Darrow Road, Ruxton Drive – these are the projects that were already in gear and did everything get done on Darrow Road?

MR. SNOW: We have so far with Darrow Road what the MPO is asking for is to submit is a estimate, concept, plans – they're not asking for full designs.....

MAYOR:Okay.....Okay.....

MR. SNOW:We haven't gone to that point. We're waiting to see how the funding checks out. There were some changes to the MPO fund today at their special called meeting so there actually is a smaller pot of money available.....from this budget.....

MAYOR:What's causing this thing to shrink? We haven't even gotten started with it?

MR. SNOW: There was a deal made with NC-DOT to allocate \$6million out of the \$8million that the MPO received for stimulus funds for paving resurfacing projects throughout the MPO. That leaves approximately \$2million – for local municipal projects that they're still wanting to be turned in tomorrow afternoon. So what we have there in your packet is the project we have come up with at least estimates and preliminary designs to turn into them. We actually have most of the pre-construction designs done on Friendly Road and the Morris Street project so those are whatever the definition of shovel ready is, those should meet that. Whereas Darrow and Ruxton – Ruxton which is a very small portion of road- we're actually going to end up putting that into the same package with Darrow just for making contract _____ so.... But we have those, we have that ready to turn into the MPO and in your packet there's a letter of support of us doing that – that the town council – we need it tomorrow, so hopefully we can get that tonight but - with the mayor's signature and _____ turn into them.....

MAYOR:Did you get squared away on Darrow Road?

MR. SNOW: Oh?? Oh? We in the work session we had this past weekend, we discussed that project and when we discussed it, we discussed installing it along the western side of Darrow Road, which actually would be the opposite side of the park. After looking at it – looking at it with the engineers, the recommendation is actually we install it on the eastern side – on the park side – that will require less crossing Darrow Road to access the park. It also be give you access to Morris Chapel Church as well as tie into the existing sidewalks on the opposite side of 66 – that there's a small portion there that will eventually lead into the high school so that will give a good portion of pedestrian connectivity if that's where we do place it – that's where they are recommending placing the sidewalk for now.

MAYOR: That will be a change from what we discussed, Council, at the workshop because we had talked about connecting to the Seafood Shack sidewalk and this will be on the opposite side. But that will be the only minor change.

MR. SNOW: We actually – I think in your packet it says the estimates to be determined on Darrow Road. I got those this afternoon the estimates from the engineers - \$211,000 for that project.

MAYOR: \$211,000 on Darrow.....

MR. SNOW:And that would actually include the Ruxton Drive, too, we believe we can do those for within the _____.

MAYOR: And we already had the one for Friendly marked.

MR. SNOW: Yeah. That would be \$217,000 both for Friendly and Morris together. That will include some safety improvements on Friendly actually the western portion of Friendly but will require some widening to make it safe for pedestrians with the sidewalk and also a portion of curb and gutter for water management so it'd be \$217,000 plus the \$211,000 – so total of \$428,000 that we're turning in for to City MPO for funding and requesting as much of that as we possibly can.

MR. MENDENHALL: And there's also \$11.1million of 80/20 funding – like we got on the other if we don't.....

MAYOR: That what you picked up at the TAC?

MR. MENDENHALL: That was it!

MAYOR: But that's going to that special project, the biggest chunk of that, isn't it? That's swapping off for future money?

MR. SNOW: As far as I understand, the \$11million is not in the account yet – it's coming – it's going to be.....

MAYOR:I know it's on the way.....

MR. SNOW:So when that's going to be allocated, I can't say – that's probably not going to be a part of what we're turning in tomorrow. From what I understand at the MPO meeting, what's left for the call of projects that's due tomorrow, is that \$2.2million and then eventually there will be more funds coming that we could apply for what we don't get – if we don't get this fully funded so there are still some options up there but we're hoping we can, you know, get, you know, as much as we can.

MAYOR: These would have to be either federal US highways or

MR. SNOW:Those are not for sidewalk or pedestrian bicycle – those actually can go on any federal street.....yeah.....

MAYOR:But any other repairs have to be US

MR. SNOW:Unless it's a safety issueand that's what we're claiming on Friendly. If it's just a repaving or widening, it would have to be on a federally classified street.

MAYOR:Right.....Right - - - I wanted to mention that because obviously if we're looking for projects to pave, we were looking – just talking about earlier – paving Melvin Lane. Melvin is not a federal highway so we can't....

MR. SNOW:No.....Melvin would.....not be.....

MAYOR:So that's - - - I knew that had to be going through your mind. So that's why..... All right. All in favor of this letter of support for this stimulus project list that we've got here – and this did not include Old Hollow Road. Did you leave that off intentionally?

MR. SNOW: Yes. I believe that from what we discussed in the work session that the expense of Old Hollow Road that – that – that.....

MAYOR:It would be more than the project....

MR. SNOW:It would be more.....actually, it would be more than what the MPO had left altogether. Also, these projects have to be more or less in the ground by October of this year.....so that would be a very.....would be a very difficult thing to do on that – a project of that scale. We are still working, you know, at the MPO with the DOT on this needs list to get that considered but given the scale of that that would be difficult to do with_____.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE LETTER OF SUPPORT TO W-S MPO FOR
ARRA TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
LIST (STIMULUS MONEY)**

BY: MARILYN MARTIN

SECOND: WAYNE HESTER

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

7. RESOLUTION – DIRECT CLERK TO INVESTIGATE ANNEXATION

- 5015 AND 5017 WRANGLER DRIVE (ONE OWNER)

DISCUSSION:

MAYOR: All we're doing is directing the clerk to investigate this petition. Is there a motion?

**MOTION: TO APPROVE RESOLUTION DIRECTING CLERK TO
INVESTIGATE ANNEXATION
5015 AND 5017 WRANGLER DRIVE (ONE OWNER)**

BY: RANDY MENDENHALL

SECOND: WAYNE HESTER

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

8. RESOLUTION – DIRECT CLERK TO INVESTIGATE ANNEXATION

- 5284 DAVIS ROAD

DISCUSSION:

MAYOR: Is there a motion?

**MOTION: TO APPROVE RESOLUTION DIRECTING CLERK TO
INVESTIGATE ANNEXATION**

5284 DAVIS ROAD
BY: MARILYN MARTIN
SECOND: RANDY MENDENHALL
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

9. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR – FEBRUARY, 2009

DISCUSSION:

WAYNE HESTER: Okay. Everybody has their copy here and the Unrestricted Funds are \$3,363,595.91. Total Restricted funds - \$1,605,863.26.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT FEBRUARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS STATED

**BY: WAYNE HESTER
SECOND: MARILYN MARTIN
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

10. SET WORKSHOP MEETING DATE FOR APRIL _____, 2009

DISCUSSION:

After consideration, April 16th, at 6:00 p.m. at town hall was decided on.

11. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE TO WESLEY HUTCHINS
HOMELAND SECURITY "NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY"
BESTOWS EXECUTIVE FIRE OFFICER TITLE

DISCUSSION:

MAYOR: We have a special presentation tonight of a certificate to our Fire Chief and Fire Administrator, Wesley Hutchins. We have a special recognition from the Homeland Security National Fire Academy – they have bestowed the Executive Fire Officer on Chief Hutchins. Chief Hutchins – if you would come up and at the front of the room! We have several of the firemen that have served with Wesley. Wesley has been involved in this for four years – is that right?

MR. HUTCHINS: Actually, it started about six years ago – when they didn't accept me the first time.

MAYOR: You didn't tell us about that!! Wait a minute!!

WHEREAS, Wesley Dean Hutchins committed to and successfully completed his participation in a 4-year Executive Fire Officer Program sponsored by the U.S. Fire Administration National Fire Academy; and

WHEREAS, Wesley Dean Hutchins is a dedicated and valued member of the Walkertown Volunteer Fire Department serving the Walkertown community; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Fire Administration National Fire Academy, under authority granted by the 93rd Congress of the United States of America conferred the title of EXECUTIVE FIRE OFFICER upon Wesley Dean Hutchins.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Walkertown Town Council does hereby offer
congratulations and best wishes to
WESLEY DEAN HUTCHINS
and salutes Mr. Hutchins for his continued service to the Walkertown
Community

MAYOR DAVIS CONTINUED....

Thank you, Wesley. Also, if you would – just stay close. I'd like to ask your two chief officers to come forward. I think they have a little something to say about this also. This is Deputy Chief Randy Wood and Assistant Chief Keith Pierce. Randy, I think you had something to say.

RANDY WOOD: Well, I was just going to present Chief Hutchins with this small token of our appreciation. I know he spends a lot of time at the fire station and he's a good man for us all to follow. So, congratulations!

MR. HUTCHINS: Thank you. I appreciate that.

MR. HUCTHINS CONTINUED.....

I made mention a little bit earlier that it has been a long journey and there's a few people I'd like to thank. I'd like to thank my wife, Mary, and my children. They stood behind me for four years and Mary – she read four papers! And, my friend, Scott Alderman who's in the audience tonight, Scott's the fire chief over at Lewisville and Scott's been through the program. Actually, I applied the same time Scott did but he got in before I did so he actually beat me out by about a year. Thank you, Scott, for being here. Dennis Whicker, our former fire chief – Dennis, thank you for your leadership and what you did for our department. And certainly to Randy and Keith and the members of the department. I spent two weeks for four years at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. If you've never been to Emmitsburg, it's about 13 miles south of Gettysburg. It's really in the middle of nowhere. Not a whole lot to do in Emmitsburg, other than to go to the Fire Academy and up to the battlefield where one of the famous battles of the Civil War was fought. So, you have a lot of time to spend and reflect on what your program does. And the program was pretty vigorous. It was four years. In those four years, I think I wrote about 180 pages of applied research projects. And those projects hopefully, are going to benefit our department and our community. My wife, Mary, edited each of those papers. She struggled when she read them. She told me she didn't know what she read but she read and she edited. She helped me with my grammar. She helped me get them polished so that when I sent them to my peer reviewers that they would pass. So I wrote those four papers – I spent – actually, now I can say that I've lived in Emmitsburg for two months because I've been there for two weeks out of the four years and it's a very special program. While I was away, these members of the Fire Department picked up the slack of what has to happen each day. They're the true heroes – they're the ones that should deserve a round of applause because they picked up while I was away and made things happen. A really special thanks to Randy and Keith – you guys stepped up and helped me out while I was away. Special thanks to you, too, Scott (Alderman) – you heard me fuss and carry on about having to write those papers and make those things happen. Thank you very much for that! And my last thing is, I'd like to say a special welcome to the Walt Summerville – the fire chief over in Kernersville. As a matter of fact, this week, Chief Summerville is finishing up his first week of two

weeks of National Fire Academy. He was accepted in the National Fire Academy Fire Officer Executive Program. I met with him a couple of weeks ago and tried to tell him what I had learned in the four years and gave him my support and I hope he sees it through. In the program, only about 70% of the people that enter the program stay with it. Thirty percent drop out for one reason or another and, Scott – you stand with me here – it's because you have to write those papers and get those grades for it. So, Mr. Mayor, Council, Scott, Lynn – thank you for having me tonight. Thank you for presenting it. They asked me who to send it to and my wife and I sat down and conferred about where to send it and Doc's a good friend of mine. Thank you for presenting that. I appreciate that.

MAYOR; Thank you, Wesley. We're also going to have a reception in Wesley's honor after this. Everybody's invited – we've got a couple of little quick items to finish up here of final – thank you Wesley – and we want you all to stay and enjoy the reception so just give us about two minutes to finish up a couple of little quick items. We've got to have one final Public Session. Anyone wishing to say anything at a Public Session?

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

(Lynn was setting up reception and failed to get the time....)

PUBLIC SESSION WAS CLOSED.

MAYOR: We will dispense with the committee reports tonight and you see the other announcements.

OTHER INFORMATION AND ATTACHMENTS:

- **REGULAR MONTHLY AND COMMITTEE UPDATES**
IF NO MEETING WAS HELD - COMMITTEE UPDATES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE
 1. STREETS AND ROADS COMMITTEE
 2. CONTRACT SERVICES COMMITTEE
 3. HOUSING CONSORTIUM COMMITTEE

- **MINUTES AND OTHER INFORMATION:**
 1. PLANNING BOARD MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 2009
 2. PLANNING BOARD WORKSHOP MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2009
 3. PLANNING BOARD MINUTES OF MARCH 3, 2009

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recycling – every other week – Monday

APRIL **ROUTE A – 6TH AND 20TH**
 ROUTE B – 13TH AND 27TH

TOWN HALL IS ROUTE B

Town Council meetings:

Fourth Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.

APRIL	23		
MAY	28	JUNE	25
JULY	23	AUGUST	27
SEPTEMBER	24	OCTOBER	22
NOVEMBER	19	- CHANGED DUE TO THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY	
DECEMBER	17	- CHANGED DUE TO CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	

Planning Board meetings:

, Walkertown Library @ 3:00 on 1st Tuesday - - - - **APRIL 7, 2009**

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MEETING (APPROXIMATELY 8:30 P.M.)
BY: RANDY MENDENHALL
SECOND: WAYNE HESTER
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Submitted by:

Lynn McKinnie
Town Clerk