



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TOWN OF WALKERTOWN COUNCIL
AUGUST 27, 2009

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Doc Davis. All council members were present along with Town Clerk and Manager.

Approval of Agenda was made by motion from Randy Mendenhall and seconded by Marilyn Martin.

Approval of Minutes for:

- JULY 23, 2009 – REGULAR MEETING
- AUGUST 11, 2009 – WORKSHOP MEETING

by motion of Sarah Welch and seconded by Wayne Hester.

PUBLIC SESSION

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

Public Session was opened and closed at 7:02 p.m. with no speakers.

BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

1. SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR CLOSING OF DEMPSEY DRIVE

This topic concerns residents along Dempsey Drive requesting that the road be closed to through traffic. According to the petition, the road”.....has been in existence for 40+ years and has never been graveled, paved, or otherwise used as a means of access or egress to either Martin Street or Avalee Street during that time....” To abide by NCGS 160A-299, the council would need to first adopt the Resolution of Intent enclosed with this agenda packet, as well as set a date for a public hearing which would allow residents to voice their opinion on the closing. The Dempsey Drive residents have paid \$600 for closing the street, which is required by Town ordinance.

The resolution will need to be published in the newspaper for four (4) straight weeks. Because it would not be possible to post the resolution and have the Public Hearing at the September meeting, the council decided to hold the Public Hearing at the October council meeting.

MOTION: **TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO CLOSE DEMPSEY DRIVE AND TO SET THE DATE AND TIME OF PUBLIC HEARING TO 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2009**

BY: **RANDY MENDENHALL**

SECOND: **MARILYN MARTIN**

VOTE: **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

2. DISCUSSION OF STATE MANDATORY RECYCLING PROGRAM (EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009) STATUTORY DISPOSAL BAN – PALLETS, OIL FILTERS, PLASTIC BOTTLES

Per an email from Scott Mouw, State Recycling Director, effective October 1, 2009, there is a statutory ban on disposal of wooden pallets, oil filters, and plastic bottles. The manager stated that for the town, our goal would be providing bins for recycling of plastic bottles is mostly what would affect us at town hall in our daily operations – we don't have that high volume of oil filters or pallets that we deal with routinely. We plan to have receptacles for cans and bottles – as much as we can – for recycle materials. It will just go in our regular recycling bin as we normally put out for recycling.

Mayor Davis asked what about oil filters and pallets and response was that we don't have that much pallets or oil filters. He then asked who all this was supposed to be provided for and was told that as far as individuals in the town and pallets – they will be responsible for recycling those. They can take those to a recycling facility. It doesn't affect the town – we don't have any pallets coming in. Same with oil filters. Mayor Davis pushed forward on how we were going to help make available for residents to handle oil filters and the manager said they would just need to take filters, etc., to recycling facility. Ms. Martin reiterated that each individual would be responsible for taking recyclables to the landfill. Mayor Davis asked the council if they felt it would be worthwhile for the town to provide a collection center – a drop place – for residents – not businesses - for oil filters and/or pallets. The council agreed it would be a good idea and the manager was requested to look into this.

3. PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCES CONCERNING NUISANCE (CODE) VIOLATIONS

This draft ordinance was prepared by Benchmark, the company now enforcing the town's nuisance code, to update the Nuisance Ordinance and make it easier to enforce. The council agreed the draft ordinance as set up by Benchmark was much easier to understand and it would replace an ordinance enacted quite a number of years ago.

MOTION: **TO SET A DATE AND TIME OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M. FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF WALKERTOWN WITH RESPECT TO NUISANCES PROVISIONS AS DRAFTED BY BENCHMARK, INC.**
BY: SARAH WELCH
SECOND: WAYNE HESTER
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

4. DISCUSSION TO SET UP FALL 2010 FESTIVAL COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION:

**TO ESTABLISH A FESTIVAL COMMITTEE FOR THE 2010
WALKERTOWN FALL FESTIVAL
(RANDY - CHAIRPERSON)**

The Town is planning on holding a Fall Festival on the weekend of September 10th and 11th, 2010. Randy Mendenhall was previously selected as chairperson of the Festival Committee and he has several names in mind but none nailed down. Tom Lane has agreed to help him. None of the council members have submitted any names.

Mayor Davis asked that the council be ready to submit their names for the Festival Committee at the September workshop meeting.

5. DISCUSSION TO SET UP CENSUS 2010 COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION:

**TO ENDORSE THE EFFORTS OF THE COMPLETE COUNT
COMMITTEE REGARDING THE 2010 UNITED STATES CENSUS
(SARAH - CHAIRPERSON)**

Sarah Welch, as chairperson of this newly formed committee, has also not selected her members yet. Mayor Davis reminded the council that this is a very important issue as government funds and revenue sharing depends on population and we need as accurate an account as we can get.

Mayor Davis asked that this committee be ready to be formed at the September workshop meeting.

(NOTE: ANYONE WISHING TO SERVE ON EITHER COMMITTEE CAN CONTACT THE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON OR LYNN MCKINNIE AT THE TOWN HALL OFFICE.)

6. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

✓ JULY 2009

The finance officer, Wayne Hester, said that at the end of July our total General Account fund balance is \$4,694,759.13. He also mentioned that money will be transferred from one bank to several banks in the next week or so. Mayor Davis also reminded the council that quite a bit of Powell Bill money will be spent on roadwork repairs very soon.

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

BY: WAYNE HESTER

SECOND: RANDY MENDENHALL

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

**7. SET WORKSHOP MEETING DATE AT TOWN HALL FOR 6:00 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 17, 2009**

Due to a couple of the council members being gone during the month of September, the 17th of September was chosen as a good date for the workshop meeting – at 6:00 p.m. at town hall office.

✓ **ONGOING UPDATES (IF ANY):**

Mayor Davis said most of the repair work on the streets was just about completed – some have been paved, some have been patched and some have been patched and paved!

Mr. Hester stated that there is a lot of work going on at our park down on Wickenham Road – and encouraged everyone to check it out.

Sidewalk update by manager – we have received a notice to proceed with bidding for Main Street from New to Depot so the engineers should send out to bidding next week for a 3-week bidding process. Also, Request for Obstruction Authorization was issued by DOT for stimulus projects so those should be bid out in the next several weeks. Stimulus money awarded to Walkertown is around \$80,000. The Main Street -New Street to Depot – project, although not stimulus, is \$100,000 with 80/20 match. PARTF grant will be announced within next two weeks.

✓ **REGULAR MONTHLY AND COMMITTEE UPDATES**

NOTE: IF NO MEETING – NO COMMITTEE UPDATES

Ms. Martin attended a Northwest Piedmont Council of Government meeting last week and they had 600 applicants for summer jobs for youth and they were able to hire 250 and some of the young people came and spoke at the meeting. She said it was very interesting. Stimulus money was used so none of the employers had “out-of-pocket”. They taught the youth how to dress; how to do an interview; how to work; etc.

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Public Session was opened at 7:27 p.m. There were no speakers; however, the mayor recognized several Scouts from Boy Scout Troop #922 who were in attendance to earn their communication badge.

Public Session was closed at 7:28 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS MINUTES AND INFORMATION:

1. PLANNING BOARD MINUTES – AUGUST 4, 2009

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:30 P.M.
BY: MARILYN MARTIN
SECOND: WAYNE HESTER
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECYCLING – every other week – Monday

SEPTEMBER

ROUTE A – 8th (**DUE TO HOLIDAY**) and 21st
ROUTE B – 14th and 28th

TOWN HALL IS ROUTE B

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Fourth Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.

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 - - - - **SEPTEMBER 1, 2009**

PLEASE NOTE:

DUE TO THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY ON SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2009:

- **TOWN HALL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED.**
- **WASTE MANAGEMENT (RECYCLING) WILL RUN ONE DAY BEHIND.**
- **WASTE INDUSTRIES (TRASH PICK-UP) WILL REMAIN ON SCHEDULE – THEY ARE NOT TAKING THE HOLIDAY OFF.**

SUBMITTED BY:

**LYNN MCKINNIE
TOWN CLERK**