

**Town of Washington Park  
Municipal Building  
December 5, 2011  
7:00 p.m.**

First South Bank	General Fund	\$ 47,416.41
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund	10,851.10
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Checking	6,441.58
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	87,884.78
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	68,724.84
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$221,318.71</b>

**Present**

Mayor Thomas Richter  
Jeff Peacock, Mayor pro tem  
Lee Bowen, Commissioner  
Patrick Nash, Commissioner  
Don Wilkinson, Commissioner

**Absent**

Jim Pagnani, Commissioner

Mayor pro tem Peacock called the meeting to order and the agenda was approved.

Mayor pro tem Peacock called for Mr. Wood's report. He said that he was working on the leaf machine as the liner and bolts needed replacing. He reported that the Municipal Building small tankless water heater was installed and the old one removed. 50,000# of yard debris and 32,000# garbage were hauled this month. The garbage truck has received a Federal Inspection. Mayor pro tem Peacock asked about the speed hump posts, as people are going around the humps on Riverside. Mr. Wood said that "No Cuts" had been called. Mr. Wood also presented to the Board his desire to "modify" his golf cart to carry weed eaters, polesaws, etc. He said he had received a quote from AMF for \$378 to make these modifications.

Mayor pro tem Peacock thanked Mr. Wood for his report.

The minutes and financial statement were read and approved.

**Reports**

Commissioner Nash – reported that the Sheriff's office had no crimes reported in November. He said that the Sheriff's office had two suspects in custody regarding the automobile break-ins. There had been break-ins from Washington Park to Smallwood to Pamlico Beach to Whichards Beach, primarily vehicles. He also said that Watch Captain Sammy Corey had reported no activity except for one suspicious vehicle.

Commissioner Wilkinson – reported that the railroad crossing repair was finished today. The Clerk read a letter from NCDOT regarding the repair and also reported on a phone call from Stan White's legislative aide regarding the repair and the tree in Maple Creek. Beech Street/River Road culvert replacement is finished and seeded. There is still a low spot in front of 123 River Road which Mitch St. Clair will fill in and grade. Commissioner Wilkinson asked Mr. Wood to clean the culvert that goes under Beech Street. Commissioner Wilkinson said that the pecan tree had been removed from the ditch on the east side of Beech and that Mitch St. Clair would be grading and placing the culvert

under the proposed driveway on the east side of Beech Street. Maple Branch from Walnut to Sentry Hardware will be cleaned out by Ross Boyer before Christmas so that water will flow. Ross Boyer indicated that there would be additional expense as there was more debris from the hurricane than he had first thought.

Commissioner Wilkinson also reported that the washout at Shorewood and Isabella Avenue had been patched with an asphalt swale up to the riprap. He also said that we need some riprap to repair that area.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – asked about the east end of Isabella drainage ditch. Commissioner Bowen asked if it would benefit Washington Park to have a surveyor/civil engineer look over the situation. Discussion followed. Commissioner Nash made a motion to table working on culverts on the east end of Isabella Avenue. Mayor pro tem Peacock seconded. Discussion followed. Passed by all.

Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion to have Mitch St. Clair grade the ditch and install the culvert under the driveway on the east side of Beech Street between College and Isabella for a cost up to \$1200. Seconded by Wilkinson. Discussion followed. Passed by all.

Commissioner Bowen – reported that the replacement pelican spring had been received and that the plastic border timbers should be received within the week. Mayor Richter said that the multi-purpose area had been graded and seeded. The Washington Park employees smoothed the area with Mayor pro tem Peacock's equipment and help.

Clerk Dale swore in Mayor Richter, Commissioner Bowen, Commissioner Nash, Commissioner Peacock, and Commissioner Wilkinson to their newly elected positions. (Oaths attached).

Commissioner Wilkinson made a motion to appoint Jeff Peacock as Mayor pro tem. Seconded by Nash. Passed by all.

Commissioner Nash made a motion to appoint Clerk Dale as Finance Officer. Seconded by Mayor pro tem Peacock. Passed by all.

Mayor Pro tem Peacock made a motion to appoint Clerk Dale as Budget Officer. Seconded by Commissioner Nash. Passed by all.

### **Old Business**

320 Isabella Avenue: Commissioner Nash has not called Ms. Bell. Mayor Richter will ask Bill Rianhard to help him pull down vines in the tree. Commissioner Nash will contact Ms. Bell.

Hurricane Irene cleanup and reimbursement: all information is in to FEMA. The Memorandum of Agreement still needs to go to FEMA.

Electrical conduit at the tennis court: Commissioner Wilkinson made a motion to accept the estimate from Carawan Industries for \$997 to repair the electrical conduit at the tennis court. Seconded by Nash. Passed by all.

Boats on the waterfront: Commissioner Nash to finalize "proposal guidelines" with stickers on boats, free pass to leave boats on the waterfront, etc. and get the guidelines to Mayor Richter who will talk with Sid Hassell.

Discussion followed regarding talking with individual boatowners, enforcing guidelines, and handing out stickers. Mayor Richter will ask Lee Padrick about boats on the waterfront in general.

### **New Business**

Mayor Richter introduced discussion about the property east of Washington Park and its potential development for residential and commercial use. Discussion followed. Mayor Richter will write a letter to Jim Nance, owner of the property.

### **Clerk's Report**

Clerk Dale reported that the owners at 612 Small Street had applied for a building permit for an addition, and had received a Letter of Zoning Compliance. She reported that 301 College Avenue has removed the Pak-R dumpster and the POD storage bin is now in the backyard. She also reported that the Clerk's bond premium had increased from \$428 to \$521. Clerk Dale said that Washington Park had received the \$1620 from Beaufort County for recreation.

Mayor Richter asked the Board to think about bold new financial initiatives for future budgets: trucks, tractor, Three Acre Wood, erosion on the waterfront, recreation, tree planting, etc. and come up with ideas for possible inclusion in future budgets.

The next meeting will be on Monday, January 9, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Denise D. Dale  
Clerk, Town of Washington Park