

**Town of Washington Park
Municipal Building
May 4, 2015
7:00 p.m.**

First South Bank	General Fund	\$ 136,560.08
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund	19,030.78
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Checking	13,745.12
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	80,421.32
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	71,524.52

Total **\$ 321,281.82**

Present

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

Absent

Wade Dale, Commissioner

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, representing the Noon Rotary Club and its free library program. He asked the Board for permission to install a lending book stand in Washington Park. He said that the Rotary Club would monitor the book stand for vandalism, etc. Commissioner Nash made a motion to accept locating the lending book stand from the Noon Rotary Club in the Tot Lot area. Seconded by Mayor pro tem Peacock. Discussion followed. Passed by all.

Old Business

Isabella Avenue east end drainage: Commissioner Bowen has spoken with Hugh Sorrell who has agreed to shoot the elevations.

No wake zone: no report. The clerk will forward the emails from Seth Laughlin, Beaufort County Planning Director, to John Rodman, Planning Director at the City of Washington.

Three Acre Wood cleanup: Commissioner Nash has spoken with Allen Hall who will be available to clean the underbrush in mid-May. Mayor pro tem Peacock will call Stewart Dudley about cleanup.

Fire contract: no report.

Boats on the waterfront: The wooden boat on the east end of the waterfront has been removed.

New Business

Mayor Richter reviewed a request from a resident with a geothermal injection well that has failed. The resident would like to move the water from his lot on Riverside Drive under the road and under the Town-owned property to ultimately discharge the water into the Pamlico River. Discussion followed. Mayor Richter will secure an educator to make an informational presentation on geothermal energy at an upcoming board meeting. Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion that Mayor Richter write a letter to the resident saying that he can move his water from his lot to the river, with the Town allowing him a temporary permit for six months with the possibility that he might have to take it up, with the resident paying all legal fees to the Town Attorney regarding an easement, and paying a one-time fee of \$100.00. Seconded by Commissioner Nash. Passed by all.

Reports

Commissioner Dale – was absent but the clerk gave his report. There were 100 participants in the Young Life 5K Glow Run in April. The ARC picnic will be rescheduled to the end of the summer. There is a private wedding ceremony scheduled on the east end of the waterfront for Saturday, May 16, 2015. There will be a graduation celebration on the west end of the waterfront on June 13, 2015.

Commissioner Nash – no report of any criminal activity from the Sheriff's office. Commissioner Nash has left a message requesting the Sheriff address the Town Board, but has not heard back yet.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – presented the proposed budget for Town Board review. Discussion followed. The clerk discussed keeping the employees' health insurance with the NC League of Municipalities, but changing the plan from CarePlus to Option 12 which would keep the premiums at the current level. Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion to accept the budget as proposed and set the public hearing for the budget for 7:15 prior to the regular meeting on June 1, 2015. Seconded by Commissioner Wood. Passed by all.

Commissioner Bowen – reported that he, Mr. Wood, and the Town Clerk were working on a ditch maintenance program to identify what is flowing properly and what ditches need regrading.

Commissioner Wood – reported that he had planted the ligustrum bushes near the tennis court. He also said that Ross Boyer had checked the new live oak trees and that they were fine. Mr. Wood said that the new live oak trees were being watered three times a week.

Clerk's Report

The clerk presented a resolution assigning \$45,000 of fund balance for the purchase of a new garbage truck. Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion to adopt the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Passed by all.

Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion to accept the contract for William Oden, Jr., PA to perform the audit for fiscal year 2014-15. Seconded by Commissioner Nash. Passed by all.

The clerk said that she had provided the Board draft plan of the Pamlico Sound Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan and recommended holding the public hearing at 7:00 on June 1, 2015 for this plan. The Board agreed by acclamation.

The clerk reported that the Town had received \$10,246.49 in ad valorem taxes in April. The clerk presented the invitation from the City of Washington for the dedication and grand opening of the new terminal building at Washington-Warren Airport on May 25, 2015 at 2:00 pm. She said that Mayor Richter had sent a letter to the resident at 206 River Road regarding the non-compliant fence. She said that the Powell Bill requires a new certified street map this year, and said that Hugh Sorrell was willing to do this work again for the Town.

The next meeting will be June 1, 2015 following the public hearing for the Pamlico Sound Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan and the public hearing for the proposed FY 2015-16 budget.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Denise D. Dale
Clerk, Town of Washington Park