

**Town of Washington Park
Municipal Building
April 13, 2015
7:00 p.m.**

First South Bank	General Fund	\$ 138,372.44
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund	19,030.78
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Checking	13,744.21
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	80,421.32
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	71,524.52
Total		\$ 323,093.27

Present

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

Absent

Mayor Richter called the meeting to order. The agenda was approved.

The minutes and financial statements were read and approved.

Mayor Richter called on Rich Morin who presented a proposal for Littlefreelibrary.org, a global program to promote literacy. He explained that there are two current sites in Washington where people can pick up a book and drop off a book at no charge. He suggested having this book exchange at Beech and Riverside. Mayor Richter thanked Mr. Morin and said that the Board would take the suggestion under advisement.

Public Input: Residents of the eastern end of Isabella Avenue were present: Jack Mitchell, Bill and Jane Paige, Josh and Carol Tayloe, Anne and Jim Pagnani, Bill and Paula Few. Also present was Hugh Sorrell, Land Surveyor. Commissioner Bowen gave a PowerPoint presentation showing photographs of drainage events at the eastern end of Isabella Avenue. Discussion followed. Commissioner Bowen presented four options for this area.

Option 1: Regrade the Isabella ditch from the Talley's inlet pipe to the Mitchell's outlet pipe, install pipe under the entrance to the private drive connecting the west and east ends of the Isabella ditch, adjust and/or replace pipes under driveways as required and install back flow preventer on end of Mitchell's outlet pipe.

Option 2: Regrade Isabella ditch from Talley's inlet pipe to the private drive, and then south down the private drive on the Tayloe's side, replace 8" pipe under drive with 12" pipe, connect 12" pipe to a concrete basin with grate inlet, connect drain pipe running south on Few's property to concrete basin, connect 12" pipe to basin and run it up to and through the bulkhead and install a backflow preventer.

Option 3: Do Options 1 and 2 without adding pipe under entrance to private drive.

Option 4: Regrade Isabella ditch from the Talley's inlet pipe to the private drive, and then south down private drive on the Tayloe's side, replace 8" pipe under drive with 12" pipe, run 12" pipe uninterrupted from private drive up to and through bulkhead, install back flow preventer. Lively discussion followed. Commissioner Bowen will be doing more survey work with Hugh Sorrell to confirm elevations from the earlier study and take elevations along the west side of the private drive, at the dirt basin next to the private drive, and at the bulkhead. Mr. Sorrell also mentioned that he would take some various elevations in the low areas in and around the private drive to develop a contour map. Mayor Richter thanked the residents for their attendance and thanked Commissioner Bowen for his work on this project.

Old Business

Tilter for the garbage truck: Commissioner Wood reported that it is working well.

Isabella Avenue east end drainage: see above.

No wake zone: no report.

Three Acre Wood cleanup: still waiting for Dudley Landscaping.

Fire contract: no report.

Boats on the waterfront: The clerk has drafted a letter to the owner of the wooden boat on the east end of the waterfront. The catamaran has been removed with permission from the owner.

Snow removal procedure: Commissioner Wood said that he was looking at a blade for the tractor for \$966 which would clear the Town's streets in two passes. It could also be used for maintenance of the alley. Clerk Dale confirmed that this would be a Powell Bill expense and will include it in next year's budget.

Reports

Commissioner Dale – reported that there were three 5K runs in March and one 5K run in April to date. There is a 5K Glow Run scheduled for April 25 at 7:00 pm. Also, there is a private wedding ceremony scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 2015. Commissioner Dale asked that the playground mulch be "fluffed" once a week. He also said that the slide needed more work where the previous repair had been made.

Commissioner Nash – no report from the Sheriff's office.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – reported that there would be a preliminary budget for the Town Board to review at the next meeting.

Commissioner Bowen – no report.

Commissioner Wood – reported that all the trees from Ford Worthy had been planted and were being watered. Commissioner Nash made a motion to purchase twelve ligustrum bushes to replace the red tip bushes at the east side of the tennis court at a maximum expense of \$400. Seconded by Commissioner Dale. Passed by all.

Clerk's Report

The clerk said that William Oden, Jr. CPA, had agreed to do the audit for \$4100.00. The clerk reported that she had processed two Certificates of Occupancy for 124 Spruce Street and 110 River Road. The clerk reported that she had been received a complaint on two dogs chasing a young girl on a bicycle. She said that she referred the resident to the Beaufort County Animal Control. The clerk reported that she had received \$5599.26 in ad valorem taxes so far this month (April). Clerk Dale asked the Board to give any increases in budget items to her or Mayor pro tem Peacock prior to next month's meeting. The clerk gave the supervisor's report requesting a pump out of the septic system at the Municipal Building. Commissioner Nash made a motion to have the tank pumped. Seconded by Commissioner Wood. Passed by all.

The next meeting will be May 4, 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Denise D. Dale
Clerk, Town of Washington Park