

**Town of Washington Park
Municipal Building
August 4, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

First South Bank	General Fund	\$ 102,796.06
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund	19,030.78
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Checking	3,480.68
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	80,261.52
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	71,257.23
Total		\$276,826.27

Present

Lee Bowen, Commissioner
Wade Dale, Commissioner
Patrick Nash, Commissioner
Jeff Peacock, Mayor pro tem
Brian Wood, Commissioner

Absent

Thomas Richter, Mayor

The agenda was approved. There was no public input.

The minutes and financial statements were read and approved.

Old Business

Railroad crossing at Hudnell and Park: nothing new to report at this time.

Tilter for the garbage truck: nothing new to report at this time. Commissioner Bowen will get the tilter to Mr. Wood this week.

Isabella Avenue east end drainage: see Commissioner Bowen's report.

No wake zone: nothing new to report at this time.

Maple Branch debris: nothing new to report at this time.

Repaving: see Commissioner Bowen's report. The clerk will continue calling Ammex Paving to get paver removed.

New Business

The clerk presented a Budget Ordinance Amendment for Fiscal Year 2013-14 increasing the Powell Bill Portion of the budget by \$1,267.80 reflecting the removal of debris in the Town's rights-of-way as a result of the tornado on April 25, 2014. Commissioner Nash made a motion to adopt the budget ordinance amendment. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Passed by all.

The date for the Town Picnic was discussed. The Town Picnic date was set for Sunday, October 5, 2014 at 1:00 pm with a tentative rain date of Sunday, October 12. The clerk

will ask Sammy Corey to cook for the picnic. She will order a tent and chairs for 100 people.

Three-Acre Wood cleanup: The commissioners reported that they had individually inspected the area in question. Mayor pro tem Peacock asked for input on possible actions in the area. Discussion followed. Commissioner Dale said that he felt that it would cost a lot of money to clean up this area which appears to be under-used by the residents. He said that he did not feel that the usage warrants the cost. Commissioner Nash said that it was a neat little common area and did not want to give up on it yet. He suggested waiting through midwinter to see what foliage dies off and then posing the question to residents about its possible use. Commissioner Bowen said that he felt that it was a shame to let Ryan Cowell's clean-up work go to waste. He agreed with the suggestion that residents' input was necessary to determine its use. Discussion followed. Commissioner Nash made a motion to have Dudley Landscaping remove the dangerous downed trees in Three Acre Wood for \$1600.00. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Passed by all. Discussion followed. It was decided to wait until Mayor Richter was present for further discussion about possible usage and improvements as well as the possibility of grant funding.

Reports

Commissioner Dale – The wedding scheduled for September 27, 2014 has been cancelled. Commissioner Dale made a motion to allow FinishStrong to stage their Triathlon in Washington Park August 8 & 9, 2015. Seconded by Commissioner Nash. Passed by all. The clerk will ask for the deposit. Commissioners Dale and Bowen have looked at the slide on the west end of the Tot Lot. It can be welded. Commissioner Bowen will order the welding supplies. Until the slide is fixed, Mr. Wood will shut that part of the slide to prevent injury. Commissioner Dale said that the clerk has applied to Beaufort County for \$1,620 for the budgeted annual recreation allocation. He also reported that five tennis keys have been sold thus far this year.

Commissioner Nash – reported that there had been a larceny at 122 Spruce Street on 7/29/14. There was no report from Animal Control. He added that the three break-ins on Isabella and one on Riverside in June were all unlocked vehicles. Commissioner Nash volunteered to speak with Mr. Edwards regarding his tenant parking in the median.

Commissioner Wood – reported that two trees on Riverside Drive had died and have been removed. He reported that he had pulled the red tip bushes which had died on the west side of the tennis courts and filled in the holes.

Commissioner Bowen – reported that the repaving had been completed (saw-cut and put in asphalt in three different places, cut out concrete at 200 block of Isabella, remove and replace speed hump at Pine and College). Commissioner Bowen said that the washout on Bank Street behind 405 River Road is being evaluated and redone by St. Clair Trucking. Commissioner Bowen has contacted Pamlico Turf again about evaluating Maple Branch debris. Ross Boyer said that he would look at it within two weeks.

Regarding the east end Isabella Avenue drainage, Commissioner Bowen distributed an estimate from St. Clair Trucking for the work (see attached). Discussion followed. Commissioner Bowen said that he felt there was some room for negotiation on this estimate. Mayor pro tem Peacock asked if the bottleneck was the small pipe under the driveway at 603 Isabella Avenue, and if replacing pipe through the bulkhead with 12"

pipe and installing a catch basin with grate (#3 and #4 on estimate) would solve problem. Commissioner Bowen agreed, adding that the addition of two flapper valves, one at the bulkhead and one at Shorewood which would help to keep the water from backing up. Further discussion followed. Commissioner Nash made a motion to install 20 feet of 12" pipe under the asphalt of the driveway, install 50 feet of 12" pipe through the bulkhead just below top cross member, and install 2x3x3 concrete catch basin with grate (#2, #3 and #4 items on estimate as necessary) as well as flapper valves not to exceed \$6000. Seconded by Commissioner Wood. Passed by all. Commissioner Bowen will speak with the affected homeowners prior to any work.

Commissioner Wood said that the Spruce Street ditch can be maintained by the Town workers now that the large debris has been removed. Mayor pro tem Peacock asked Commissioner Bowen to evaluate all the ditches in the Park to see if outside contractors need to be brought in to improve the drainage in the ditches.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – no report.

Commissioner Dale reported that there had been two official complaints regarding the excessive noise emanating from 308 College Avenue after 10:00 pm at night. Commissioner Nash offered to draft a letter to the resident.

Clerk's Report

The clerk gave the supervisor's report stating no immediate problems on building; that Mr. Wood has rebuilt the alternator and replaced the battery in the garbage truck; and that temporary help will be hired for the garbage runs while James and Mr. Wood are on vacation.

The clerk reported that she had transferred \$10,000 from the Powell Bill CD to the Powell Bill checking account. She paid Ammex Paving \$13,327.75 for re-paving and paid Dudley Landscaping \$1,825.00 for clearing debris for drainage in the Spruce Street Ditch and Three Acre Wood.

The clerk showed the final draft version of the NCDOT Beaufort County Comprehensive Transportation Plan to the Board. She also reported that Mid-East Commission dues were \$350 for this fiscal year and had been included in the budget.

The next meeting will be September 8, 2014 at 7:00 pm, because of the September 1st Labor Day holiday.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Denise D. Dale
Clerk, Town of Washington Park