

**Town of Washington Park  
Municipal Building  
March 12, 2012  
7:00 p.m.**

First South Bank	General Fund	\$ 73,301.41
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund	57,200.09
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Checking	11,868.07
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	88,269.93
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	69,075.27
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$299,714.77</b>

**Present**

Mayor Thomas Richter  
 Jeff Peacock, Mayor pro tem  
 Lee Bowen, Commissioner  
 Jim Pagnani, Commissioner  
 Don Wilkinson, Commissioner

**Absent**

Patrick Nash, Commissioner

Mayor Richter called the meeting to order and the agenda was approved. He called on Mr. Wood for his report. He reported that there were no manpower issues and the equipment was fine except for the tractor which require a rebuilt head gasket, but the labor was done inhouse for a significant savings. He said that the dump truck would require about \$1200 in new tires, but he felt that could wait until November. He has built a pesticide cabinet with a lock and appropriate OSHA signs. He presented a drawing and estimate for an upgrade to his golf cart which would permit the hauling of equipment around the Park for "spot-cleaning."

Commissioner Wilkinson reported that he and Mr. Wood had "shot" all the ditches from Spruce Street to River Road. Because of the wet conditions of the ditch from Spruce to Hickory, Commissioner Wilkinson felt that outside professionals should be contracted to clean out that ditch. He had contacted Ross Boyer who gave an estimate of \$1500 to clean from Spruce to Hickory with a ditch double-sloped and dropping, providing 1-1/2 feet of fall to move the water from Spruce to Hickory. Mr. Wood and the men will clean the ditches from Hickory to Jonathan Boyd's ditch on Fairview. He reported that Jerry Sawyer's culvert seemed to be in good shape, that the grade was good, but that brick/rock piling was needed on both sides of the drive so that it quits washing into the ditch. Commissioner Wilkinson said that Boyd's ditch is lower at intake than discharge by a 3" inversion. Commissioner Wilkinson will get a price from Ross Boyer to clean the ditches from Hickory to River Road. Commissioner Wilkinson said that the Park will brick up the sides of Sawyer's drive. Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion to contract Ross Boyer to clean and slope the ditch from Spruce to Hickory for \$1500. Seconded by Commissioner Pagnani. Discussion followed. Passed by all.

Commissioner Wilkinson made a motion to make the adaptations for Mr. Wood's golf cart. Mayor pro tem Peacock seconded. Passed by all.

The minutes and financial statement were read and approved after correction was made.

## **Old Business**

Hurricane Irene cleanup and reimbursement: The total amount received from FEMA was \$46,348.99. Commissioner Wilkinson made a motion to have Kevin Furlough fix Three-Acre Wood per his estimate. Commissioner Pagnani seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Passed by all.

East end of Isabella washout: Mayor Richter spoke about having some sort of “rumble strip” to discourage people from going over the repaired asphalt at the turn. The clerk will send rumble strip information to the Board.

Budget scoping: Mayor Richter asked that the Board members think about bold initiatives for the long-term planning: rolling stock, waterfront erosion control, sewer, playground, etc. and what increases in property tax might be necessary for funding and Capital Reserve funding. Discussion followed. Further discussion will be held at the next meeting.

## **New Business**

Honeypod Bridge: Mayor Richter said that the bridge was not on Washington Park’s property, that it was not Washington Park’s bridge, but that we had looked into this for a resident with adjacent property. Mayor Richter reported that Mitch St. Clair had been asked to give a rough estimate to remove the bridge. His estimate was \$45,000. It was decided that the adjacent property owners should individually contact the McMullan Trust for further consideration, as Washington Park has no ownership, nor interest in ownership of the bridge or road.

## **Reports**

Commissioner Pagnani – provided monthly financial handouts to the Board.

Commissioner Wilkinson – gave a presentation and handouts on costs for new garbage trucks. Discussion followed regarding purchasing, leasing of new trucks vs purchase of used equipment. Commissioner Bowen and Commissioner Wilkinson will continue to get prices on new and used equipment and report next month. The clerk will contact NC League of Municipalities for used equipment suggestions.

Commissioner Bowen – reported that the plastic border timbers were installed around the diggers in the Tot Lot. Mayor pro tem Peacock and Mr. Wood will meet him on Wednesday to dig out around the climbing equipment and install the plastic border timbers. He also reported that the tree by the slide had been cut down and removed. He said that he is continuing to research playground mulch prices.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – no report. He asked whether the Board wanted to plant some trees with the \$2000 budgeted this year. Commissioner Pagnani made a motion that Mayor pro tem Peacock contact Ross Boyer to purchase and plant trees in Washington Park with a \$2000 limit under Mayor pro tem Peacock’s supervision. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Passed by all.

## **Clerk’s Report**

The clerk reported that there would be a Young Life 5K Run on Saturday, March 24, 2012, through Washington Park at 8:00 am. She also said that Bill Oden had verbally

agreed to \$4100 for the audit of the 2011-2012 fiscal year; that she would be attending Clerks' School in Swansboro on Friday March 23; that she had paid Ken Robol's annual maintenance bill of \$120 for the website; that she had applied for the annual \$200 safety grant from the NC League of Municipalities; and that she had received a letter from the Powell Bill saying that Washington Park had to spend \$368 before the end of this year to comply with the new regulations.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2012.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Denise D. Dale  
Clerk, Town of Washington Park

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