

**Town of Washington Park  
Municipal Building  
June 6, 2011  
7:30 p.m.**

First South Bank	General Fund	\$ 69,644.56
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund	18,751.10
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Saving	13,621.23
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Saving	116,957.29
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund	107,650.71

**Total** **\$326,624.89**

**Present**

Mayor Thomas Richter  
Lee Bowen, Commissioner  
Jim Pagnani, Commissioner  
Patrick Nash, Commissioner  
Don Wilkinson, Commissioner

**Absent**

Jeff Peacock, Mayor pro tem

Mayor Richter called the meeting to order. The agenda was approved. Commissioner Wilkinson stated that he had asked Seth Edwards to talk to the Board about the responsibility of the Board and Park citizens regarding safety in the Park. Mr. Edwards stated that when incidents occur and the Board takes calls from citizens, the Board should encourage residents to call the Sheriff directly. He further stated that if residents report incidents to law enforcement, then residents need to follow through and be witness to the incident reported. Commissioner Nash offered to draft something regarding safety and law enforcement for a future Town Crier and have Mr. Edwards look it over prior to publication. Mr. Edwards was thanked for his input.

Mayor Richter called on Mr. Wood for his report. Mr. Wood brought pictures of the ditch behind Ms. Thurston's house where he had used an herbicide. He also said that he had used the chemical Arsenal on some other ditches where weed eating was not enough to control the weeds. He also reported that he had removed the old pump from the well and had run a line from the Municipal Building to the shop, attaching valves for water at the shop. He reported that all the equipment is working well. His next project is two 10'x10' bins for sand and topsoil for storage. Mr. Wood stated that James would take two days' vacation this month and CJ would take vacation next month. He reported that the hinges on the gate on the tennis court side of the Tot Lot had been broken, but he had ordered new hinges to replace the broken ones. He also said that he had moved the infant swings apart and tightened bolts on the big slide, but was waiting for Commissioner Bowen's report before doing more work in the Tot Lot.

The minutes and financial statement were read and approved.

## **Old Business**

Commissioner Bowen reported that he had contacted Travis Credle at Advantage Sports in Morehead City and was waiting for a quote on resurfacing the two courts. The do-it-yourself estimated costs for supplies are between \$6,000 and \$10,000; labor cost estimated to be \$800; \$128 to paint lines per court. Commissioner Bowen's suggestion will be based on price, i.e., if it is affordable, let a professional do the work.

Regarding the multi-purpose area, Commissioner Bowen has spoken with Louis Taylor. There is no other flat place that is big enough to play croquet even with a modified course (60'x85'). Discussion followed. Mayor Richter said that he would check with CAMA regarding leveling and seeding that area, and have the area flagged prior to leveling. Commissioner Bowen made a motion to level off the play area and seed and straw the area not to exceed \$1100. Commissioner Wilkinson amended the motion to a \$1200 limit. Commissioner Bowen seconded the amended motion. Discussion followed. Passed by all.

The Clerk read the letter from Mayor Richter to Ms. Phyllis Windley regarding the 320 Isabella and the Building Inspector's letter to the Mayor (copies attached).

The Open Items List was discussed. It was decided that this should be an agenda item for the September meeting after everyone had had time to think about what the list should entail, how the list should be set up, and how often it should be updated.

## **New Business**

A motion was made by Commissioner Nash for the Park to hold the Town Picnic on Sunday, September 18, 2011 with a rain date of September 25, 2011, and to buy a pig, chicken, vegetables, and drinks for the picnic with a budget of \$600. Seconded by Commissioner Pagnani. Passed by all.

## **Reports**

Commissioner Nash – reported that there had been a report of stolen property at 403 College Avenue; vandalism at 323 Isabella Avenue; and a weapons offense at 300 Riverside. Commissioner Nash has spoken directly with Sheriff Jordan who has pledged his deputies will respond as soon as possible to any calls in Washington Park. Commissioner Nash apologized for not keeping the Board notified as to the ongoing crime incidents in the Park this month.

Commissioner Wilkinson – reported that the Spruce Street culvert and the Riverside Drive culvert had been replaced. There has been a request for a speed hump on the eastbound lane of the 300 block of Riverside Drive. Commissioner Nash made a motion to put a speed hump in the 300 block of Riverside Drive while Mr. Sutton is paving the eastbound lane of Riverside Drive. Commissioner Wilkinson seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Passed by all.

Commissioner Bowen – stated that he had completed his analysis of Dylan Bowen’s report on the Tot Lot. He stated that he had made a priority list for repairs. He will get together with Mr. Wood to correct the hazards. Commissioner Bowen will look into plastic timbers to replace the railroad ties, will look into extending the area near the multi-slide area and removing the tree, will look into protective surfacing, and will also look into relocating some equipment before the next meeting.

Commissioner Pagnani – discussed the latest proposed budget which reflects adjustments to the Clerk’s salary and FICA, as well as corrected figures for the Employees’ benefits. The current proposed budget keeps the tax rate at the current rate of \$.26 per \$100.00. Commissioner Wilkinson began a discussion of merit pay versus salary increase for employees. Mayor Richter said that he will look into salary comparisons with surrounding municipalities. It was decided to continue this discussion at a Budget Workshop scheduled for Monday, June 13, 2011 at 7:30 pm.

### **Clerk’s Report**

The Clerk distributed copies of the letter from William Oden, Jr., CPA, regarding the audit which has the Park financial information going to him on August 22, 2011 and will be finished by September 30, 2011. (Copy attached)

Mayor Richter asked how the Board felt about the 5% differential electrical rate for the City of Washington residents. Discussion followed. Commissioner Pagnani will speak with Mayor Jennings to ask about the differential rates.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Denise D. Dale  
Clerk, Town of Washington Park