



## Town of Walkertown, North Carolina

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Walkertown Town Council Meeting

Walkertown Library Auditorium

THURSDAY 7:00 P.M. MAY 22, 2008

# MINUTES

The town council meeting of the Town of Walkertown was begun at 7:03 p.m. when Mayor Doc Davis called the meeting to order. With all council members, the mayor, and town clerk present, Mayor Davis said the prayer and Council Member Marilyn Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED**  
**BY: MARILYN MARTIN**  
**SECOND: WAYNE HESTER**  
**VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

## MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF

- APRIL 24, 2008 – Regular Meeting Minutes
- APRIL 28, 2008 - Workshop Meeting Minutes
- APRIL 28, 2008 - Workshop Closed Session Minutes
- May 20, 2008 – Workshop Meeting Minutes
- May 20, 2008 – Workshop Closed Session Minutes

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**• APRIL 24, 2008 – Regular Meeting Minutes**  
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**• APRIL 28, 2008 - Workshop Closed Session Minutes**  
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**AS PRESENTED**  
**BY: MARILYN MARTIN**  
**SECOND: RANDY MENDENHALL**  
**VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

## PUBLIC SESSION

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

Public Session was opened at 7:08 p.m. with two speakers:

1. Jerry Goode  
5136 New St.  
Walkertown NC

I pastor Faith of God Ministries on 5545 Main Street. We started out church in 1983 in the shopping center at Walkertown and then we moved to Main Street in 1993 and what I am here about tonight is to come to the mayor and town council about a sign that we put up in 1993. It's

made of logs and it's old and worn out and we just are wanting to replace that sign and we run into an obstacle when we went to the Planning Board with illumination inside the sign. I'm coming to the town council requesting that this ordinance that was amended on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February to try to get this amended again so that I can have a light inside my sign. Because of the sign that I have now, it's a light on the outside, and according to the ordinance that I read on page 7, it says there's some uses which was to promote the public health and safety and welfare of the residents and visitors and then to provide an environment which fosters growth and development of business and protect commercial districts from visual clutter and protect property values and eliminate distractions or hazards to motorists and pedestrians. And I see all these things that what our sign that we're proposing will do because of the light outside, it could actually harm somebody if they tripped over it. And it would actually have more light than what we are proposing – the light that we have now, is 300 watts and the sign would be – is facing the road – and what we propose is to have a sign that would have two sides on it and it would have to have two lights on it, which would be 600 watts and the sign that we are asking for would have only 37 watts inside. So I'll show you what --- this is what our sign would look like which I think would be a whole lot better looking sign than what we have and it would have eight fluorescent light bulbs inside. It would have eight fluorescent light bulbs in it, which would be 75 watts each, which would total up to 375 watts and if you could consider this tonight, or whenever, and let me know, I would appreciate it. Thank you very much.

2. Blanche Blowe  
3815 Kilberry Ct.  
Walkertown

My question is, I know the town board has been doing a lot of good work, it seems to me, since we've been here. But the corner of 158 and 66 seems to be getting worse all the time. I mean, there's so much junk up there – signs all over and that's the entrance. And it should be attractive. So I was wondering – have you planned on doing something? If you have, that's fine – or will you plan on working on that area?

MAYOR: Quick question, ma'am, before you – we've got a little more time on yours. Are you speaking about the signs on this side, this side meaning the west side.....

MS. BLOWE: .....Opposite Sheetz.....and the new building – that corner there – I think there's a Lion's Club, or something there – and there's just stuff all over. It really looks terrible as an entrance. It seemed to me that it should be more beautified.

MAYOR: There's no doubt about it – we've, several of us have talked about moving that – it's actually our entrances, should be around the curve on 158 – but, I'm afraid this council is guilty of walking by or driving by it over the years and we haven't seen it as closely as you've seen it as you come – as a newer resident, so, yes, we will. I'm sure we will be willing to take a look at that and address it, wouldn't we, Council? One of you – I don't remember.....

MS. MARTIN: .....I thought we had discussed it at one point with the Civic Club in putting up a new sign.....

MAYOR: .....One of you.....putting up a new.....right..... We were going to put up a new sign, and, you remember what happened to that, Ms. Welch? Wasn't the Civic Club wanting to join us in that?

MS. WELCH: .....Yes, yes, yes. They were going to repaint it for us.

MAYOR: .....Yeah. That's it. And put it at their proper boundaries, wasn't it?

MR. HESTER: .....Does need to be moved.....It needs to be moved..... We have new boundaries now.

MS. BLOWE: ..... There are all types of little signs and plaques there. I mean, it's just so many, you know – well, just signs!

MAYOR: Well, those that are non-real estate and non-permanent signs – those will be down by the weekend, is that correct, Tom?

MR. LANE: Yeah!

MAYOR: Yeah. They'll be down by the weekend! We just heard from the Maintenance Department – they'll be down by the weekend.

MS. BLOWE: Okay. Most towns, when you enter, you see something that's pretty. You know, you see a few flowers and.....

MAYOR: .....I don't think he can get the flowers blooming by midnight, but he will get the signs down!!

MS. BLOWE: .....But I mean for the future! Just make it more attractive!

MAYOR: Thank you, ma'am. I appreciate your sharing it with...

MS. WELCH: Well, the Civic Club did promise – they keep telling me – every year.

MAYOR: Yeah. I'm afraid we're guilty of passing by something on a daily basis as it little by little by little grows and we don't notice it. I'm guilty of that. Thank you for pointing that out.

Public Session was closed at 7:15 p.m.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**

1. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:** 7:16 p.m.  
 TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEY OF TOWN PROPERTY AND PARK-RELATED DISCUSSION  
 .....JEFF JOHNSON, ARCHITECT WITH AWCK, INC.  
 MR. JOHNSON; I appreciate Lynn inviting me up here. Every time Ken's been up here, I've had other things to do and I haven't been able to get up here so I really appreciate it. We now have a topographical survey in hand so we feel like now we can proceed accurately with the preliminary park plan discussions and sketches. Our goal, and I hope this suits your needs, is to have something back to you within the next couple of weeks to take a look at – in preliminary form, obviously. And, from that point on then, as we develop that, then we should be able to develop the preliminary budgets that would go along with the PARTF grant (the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund grant application). I guess that's pretty much it unless anybody has any questions.  
 MR. MENDENHALL: Is there a deadline on this grant?  
 MR. JOHNSON: I'm thinking it's November, I believe, isn't that correct, Lynn?  
 LYNN: I think it's in the range of December/January.  
 MR. JOHNSON: I think so, too. It's late year – late part of the calendar year.  
 MR. HESTER: That was what we were wanting to hear is what the preliminary report would be – some ideas on that, and since we have this, and the grant – and that was the main two things we were thinking about.  
 MR. JOHNSON: Of course, any grant application is not a lot of fun to put together because it takes so much detail and you have to repeat so many things. This is a – the PARTF grant is probably the best to deal with because, for the amount of effort you have to put into it, they come through with substantial help funding-wise. So they are definitely worth it.

MS. MARTIN: That sounds good.  
MAYOR: Does the council have any questions for Mr. Johnson?  
MS. MARTIN: I think you've basically answered what we had discussed.  
MR. HESTER: That was the main things we wanted to know.  
MR. JOHNSON: Okay. Thank you. I'll leave these things with you, Lynn.  
MAYOR: I think, as a council, we were just anxious to hear how we were proceeding and what we feel like we are in the midst of. We are going to – even prior to beginning our work – we'll be having our first event in the Town Centre Park on July 4<sup>th</sup> and I'll be sure to announce that now. **JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>** – to make certain that everyone's there for the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration – that'll be the day that we'll eat our hot dogs and I don't know if we're going to have egg custard pies or not! We haven't got a confirmation on that yet.  
MR. JOHNSON: I tell you – we'll do what we can to have you something to put on display at that event.  
MAYOR/MR. HESTER: Great.....That'll be great!! I'm certain we'll have a good group there.  
MR. HESTER: Free hot dogs!  
MR. JOHNSON: If it's free hot dogs, I'll be there!!!  
MAYOR: Good. Good!! We'll set you a seat right beside the diagram so you can (ahem) entertain the questions!!!! Any other comments concerning Item #1. We appreciate you coming, Mr. Johnson, and we look forward to seeing the next report. Thank you.

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

ANNEXATION ISSUES:

(A) **RESOLUTION: CERTIFICATE OF SUFFICIENCY FOR:**

- 920 WALKERTOWN-GUTHRIE ROAD
- 5004 OLD BELEWS CREEK ROAD

(B) **RESOLUTION: TO SET DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR:**

- 920 WALKERTOWN-GUTHRIE ROAD
- 5004 OLD BELEWS CREEK ROAD

**DISCUSSION:**

MAYOR: According to the clerk's report, the clerk has found these two addresses to be in accordance with our standard for annexation – they are where they can be annexed. Aren't all the reports affirmative?

LYNN: Yes. The first resolution tells you that they are able to be annexed into the town and the second resolution is for setting the date to actually annex these properties into the town. There's only two properties - - -

MAYOR: I got you – I see now. This is actually, if I understand you correctly, the same owners, is that correct? Is there a motion that we receive these?

MS. WELCH: I make a motion that we go ahead and accept.

MAYOR: All right. We got a motion to accept the certificate from the clerk. And all this is doing is accepting it and the next motion will be to set the public hearing date.

**MOTION:** TO ACCEPT THE CERTIFICATES OF SUFFICIENCY FOR

- 920 WALKERTOWN-GUTHRIE ROAD
- 5004 OLD BELEWS CREEK ROAD

**BY:** SARAH WELCH  
**SECOND:** WAYNE HESTER  
**VOTE:** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

LYNN: The Public Hearing is for citizens to make comments but remember that the Town has a resolution saying that we can only annex at two times a year – in June and then again in December.

**MOTION:** TO SET THE PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 26, 2008 FOR ANNEXATION OF THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES:

- 920 WALKERTOWN-GUTHRIE ROAD
- 5004 OLD BELEWS CREEK ROAD

**BY:** MARILYN MARTIN  
**SECOND:** RANDY MENDENHALL  
**VOTE:** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR: First we will advertise the hearing, then we will have the public hearing, and unless other objections, they will be annexed in after that hearing in June. Remember – we annex only twice a year – June and December. Now, we will have some others to deal with, don't we?

LYNN: I actually have one other that has applied – but too late to be considered for June annexation.

MAYOR: Okay – too late. All right.

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

- DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED DRAFT BUDGET FOR UPDATES AND/OR CHANGES
- SET DATE OF BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING FOR JUNE 26, 2008

**DISCUSSION:**

MAYOR: This is the proposed budget – remember our budget is a spending plan – a guide – and all we're doing tonight on this budget is setting a date. We're presenting the budget to the council and we'll set the date for the public hearing on the budget and the proposed date will be June 26<sup>th</sup> to have the public hearing and approve the budget. Is that in agreement? If so, we'd like to have a motion on that.

**MOTION:** TO SET THE PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 26, 2008 FOR BUDGET PRESENTATION

**BY:** RANDY MENDENHALL  
**SECOND:** WAYNE HESTER  
**VOTE:** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR: Now, if you have any items you'd like to discuss on it beforehand, we can do it now or you can wait and review it. It doesn't show the wear and tear on it but we've been on it a couple of times already so it's –

LYNN: .....I've incorporated all of ya'll's changes into this document.....

MAYOR: .....Right. All the changes from the first to the second and now this is the third draft of the budget. When it's approved, this budget will be effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be a public hearing on the budget on July 26<sup>th</sup> - - - The Forsyth County commissioners are having their public hearing this week on their budget. Notice that they are contemplating raising taxes. They are also contemplating cutting expenditures – we're doing neither. We're not raising taxes – our tax will remain the same, according to this budget. And we will be adding a few bells and whistles as we go forward in the respect of maintenance of town property and upkeep and improvements of town property. That's probably the largest single item other than the sidewalks. The sidewalks that we have proposed in the budget is one of our largest items to date.

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

TODD PICKARD

WALKERTOWN LITTLE LEAGUE

**DISCUSSION:**

TODD PICKARD: I appreciate you giving me time to introduce myself. My name is Todd Pickard. I live at 6370 Sullivantown Road and this past September, I took over as president of Walkertown Little League. I've been a part of the Little League – this will be my 12<sup>th</sup> spring. Since I took over, there's been great strides in what we've done to the Little League as far as the fields – the maintenance, the grounds. We've increased our numbers. We have more numbers this year, children playing, than we've had in the past six years – maybe even further back, but I wasn't part of the Board at that time. We have sprinkler systems in. We've done a lot of things – a lot of volunteerism has taken place – a lot of positiveness. This season is incredible I've never seen anything like it before in the past. We've done some good things. We need to move on to the next level at this point. I have a budget here of what it costs us to run the organization last year. I also have a budget on what it costs to take care of the fields. Obviously, we have handled that in the past and continue to handle it. It costs approximately \$87,000 to run the Little League in 12 months. We're at the point now where we need to get restrooms and we need a concession stand. I have here, which I picked up – paid for this week – a permit to put in a septic system down there, for restrooms. I do not know what this costs yet because I just picked it up Wednesday. I have it handed out to some people to give us prices on a septic system. We need a concession stand – we have a little 10x14 building down there now – which we have power. I called Duke Power – it was pretty simple. Took out an application, put in a service panel, and we have power down there. I'm here to ask for some guidance, basically. I need to know where to go to acquire a loan – we're a non-profit organization and, of course, \$87,000 to run an organization of our kind is a lot of money and we've been able to run it. This year, we've increased our sponsorships by 42 – we have 11 sponsorship signs on every field down there. So the community is coming together, backing us. I see growth, with apartments and condominiums and such, and children are going to need a place to go. And right now, the Port-A-Johns we have down there – it's really not sanitary. It's not a clean place. I see a lot of people come down watching their grandchildren and the children play and it makes me sick that we have port-a-johns – we don't have restrooms. So,

basically, what I'm doing is, asking for your help in guiding me as the overseer of the Little League, where to go and what we can do to acquire funds to make this happen – make this concession stand and septic system happen. Now, along with that, the issue is, we don't own the property. We lease the property from the Town so even though I've been able to acquire a septic permit, I cannot acquire a building permit without the town's permission. I'm not gonna – you know, putting in a sprinkler system on the baseball fields is one thing – but to stick a backhoe in the ground on property we don't own and start building foundations and such --- we need your permission and I could not acquire a building permit at this time because we're not the property owners. So, there's an issue there – but I'm not here to say, "*Walkertown Little League needs \$200,000 of the town's money.*" I'm not – I've been involved in this enough; I'm here to ask for some help in guiding us in the right direction to acquire the funds. Because I have a full-time job. This sometimes feels like my second full-time job, but I don't know where to go. If there's certain grants – we have been filling out grants. Little League has grants, but I feel like we're at the point now – we're up over 300 children, and I feel like it's gonna increase next year – just from what I'm hearing from people. I really need – Walkertown needs this to happen – to get restrooms. Somebody, I think, someday is gonna get sick. I mean, the port-a-johns – they come twice a week but it's still ..... on Saturdays, you play baseball from 8:30 until 6:00 at night and then they don't come until Tuesdays. And they play games on Monday nights – so – that's basically it. I wanted to introduce myself to ya'll. I've been to some town council meetings but never met everybody. And just let you know where – I guess ya'll know where we've been in the past. I had some big shoes to fill in September. We have a new board – everybody is very positive. That's one thing I've stressed from the very beginning, is number one – we need to run it like a business, and we have. And number two – be positive – no negativism about past board members. What happened, happened. So, we'll just leave it at that. We're just picking up from where they left off. We would not be down there without ya'll's help and what the past board has done. I will let you know that I've spoken with the Civic Club, with Steve Amos. They came down on opening day and cooked out and donated proceeds to the Little League. If we get this concession stand with a board room, I'm offering that board room to the Civic Club for their monthly meetings and he was very acceptable to that because, I don't know where they meet right now, but they're looking for a place to hold monthly meetings. And I'm not objective to doing other things down there, but, at one point, we do need to clear some more trees to build another field because we're running out of room. We've got that many children playing in there now. But, as far as anything else, I don't want anybody to think that I'm here just for Walkertown Little League baseball --- because I'm not. I might not live in the town limits, but I consider myself a resident, even though I've only been here 14 years – I still have that accent some of you might not like – but, I married a southern woman so.....

MAYOR: .....You're excused, then.....

MR. PICKARD: .....Don't hold it against me because I'm from up north. But that's all I wanted to do. We really need somewhere to go. I believe we can make this happen. But, of course, we don't have the monetary resources right now. We make good money. Last Saturday, we sold sixty (60) 10-pound boston butts worth of barbeque – and we sold it all!! We made \$2,000. But that's not enough money ---- My engineer in Charlotte that I deal with in my job is in the process of doing mechanical, electrical, and plumbing blueprints for the

concession stand. So, along with the permit for the septic, we'll have in about three weeks to four weeks time, a full set of stamped engineer drawings. But we still can't do anything with it because we don't, you know, we don't own the property and we need the town's approval – or something --- I don't know. I'm looking for ya'll's help, basically, so we can make this happen. It's a nice facility now. If anybody had been down there last year, or the years past – all's I heard on opening day was positive comments, how they could not believe how it looked. It really, we spent all winter long, every weekend, sometimes two or three days a week, down there, working. And we're getting ready to plant the Bermuda grass now. It's better than it's ever looked and this is my twelfth year playing or being involved in the League. Okay. So, that's it. I'm not going to ramble on any more and, again, I appreciate the time. Does anybody have any questions?

MAYOR: Todd, let me say thank you for your attitude in coming to the council with such a positive attitude. It is a breath of fresh air. I'm not saying we've had bad in the past, but we really appreciate that. We stand ready to assist in whatever way is necessary. I don't know if we'll be able to do everything we're called on to do but we're a council and we have limited funds. We have limited – but we will definitely be behind you with direction and giving you what advice the council can conjure up. Council, do you have any questions for Todd or any comments at all?

MR. HESTER: No, what we were wondering about before, Todd, was we had been hearing this about the septic tank going on and we needed to do something and we needed to put in for the permit to do the building, or what, we didn't know what to do. We didn't get the word on it and nobody's put the word out to us exactly what we need to do as far as allowing the building permit to be going on.

MR. PICKARD: Well, I think there's some – you know, once too many people get involved in something, in an issue how it can go from being talked about the right way to getting out of control. And some of the people – and that's why I asked nobody could come – from the League could come from the League but myself to speak to you. Some other people had heard about it and they assumed that we could not get the permits – it wasn't the septic, it was the building permit to put up a concession stand. I have the – like I said – I have the septic permit. It's going to take a split system in there – one for the concession and one for the restrooms. We spent about \$900 getting survey done and paying for the permit. That's not an issue obviously because we have acquired the permit. The issue, with the Little League not owning the property, going to acquiring a building permit in Forsyth County to go, you know, even though I have the septic permit, I'm still not going to put septic tanks in the ground without the town council's approval. It's not right. I mean, it's not my property. I'm not going to go dig and put in three – a grease trap and two septic tanks – and run all these lines without somebody's approval. And the building permit, with us not being landowners, we don't have any collateral to take a loan out. So far this year, the concession – little 10x14 building we had – has taken in \$7200 in the month of April. Never, ever before have we ever done that – and that's testament to the new people on the board – us having power – selling coffee, buying refrigerators, freezers and such – and cramming them into that little thing.

MAYOR: But that's still limited in what you can serve, right?

MR. PICKARD: We can't cook anything.....

MAYOR: .....Right..... Cooking's where the big bucks will come.....

MR. PICKARD: .....Once a month.....and this past Saturday, we had a permit to do barbeque. With the help of Mark Martin, we cooked the boston butts – we sold them. We sold over 400 sandwiches, barbeque sandwiches. We sold 2,000 home-made hushpuppies that Saturday – and that's just one day. If we were to have a concession stand, we could sell fries, hot dogs, hamburgers, we would make over \$2,000 every single Saturday. And, I'm not asking for lights – sure, lights would be great down there. My concern is being sanitary, having restrooms for people to go in. We have a gentleman, Ed Williams, who's coached T-Ball for 17 years – we just dedicated the T-Ball field to him this past opening day. He's down there every day. He wants to be the person to make sure everything stays running, clean the bathrooms, clean the concession stand. We have somebody and I am going to push the board to pay him each month! We can pay back a loan – we just don't know where to get a loan. We have the resources, obviously, we're spending \$87,000 every year to keep the Little League running but it's going to take that initial investment to get these two items built that we don't have the resources for right now.

MS. MARTIN: Are you saying that if the town gives you permission to build a concession stand and restroom, then we will be responsible for the loan.... That's what I'm trying to figure out.

MR. PICKARD: No, ma'am. I'm sorry – I didn't mean to sound that way. There's two issues. One issue is us trying to acquire the money. If Joe over here was to give me \$250,000 today and we had the money – which we don't – I still could not do this work without the town's permission.

MS. MARTIN: I understand.

MR. PICKARD: And I'm not asking the town be responsible for anything! If we were to build on this complex, put in restrooms and a concession stand, the Little League would be solely responsible for taking care of it – cleaning it.....

MS. MARTIN: .....But you need to get your permits. That's the main thing.

MR. PICKARD: Well, we can get a permit. We have the funds to pay the \$3,000 for the blueprints to be drawn up – an engineer to stamp. I'm not sure exactly what the permit would cost for the concession stand. But, the cost to put in a septic system, without hard numbers, is going to be roughly \$25,000 to \$30,000. The concession stand – it's more like \$200,000. Just the kitchen equipment alone is \$10,000. I know that because I've resourced and gotten the best prices for the kitchen. We've got some help with the bathroom fixtures from Clifton Plumbing, which I have a storage unit in town. But it's still building the structure – putting in the electrical, putting in the heat, the air conditioning, and all the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing associated with it. Like I said, I'm not here and ask the town for the money. I'm here to ask the town for help on how to lead us in the direction to acquire the money. If the town is willing to help later on – whatever you can do to help us is great – but my initial visit is not to say, "*Hey, we need \$250,000. Why don't you give it to us?*" I'm not doing that – and I'm never going to do that to you. I just – I'm looking for help because I don't know where to go or..... Maybe ya'll know some different avenues we could down that would help non-profit organizations. And I do know we can pay back the loan. We have the resources to do that. If we have a facility to sell hot dogs, hamburgers, and French fries – oh my gosh! Right now, we sell drinks, chips,

microway popcorn, freezeps, and stuff like that. And we make \$7,000 a month, selling that. And I would like to see people come watch ballgames and not carry their coolers and their lunches with them and buy it there and everybody has said that they would do that if they had a place to buy the food.

MAYOR: Todd, what is your phone number, please?

MR. PICKARD: My home number – well, the best way to get in touch with me is \*\*\*\*\*. That's my cell number – I work for a contractor in Charlotte.

MR. HESTER: Okay. You said that the town did not have to help on a permit, or sign anything, or ask for a permit for the sewer.....but what about the building? Did you say....i think you said that we would have to apply for the permit as far as the building, or give permission to it?

MR. PICKARD: .....No.....Not the.....I think we could apply for it, but we have to have the town's permission in writing. Forsyth County says, *"Okay. Walkertown Little League. You don't own the land. We can't give you a permit."* Then we bring out a document from the Walkertown Town Council, *"We give the Little League permission to build a concession stand, put in a septic system on this property."*---however that document needs to be drawn up.

MR. HESTER: Right. Now, that's what we'd heard before. We didn't know exactly what it was – we'd had a letter on it, something to that effect, saying that the town needed to put in for it because you didn't own the property. But we thought it was for the septic – we didn't know what it was for. So, if you get information on that, and let us have it, we'll be glad to work with you.

MR. PICKARD: Um hmmm. Like I said, I have the permit right here for the septic. It's just a matter of getting the best price we can get to get it installed correctly and acquiring the funds to put it in. Now --- I don't want to put in a septic system, without having bathrooms there obviously. So, we're looking for ways that we can put up this building – a one-story building, 30x30, and we are talking now about putting a basement in it for our lawnmowers and stuff because we have an old tractor-trailer that we've put back there that we keep the golf cart and lawnmower in and the equipment. And we feel like we can utilize one structure having a basement and a first floor, than we can have putting it in an outbuilding and having a concession stand. So, like I said, my engineer's in the process with his structural engineer, putting together some blueprints for this and I would like to - - - - my goal from this past September, when I took this position, was to have this done by this September. Well, those are pretty aggressive goals. I realize that now but in the meantime, people have taken time out of their lives and come up there in droves, to bring their equipment, their tractors, seed, straw, and put in PVC for the sprinkler systems on the fields. I've never seen anything like it in my 12 years and I know we're headed in the right direction. We're running it like a business – like I thought it should've been run a long time ago, but I had no say-so. Now, I do and it's work - - - it's paying off. It really is. I don't want to take all the credit because I have 15 other people on the board that have helped me. You're only as good as the people underneath you, I feel, and my people at my business make me look good and these guys make me look good and I feel good about what we've done. And these children deserve a place to enjoy themselves. And the parents and the fans, the spectators, and the grandparents deserve a place to come and get a bite to eat – have a hot dog and watch a good baseball game – and not have to worry about going in to a stinking port-a-john. Again, I appreciate the opportunity. It was a pleasure meeting ya'll and I look forward to talking with ya'll soon and if there is any way you can help us out, we sure would appreciate it.

MAYOR: It appears to me that this is probably the best form of communication we can have is direct dialog between you and the council so we would encourage you to continue this. This will keep us informed. If you will keep us in the loop – we hear a lot of stories and as you well know, they don't .....

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR APRIL, 2008

**MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE APRIL 2008 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**BY: WAYNE HESTER**  
**SECOND: MARILYN MARTIN**  
**VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADDITIONAL ITEM:**

Before going into Closed Session, the council briefly discussed Jerry Goode's sign request from the first Public Session. It was determined that the council had no disagreement with Mr. Goode's sign request. They had not realized that the Sign Ordinance restricted the type of sign he wanted, an internal lighted sign. Lynn was asked to call Aaron King at the City-County Planning Board to determine the course of action needed to revise the sign ordinance to allow such signs.

**The Walkertown Town Council agreed in consensus with the Mayor that the sign ordinance should be changed to allow lighted signs and that Jerry Goode should be allowed to have a lighted sign for his church.**

**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 at 7:53 p.m. with no speakers.

6. **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.

(c) Calling a Closed Session. – A public body may hold a closed session only upon a motion duly made and adopted at an open meeting. Every motion to close a meeting shall cite one or more of the permissible purposes listed in subsection (a) of this section. A motion based on subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall also state the name or citation of the law that renders the information to be discussed privileged or confidential. A motion based on subdivision (a)(3) of this section shall identify the parties in each existing lawsuit concerning which the public body expects to receive advice during the closed session.

**MOTION: TO RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:58 P.M.**  
**BY: WAYNE HESTER**  
**SECOND: RANDY MENDENHALL**

**VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**  
**MOTION: TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 8:18 P.M.**  
**BY: WAYNE HESTER**  
**SECOND: RANDY MENDENHALL**  
**VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Back in Open Session, the mayor asked for any motions.

**MOTION: TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 8:18 P.M.**  
**BY: WAYNE HESTER**  
**SECOND: RANDY MENDENHALL**  
**VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

At 8:18 p.m. the Mayor asked for any motions:

**MOTION: TO HIRE SCOTT SNOW AS WALKERTOWN'S TOWN  
MANAGER WITH THE CONDITIONS AS DISCUSSED IN  
CLOSED SESSION**  
**BY: RANDY MENDENHALL**  
**SECOND: WAYNE HESTER**  
**VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **OTHER INFORMATION ATTACHED**

1. No Minutes for MAY Planning Board Meeting – Meeting canceled

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 8:25 P.M.**  
**BY: MARILYN MARTIN**  
**SECOND: SARAH WELCH**  
**VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

## • ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TOWN HALL OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY,  
MAY 26, 2008  
FOR MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY**

- **RECYCLING** in Walkertown continues every two weeks.

**FOR JUNE:**

**A ROUTE - 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 16<sup>TH</sup> AND 30<sup>TH</sup>  
B ROUTE - 9<sup>TH</sup> AND 23<sup>RD</sup>**

- **TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:** (4<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAYS)

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

**FOURTH THURSDAY @ 7:00 P.M.**

<b>JUNE</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>JULY</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>20 – CHANGED DUE TO THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY</b>
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>18 – CHANGED DUE TO CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b>

- **PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS:**

Library @ 3:00 p.m. On 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of month