



Town of Walkertown, North Carolina
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Walkertown Town Council Meeting
Walkertown Library Auditorium
THURSDAY 7:00 P.M. JUNE 28, 2007

MINUTES

PROTOCOL:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Doc Davis at 7:00 p.m. Present for a quorum were Mayor Davis, Councilmembers Wayne Hester, Ralph Landreth, Sarah Welch, and Brenda Mabe. Present as town attorney was Attorney Bo Houff. Clerk Lynn was absent due to vacation.

After a brief invocation by former mayor, Enos A. Jumper, Councilmember Wayne Hester led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved on a motion by Brenda Mabe and seconded by Wayne Hester.

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF

- MAY 24, 2007 – REGULAR MEETING
- MAY 24, 2007 – CLOSED SESSION

Minutes for May 24, 2007 were unanimously approved on a motion by Wayne Hester and seconded by Ralph Landreth.

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 7:07 p.m. with no speakers.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

1. **PUBLIC HEARING**
BUDGET DISCUSSION HEARING

ORDINANCE #07-_____

TO PROVIDE FOR THE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE
TOWN OF WALKERTOWN FOR FY 2007-2008

DISCUSSION:

Mayor: There's copies of the budget in the back of your packet. Anybody got a question on the budget, now is the time to speak. We'll open the Public Hearing for the budget at 7:08 p.m. --- anyone wishing to speak to an item on the budget, pro or con?? Anything concerning the budget? Seeing or hearing no one, we'll close the Public Hearing and we'll open the discussion for the budget hearing from the council – any questions on the budget? You see that

our revenues are \$362K this year – up about \$20million – I believe it was \$347K last year --- not revenue, but the property values -- \$362K versus, I believe, \$347K last year. I'll take a motion on the budget if you want to – someone to give a motion?

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE 2007-2008 BUDGET AS PRESENTED
BY: BRENDA MABE
SECOND: WAYNE HESTER
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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

RESOLUTION #07-____
DIRECTING TOWN CLERK TO INVESTIGATE VOLUNTARY
ANNEXATION PETITION FOR BLOCK 3241, LOTS 012N & 012K
BETTYE FAY MORRIS GARWOOD

DISCUSSION:

Mayor: I don't know why this, all of a sudden's being petitioned.
Does anybody know the story about this?

Mr. Bell: Yes, sir. This is a group that's – Muirfield Park Subdivision – they've gotten all their plats approved by Forsyth County and had intended to ask for voluntary annexation the whole time. So they had their plats, the layouts, and so forth, and they've applied for voluntary annexation. I've got a plat, if the council would like to look at it.

Mayor: Yeah. Because we usually have a map in here but we don't have one. So, it's not just two lots? It's.....

Mr. Bell: Her current lots are two lots, but it's been subdivided into about 60, I think.

Ms. Welch: She sold the whole thing – to a developer.

Mayor: Oh! Okay. Council, ya'll come take a look at this. This is lots different than we thought – than I thought. Wayne, is this the one we talked about last time or not?

Mr. Hester: No.

Ms. Welch: Un uh --- we haven't talked about it.

Mr. Bell: It's a little bit larger in size. I think they're saying 60-something lots --- looks like 62 -- 76 lots.

Mayor: All we're doing tonight is authorizing the clerk to investigate if it's eligible.

Mr. Hester: Who's the planner on this? The developer?

Mr. Bell: The developer is Eastwood Development.

Mayor: Who is Eastwood?

Mr. Bell: Just folks.....

Ms. Welch:You don't know?....

Mr. Bell:They've been working on this for a while. Been through several rounds with Forsyth County to get everything worked out.

Mayor: All right. Let's study this at a time --- do ya'll want to ask the clerk to investigate voluntary annexation?

AGREEMENT ALL AROUND.....

Ms. Mabe:This is already designated but we have no control over it now.

Ms. Welch: She sold out.

Mr. Bell: That would bring it in before they ever start building.

Ms. Mabe: This is not.....?

Mr. Bell:There's nothing back there so it would be no owners worried about the taxes going up and they want to come in before they even start building so.....

Mayor: Bo, help me understand something while we're talking here. This is way premature – all we're doing is investigating annexation but, in the event they come in, would they be subject to our sidewalks and?? And curb and guttering???

Mr. Houff: This is sub-divided only, right? This has not been site plan approved?

Mr. Bell: No. They had a site plan. They haven't brought that. Actually, our standards for sidewalks are more stringent than Forsyth County until recently. They adopted some that match ours so all of that.....

Mr. Houff:So, it won't be any different.

(CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHAT IS BEING SAID ON THE FOLLOWING©)

Mr. Bell:Right of way, sidewalks are identical. D.O.T. hadn't _____ the roads because it is the county right now. So. D.O.T. _____

Mr. Houff: D.O.T. _____ roads _____

Ms. Mabe: What size are the lots?

Mayor: Well, 79-foot by 116, and 64 in the back, so – on that one.

Ms. Mabe: They're not all the same size. Okay. Has anybody on this opposed this coming in here?

Mr. Houff: You don't have to decide that --- what you're asking the clerk to do is investigate the petition, to see whether it matches up. Then you would gear it about whether you're willing to accept them in or not.

Ms. Mabe: Okay.

Mr. Houff: You're just telling the clerk to look at this more carefully to see whether it meets all the requirements.....and matches.....And then they will come back to you with a proper petition with maps and all that to look at. So you're not making a decision on whether to accept it or not. You're asking the clerk.....

Ms. Mabe:This is just having the clerk investigate.....

Mr. Houff:to see whether their petition meets all the requirements.

Mayor: Okay. Good enough..... What's your pleasure, Council? Do you want to direct the clerk to investigate voluntary annexation?

Mr. Hester: I say, direct the clerk to make the.....

MOTION: TO DIRECT TOWN CLERK TO INVESTIGATE VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION PETITION FOR BLOCK 3241, LOTS 012N & 012K BETTYE FAY MORRIS GARWOOD

BY: WAYNE HESTER

SECOND: SARAH WELCH

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor: All we're doing, as Bo said, we're directing the clerk, Ms. McKinnie, to investigate if they're eligible for town – if they meet the requirements – being contiguous to town property, and other requirements that she would compare – and report back to the council that, yes, they are or no, they aren't.

And then at that point, council would decide if we wanted to take them into the town or if we did not want to annex them. Is that correct, Bo?

Mr. Houff: Excellent and correct. You are not bound by this.

Mayor: Right. All we're doing is checking.

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

TRAFFIC DEPUTY GRANT PROJECT INFORMATION & DISCUSSION
Highway Safety Project Contract – Form GHSP-02

DISCUSSION:

Mayor: We have a representative from the Sheriff's Department here tonight. I believe you're going to tell us something about this? And answer some questions, I hope?

Cliff Kilby: I was asked to come out and see if I could make things a little clearer. I understand that some of the council had some question about it and there's – it's getting started late in the year. This is on the federal year cycle so, in a way, it's kind of hindering the town. I understand that the first year the salary is to be paid by the federal money and since this is going on the federal cycle, the town's only going to benefit the 100% for from now until the end of the federal year, which is the end of September. I understand that was some of the concerns of some of the council and I am here at the request of the clerk to try to explain and make things clearer to you.

Mayor: All right. Council, do you have any questions. What is your name again?

Mr. Kilby: My name is Clifton Kilby.

Mayor: I think we originally didn't anticipate only two or three months involved, is what, I think, has stumped the council. Is that not right, Council?

Ms. Mabe: Yes. That's my concern.

Mr. Hester: That would be the first year would be completely.....

Mayor:Right.

Mr. Kilby: Traditionally, these run on the federal cycle and usually Congress holds back a couple of months of the money coming to the state. But this year, Congress held back the money until May before they ever distributed it to the state and then the state notified us that we would be allowed to get two deputies' positions out of this. We'd put in for seven originally – the state allowed us to get two. And with my supervision, Clemmons and Walkertown had both put in for one of the deputies and our current county commissioners have took a turn to eliminate the grants – the grant positions that the Sheriff's Office has got right now. So the Sheriff's Office is not seeking any – either one of these positions that's available.

Mayor: When you say you're not seeking any --- tell me, explain that to me a little further. I don't understand what you're saying.

Mr. Kilby: Instead of the county just going ahead, the Sheriff's Office saying we're going to take these two positions and not let the towns have either one of them.....

Mayor:Ahhh!! I got you..... Okay.....Thanks.

Mr. Kilby:Yes, sir.....I was told to offer it to the towns first.

And since then, our county commissioners have said that they don't want any more grant positions anyway, so.....

Mayor: I can understand. What questions do ya'll have?

Ms. Mabe: Well, instead of having a year – we’re only going to have a couple of months – for that first year – August to September.

Mr. Kilby: Yes, ma’am. Yeah, the benefits.....

Ms. Mabe:And that’s a lot..... of money.....we’re going to be putting out --- just for a couple of months.

Mr. Kilby:Yes, ma’am. The money – on this grant here – the benefits that you’ll have, if you plan on having a deputy out here --- would be the equipment, the biggest thing would be the equipment because the equipment, the federal money would come in and it would pay for 75% of the equipment. And that equipment, you would keep – the cars, the guns, the belts, all that stuff, that you would not have to pay 100% on. And then after the first of October, that salary – the deputy’s salary would be paid 75% by the town, 25% by the --- excuse me.... 25% by the town, 75% by the federal funds. And, then, the year after, it would go to 50-50 and then – it would keep.....

Ms. Mabe:And next year, it drops to 50%?

Mr. Kilby: Yes, ma’am. The third year it drops

Ms. Mabe: And then the last year, we pay the whole.....?

Mr. Kilby: Yes, ma’am.

Mr. Hester:And how many years does that cover? Four years?

Mr. Kilby: It’s a three-year grant as far as the funding end but they’re wanting you to keep it for four years. The sheriff has requested, since the last turn of events with the county commissioners, that the extended period be a commitment given by the town, as far as keeping the deputy because we don’t want the deputy --- It’s going to be hard for us to recruit someone that’s only going to be in that position for three or four years. They would want to think that they are going to be out here for a longer term. We drew up a draft contract through the year 2015 and I don’t know if that was presented to the council or not.

Mr. Bell: I just got to work on that yesterday.....it’s a resolution and it breaks out the cost – how much from the county and from the town. It does require us to – the way it’s written out – to make a commitment up to 2015, which would mean we would carry it for four years, I think, after the grant runs out. They explained that this is supposed to be seed money to get people to start a position of intent – it’s to start it and keep it – so – and they would like for us to make that commitment to keep it. Now, if the town grows by 2000 and – by the end of this grant – the town could have hundreds and hundreds more people --- people moving in all the time and it may very well be that that would fit well with the growth of the town _____

Ms. Mabe: Is this deputy’s main purpose, traffic?

Mr. Kilby: The first three years, he’ll be a primary traffic officer, yes, ma’am. Now, that’s not saying if he’s out here running radar and the alarm goes off at the bank, he’s going to be able to respond to emergency calls. If there’s a call comes in that someone’s getting assaulted, a crime in progress, he’s going to respond to that. He’s not going to sit there, just because they’re not speeding or driving drunk, he’s not going to go and answer that call. But if he goes to, say, if it’s an alarm in a house, he goes to the house, that house has been broken into, he’ll stay there until another deputy comes and relieves him. As soon as he’s afforded the opportunity, he’s to get back out and start doing traffic enforcement.

Mr. Hester: Who would set up the deputy’s hours? What those hours would be or what would the work shift be?

Mr. Kilby: That would be up to the town. He's going to be here – to the town. He's going to have to work some night hours because they want him to target people that's driving while impaired and there's not a whole lot of folks that drive during the daytime. There is a few out but statistics show that most of your driving while impaired people are out at night. He also is part of the --- some of the strings that's attached to the grant, the Governor's Highway Safety people, they request them to work so many checkpoints – out of the year, they have to work one checkpoint a quarter so wherever we have a checkpoint set up, the deputy would have to go and work. Like on up in July, we've got one scheduled in Winston-Salem, one in Kernersville, so it might be, whenever this grant takes off, the checkpoints in August, one of them might be here in Walkertown – so the deputy will be here. But we'd also have the deputies coming in from all over and the troopers and the city police in Kernersville. We all work together on those.

Ms. Welch: When this was first presented to us, they said we'd be allowed to interview officers that were interested in transferring to that. Will that still be the same way?

Mr. Kilby: Yes, ma'am. As far as I know, ma'am. I don't have any control over that but you were promised that and I would say a promise is a promise.

Mr. Hester: Can you break down, or tell us, I see it on here but, at the meeting we had before, when this came up and we had to do it all of a sudden, I recall that the only thing that we were going to have to pay for, I thought, was the salary for the deputy --- that the county provided the car, the equipment or whatever. But is it true now that the town will have to pay for the car, for the equipment, the uniforms and so forth that the deputy would have?

Mr. Kilby: The way it was presented, the best I recall, the last time I was here was that the salary was 100% the first year, and the equipment was a match of 75-25 – that the government would pay 75% of the equipment, the town would pay 25% - that was the only cost that the town was going to be out, was for that equipment. And.....

Ms. Mabe:Well, the first year we're going to be shortchanged on that one.

Mr. Kilby: On the salary, yes, ma'am. And that's because it runs on the federal cycle. And I don't have anything ---- I can't control that. That was

Mayor:Why does it --- if it's the governor's program – why does it run on a federal cycle?

Mr. Kilby: ...They're getting the money from the Federal Department of Transportation is the one that funds the.....

Mayor:I should've known it took that long to sift through the system, don't it?.....

Mr. Kilby:It usually don't, sir. Usually --- when the last grant I worked on, it started in January and we were short from October til January. But this year, congress kept continuing resolutions to keep the projects running that they had in existence. But they wouldn't approve any new funding. That was on up until May until we got notified that the funds had hit the state budget.

Mayor: I don't know ---- I feel like the council feels, since we're not accustomed to dealing with the federal government and the way they operate, I think they feel a little bit horns waggled in the fact that they thought that we were getting a full year and we are only going to be getting about a month and a half or two months.

Ms. Welch: For the first year.....

Mr. Hester:For the free part --- and then we go into the paying right away.

Ms. Welch, Ms. Mabe: Right, Yeah.

Mr. Hester:And we're going to be committed til 2015 on this?

Mr. Bell: That's the way, the way the resolution's written. Now, that may be open for discussion. Karen Taylor, the manager, explained that the sheriff wanted to try to keep the position but it was intended to start something as seed money to start it so - but right now it does carry us through 2015.

Mr. Hester: I tell you, with all of this that's coming up, we've got it for "Discussion and/or Action" I would like to put it off and when we have a work session maybe next month, we go over this and.....

Mayor:When do you need to know?

Mr. Kilby: ...Well, your honor.....

Ms. Mabe: ...Right now!

Mr. Kilby:I'd like to know as soon as we can because we have got to have the authorization to make the purchases and all and those purchases have to be made, we have to receive the equipment by the end of September. So, the longer we wait, the harder it's going to be to get the equipment. But I don't want ya'll to rush in to something --- this is something.....

Mayor:I think if we need to make a decision, I think probably the council could make one tonight and it would probably be negative. Is that true, council?

Mr. Hester: I feel negative right now unless I can get more information and find out what it's.....

Mayor:Do you have another town you could offer it to if we turn it down?

Mr. Kilby: Clemmons is in the running -- they put in for two positions.

Mr. Hester: Oh, so there's going to be two positions?

Mr. Kilby: Yes, sir.

Mr. Hester: And they would take both of them if we don't take one?

Mr. Kilby: Well, that's up to them. I'm still waiting on their word also. They're doing the same process that Walkertown's doing. It may be that when I hear from them, they may say they don't want any part of it or they'll take as many as we can get them.

Mayor: I understand. We really want it but I think that with the way it's set up -- the way the federal government's held up the money, I think ---- but I don't want to speak for Council. Any other questions of the officer? Thank you, sir. We'll discuss here a moment. If you'll hang around just a minute..... What other discussion do you have, council, on this item? And let's decide because I think it's only fair that he goes away with some kind of decision.

Mr. Hester: Well, that's what happened the other time. We made the decision hastily because it was the first time it had been brought up to us.

Mayor: Well, it was to apply. We applied - and now we see that it didn't come through and our Sheriff's Dept. in Forsyth County doesn't have any control over when the money gets here. We can't -- it's not a dim view on them -- they're just administering the funds and that's all we're ---- What's your pleasure, Council. Do ya'll want to move forward with this or do you want to....? Someone want to make a motion, one way or the other?

Ms. Mabe: I have so many questions not answered and, secondly, it's the first year, we're not really going to benefit by what I thought we were going to get. I have a real problem with that. I'm going to make a motion that we don't

accept this grant because of problems have changed and therefore, I feel like I can't --- I mean, I would love to have had it but I feel like the first year, since we're not going to get it --- I make a motion we don't accept it.

MOTION: TO REJECT THE GRANT FOR A TRAFFIC DEPUTY
BY: BRENDA MABE

Ms. Welch: I make a motion that we *accept* it.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE GRANT FOR A TRAFFIC DEPUTY

Mayor: Well, that would have to be a "substitute" motion. We're dealing with one motion..... We're dealing with a motion.....

Ms. Welch:Oh, I'm sorry.....She's..... I wasn't listening.....

Mayor:If we don't get a second, we can take yours as a substitute.....

Mr. Hester:Well, I'll second the motion because I'm uncertain.

MOTION: TO REJECT THE GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT FOR A TRAFFIC DEPUTY

BY: BRENDA MABE

SECOND: WAYNE HESTER

VOTE: MOTION PASSED 3 TO 1

**REJECT: MABE
HESTER
LANDRETH**

OPPOSE: WELCH

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

RESOLUTION # 07-_____

TO RECOGNIZE NATIONAL HUNGER AWARENESS MONTH (JUNE)

DISCUSSION:

Mayor: This resolution – we participated in this – many of the churches have participated in the National Hunger Awareness Month in the month of June and we wanted to make it official by recognizing this resolution and approving, adopting this resolution into our minutes tonight. It's part of our agenda.

MOTION: TO RECOGNIZE NATIONAL HUNGER AWARENESS MONTH IN THE MONTH OF JUNE

BY: BRENDA MABE

SECOND: RALPH LANDRETH

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Mabe: The reason we were a little late is because we found out a little late about this but we wanted the people to know.....

Mr. Hester:About like that federal thing ---- We'll get two days of it!

Ms. Mabe: Yes – but we're still aware of it!!

Mayor: Tom (LANE) has been participating all month – let the record show – in the fight against hunger!

5. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**
DISCUSSION OF ATTORNEY RATE INCREASE
(See attachment on attorney fees for other towns)

DISCUSSION:

Mayor: Holy mackerel!!
Mr. Houff: You want me to leave??
Mayor: I don't care if you stay !! I said no wonder Amy got married tonight – she's sending you out to do the dirty work!!!
Mr. Houff: _____
Mayor: For several years, we've had the same rate on our attorney fees. We elected to continue with the same attorney firm. We've been pleased with the firm. You see the attached schedule. You see the rate is up from \$115 to \$150 is what the new rate is.
Mr. Houff: _____ something about Lewisville _____

**MOTION: TO APPROVE RATE INCREASE OF ATTORNEY FEES
TO \$150 PER HOUR**
BY: WAYNE HESTER
SECOND: SARAH WELCH
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

6. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**
JULY 4TH CELEBRATION UPDATE
(See attachment)

DISCUSSION:

Mayor: Here it is, folks – in living color! Let the record show that we will prepare no hot dogs in this town with relish on it! I don't know where she got this picture --- she got the picture out of some Yankee newspaper!!!!
Ms. Mabe: That's a Yankee hot dog !!!!
Peggy Leight: Yankees eat relish !!!
Mr. Hester: We don't !!!!
Mayor: Tom, will you come to the podium, please? We want to grill you ---- No!! We don't want to *grill* you – we want to ask you some questions! Tom is going to have his big, huge, humongous cooker there that he usually does pig pickin's on --- just to cook these poor little hot dogs!! We're going to cook the hot dogs – we've got a crew – the council's – part of us will be cooking, part of us will be slinging hot dogs and my wife has volunteered and Jo is going to help her. Right, Jo?
Mr. Hester: And I volunteered to eat 'em !!!
Ms. Mabe: Well, I noticed in the paper – you told us we had to be there!!
Mayor: We gotta be there, absolutely!! We're not going to deliver any at home, right, Tom? They're going to have to be there to eat 'em, right?
Tom Lane: Yeah!
Mayor: The hot dogs will be provided – Ms. McKinnie is doing the purchasing of these and it will be 4 to 6 – we'll be serving the hot dogs. And 6:00 is when the music is going to take place. Phil Wagoner is directing the music. It will be patriotic music at 6:00 ---- I think he said about 30 minutes. Everything is at the park ---

Mr. Hester: We went over and looked at it and Lynn, Phil and I went over and he's found a place where they can park their trailer, with the piano on it, and set the choir up. He says it will work well like that. Be in a shaded area where people will be able to

Ms. Mabe: Do the people need to bring chairs if they want to?

Mr. Hester: Yep!

Mr. Lane: Chairs and coolers!!!!

Mayor: We'll be furnishing the hot dogs, the chips and drinks and ---

Mr. Hester: And we have a large cooler coming from the Civic Club that'll have ice and soft drinks and water in it.

Mr. Lane: Did you find out today where we could set the cooker at, Mr. Bell?

Mr. Bell: I'm sorry. What?

Mr. Lane: Did you find out today where we could set the cooker?

Mr. Bell: No. I didn't hear --- There's an issue with the Forsyth County parks – if we want to put the cooker down at the picnic area, we're going to need to give them an insurance certificate and take responsibility for being in that area. We've got the documents if we need to do that.....

Mayor:All we need to do is give them a certificate because we're insured so we just need to give them a certificate and he'll be.....

Mr. Bell:And we can get the key.....

Mayor:We'll be --- we'll put him under contract. We can type up a contract, put him under contract. It'll be us doing it and then we can give them a certificate. We've got the liability insurance – yeah, that's no problem. We can just ask our insurance carrier, which is the League, to send them a cert. No problem. Any other details that you're not sure of, Tom?

Mr. Lane: Yeah! I'm not sure of anything!!

Mayor: I'm talking about with this – 4th of July – I'm.....

Mr. Lane:Oh.....Okay..... All right. I know what you're talking about, now!!!! What kind of condiments are you going to have?

Mayor: We're going to have what we're supposed to have!! Mustard, slaw, chili, onions, and ketchup!!!

Ms. Mabe: And slaw.

Mr. Hester: And 'tater chips!

Mr. Lane: What kind of chili?

Mayor: Don't worry about it, Tom!!!!

Mr. Lane: Everybody's asking me.

Ms. Welch: Garner's going to give us the chili.

Mr. Bell: Garner gave us the chili.

Mr. Hester: It's in the town office right now.

Mayor: Texas Pete chili.

Mr. Lane: That's what it's got to be! Texas Pete!! And we got to have about a gallon of it, too!!

Mayor: Okay. Any other comments? Everything should be in gear. We'll start cooking about what time, Tom?

Mr. Lane: You said 4 to 6 ---

Mayor: Council needs to be there by at least 3:30. Tom, thank you. We really appreciate your offering your catering company to help us.

7. **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

- **MAY, 2007**

Mr. Hester said nothing to add or take away from it except to accept it as it is.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT MAY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS PRESENTED BY TOWN CLERK
BY: WAYNE HESTER
SECOND: RALPH LANDRETH
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTE: PRIVILEGE LICENSE LETTERS HAVE GONE OUT TO BUSINESSES IN WALKERTOWN. THIS YEAR, I HAVE EXTENDED PAYMENT TIME DUE UNTIL JULY 31ST.

OTHER:

Mayor: Give us an update on the paving. Is all the paving done now?

Mr. Bell: Yes. This year's paving is done. We need to address some driveways – we didn't have that in the contract, where we've got too big a drop so we're looking at trying to get some gravel on some of those but one guy called to compliment the paving job. So, all of Jones was paved, all of Depot, Snider, and Leight.

Mayor: Now, did Depot get paved all the way up to Main Street?

Mr. Bell: Yes, sir. It did. Up to.....theD.O.T. right of way....

Ms. Mabe: No !!!It stopped It doesn't go..... Why didn't you go all the way up to the street?

Mr. Bell:It's up to the right of way.....

Ms. Mabe: Well, it stopped. It doesn't go all the way up to Main Street.

Mr. Bell: It stops at the right of way.

Ms. Mabe: The right of way? Why didn't they go all the way up to Main Street?

Mr. Bell: Because from there on, it's a D.O.T. road.

Ms. Mabe: That looks really weird.

Mr. Bell: We did some patching up there to get the D.O.T. shaped up a little bit from the right of way over, we can't use Powell Bill funds – that's a state maintained road – we can't do any work on that anyway.

Mayor: They apparently are going to pave Main Street? Is that correct? I notice they have been building up the shoulders.

Mr. Bell: It appears to me that they are patching it but I'm not sure if they are planning to repair it any time soon. I've not seen that – I don't – we don't always look at the repair schedules in the meetings.....

Mayor: It just looks like they were building up shoulders, that they were planning to pave it but I don't know that.

Mr. Bell: I don't know.

Mayor: So, Depot, Leight, Snider, and Jones. Jones all the way?

Mr. Bell: Jones all the way.

Mayor: Okay. All that's completed? What's the progress on Chris and Jacki and those – made any headway there at all?

Mr. Bell: Yeah. Amy determined that in North Carolina, if you'll recall there was a dedication that where that road was dedicated for public use but it sort of sat there and the town, neither the town nor D.O.T. accepted it. And since nobody has taken that back, has rescinded it, the town can apparently can just say, okay, we'll take it and it's in town. So she'll have the paperwork for that next month and the folks on Jacki and Chris plan to come and formally request that it be put into town. That's my understanding. I hope to get a list of the next set of roads and sidewalks to consider.

PUBLIC SESSION

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

Public Session was opened and closed with no speakers.

OTHER:

Tom Lane: Does the town have any kind of plug or anything where they can have signs made – like for the Farmer's Market?

Mayor: We had some at one time. We could do that, yeah, I don't see why we couldn't, if we need to.

Mr. Lane: Because I'm making them by hand and if it rains, they're.....

Mayor:Yeah.... You're box gets wet!! I saw that!

Mr. Lane: We need some signs! That guy across from the Mill will do them for us.

Ms. Mabe: Because some people don't know we have one.

Mayor: We probably need those that have the "A" frame. We'll make a note of that.

Ms. Welch: Make sure he puts "Walkertown" on them so that somebody won't get them --- "Town of".....

Ms. Mabe: Last week, we only had one person there....

Mayor:Yes, but he had everything we need!! No tomatoes yet.

**MOTION: TO RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR THE
PURPOSE OF § 143-318.11 (SEE BELOW)**

BY: BRENDA MABE

SECOND: WAYNE HESTER

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSED SESSION:

§ 143-318.11. Closed sessions.

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

- (6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or

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

MOTION: TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION
BY:
SECOND:
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Houff: It's 8:34 p.m.
Mayor: 8:34 – we're in Open Session. We've been in a Closed Session. The minutes have been sealed. And now, Mr. Bell would like to address the council.

Mr. Bell: I would like to submit my resignation as town manager of Walkertown. I will submit a written document. I will submit a written document to the mayor tomorrow, effective immediately, and I will accept the – contingent on the two months severance pay with benefits.

Mayor: We offered that to

Mr. Bell:I do.... I do ---- would require that this is a voluntary resignation and no one on the council will say anything otherwise, subject to action on my part.

Mayor: Is there a motion to accept this voluntary resignation from Ron Bell?

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE VOLUNTARY RESIGNATION OF TOWN MANAGER RON BELL CONTINGENT UPON TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS AGREED UPON IN CLOSED SESSION:
(1) RON BELL ACCEPTS TWO MONTHS SEVERANCE PAY FOR JULY AND AUGUST – TO BE PAID AT NORMAL PAY TIMES.
(2) THE TOWN WILL PAY FOR RON BELL'S INSURANCE COVERAGE THROUGH JULY AND AUGUST.
BY: WAYNE HESTER
SECOND: SARAH WELCH
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor: The motion in this voluntary resignation – Ron Bell accepts two months severance pay, which would be paying him through July and August

– he’s already earned June. And he would also receive insurance benefits through both months. They would be paid as the monthly term goes – they would not be paid a lump sum in June, but it would be paid at the normal pay periods in July and the normal pay periods in August. Is that your understanding, Mr. Bell?

Mr. Bell: Yes, sir.

Mayor: Okay. Is there any questions or any or any concerns?

Mr. Landreth: No questions. I understand.

Ms. Welch: No questions.

Mr. Hester: No.

Ms. Mabe: None.

Mayor: All in favor of accepting this resignation under those terms, raise your hands..... And it’s unanimous. We accept your resignation, Mr. Bell.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 8:40 P.M.

BY: BRENDA MABE

SECOND: WAYNE HESTER

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

OTHER INFORMATION ATTACHED

(1) Planning Board Meeting Minutes for June 5, 2007

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **RECYCLING** in Walkertown continues every two weeks.
JULY 9th AND 23RD 2007

- **TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:** (4TH THURSDAYS)

7:00 p.m. at the Walkertown Library Auditorium on:

FOURTH THURSDAY @ 7:00 P.M.

JULY 26

AUGUST 23

SEPTEMBER 27

OCTOBER 25

NOVEMBER 29 – CHANGED DUE TO THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

DECEMBER 20 – CHANGED DUE TO CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

- **PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS:**

Library @ 3:00 p.m. On 1st Tuesday of month

JULY 3RD

AUGUST 7TH

SEPTEMBER 11TH *DUE TO LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

OCTOBER 2ND

NOVEMBER 13TH *DUE TO ELECTION DAY

DECEMBER 4TH

**FARMERS' MARKET AT LOVES' UMC ON
SATURDAYS - 7:00 A.M. TIL ?? (SELL OUT)
BRING YOUR FRESH HOME-GROWN
VEGGIES TO SELL !!**



**DON'T FORGET JULY 4TH CELEBRATION
DARROW ROAD PARK**

**4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. FREE HOT DOGS, CHIPS AND
DRINK**

6:00 P.M. - SPECIAL MUSIC BY WALKERTOWN AREA CHURCHES

