

**Town of Washington Park
Municipal Building
April 1, 2019
7:00 p.m.**

CresCom Bank	General Fund	\$ 191,457.85
CresCom Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/Truck Fund	105,000.00
CresCom Bank	Powell Bill Checking	41,247.97
CresCom Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	83,459.95
CresCom Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	<u>74,257.05</u>
	Total	\$ 495,422.82

Present

Thomas B. Richter, Mayor
Jeff Peacock, Mayor pro tem
Lee Bowen, Commissioner
Wade Dale, Commissioner
Patrick Nash, Commissioner

Absent

Belinda Cowell, Commissioner

Mayor Richter called the meeting to order.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Dale. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Passed by all.

The financial report and the minutes were approved upon motion by Commissioner Bowen. Seconded by Commissioner Dale. Passed by all.

Mayor Richter called upon Chris Newkirk, Beaufort County Emergency Management Director. Mr. Newkirk apologized to the Board regarding the process that had been used to update 911 Center addresses in Washington Park affecting seven residences on Riverside Drive/Isabella Avenue. Discussion followed regarding safety and implementation of the 911 addresses, as well as the need for advance warning and delay of implementation in the future. Mayor Richter thanked Mr. Newkirk for coming.

Old Business

East End Isabella Avenue: Commissioner Bowen reported that it was too wet to begin the project so it was delayed to mid-April or May 1st start date. He said that the project will begin at Shorewood and go west on Isabella Avenue without interrupting driveway access to residents. Commissioner Bowen also said that he had spoken with David Singleton who said that the existing pump at 420 Riverside will definitely be replaced. Hood Richardson will be sourcing a commercial pump for the property.

320 Isabella Avenue: Commissioner Nash was unable to contact the property owner's relative. Commissioner Dale offered to contact the person who mows the lawn for further information about the property owner's contact details.

FEMA update: The clerk reported that the project for debris removal had been approved by FEMA and NC Emergency Management and the project for replacement of the

building's contents had been submitted. The project for the building renovation is ongoing.

Planting trees at the tennis court: Commissioner Cowell was absent so Clerk Dale reported that she had spoken with Ross Boyer as well as Stuart Dudley regarding possible tree replacement. No action taken at this time.

New Business

Clerk Dale reported that she had been contacted anonymously by a resident complaining about the frequency and volume of noise emanating from 212 Isabella Avenue. The caller said that the resident was working in a shop on the property. Mayor Richter led a discussion about the Washington Park Zoning Ordinance's description of "customary home occupation." The Board asked that Mayor Richter write the resident a letter outlining concerns about the noise.

Reports

Commissioner Dale – reported that the men had worked in the Tot Lot filling in dirt under the big slide, seeding and covering the area with wheat straw; that the tables had been cleaned, the sand raked, and the mulch fluffed under the swings. He also reported that there would be a Rabbit Run on April 13 through the Park. Commissioner Dale also said that he would have a metal sign painted with the tennis/pickleball usage rules that would be hung at eye level on the gate of the courts.

Commissioner Nash – reported that there were no incidents to report from the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office. The clerk noted that there had been an incident of a golf cart driven by a child that ran into a house on Isabella Avenue damaging the porch. Commissioner Nash said that he would contact the parent of the child for further information.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – reported that the Town's financial audit by Larry Carpenter, CPA had been completed and then distributed the report to the Board. He pointed out that the revenues exceeded expenditures by over \$45,000. He asked the Board to make recommendations for the upcoming budget which will be discussed at the May meeting. Mayor pro tem Peacock also stated that he and Mr. Woolard had been looking for used tractors with backhoe attachment for purchase. Discussion followed. No action was taken.

Commissioner Bowen – reported that Double A Hauling would be coming to look at the alley on April 12, 2019 at 2:30. As Commissioner Bowen will be out of town on that date, Mayor pro tem Peacock will meet the representative.

Mayor Richter stated that he had spoken with NC Representative Keith Kidwell regarding his sponsorship of House Bill 294 in the NC legislature which would mandate all municipal elections to be partisan. He presented a Resolution opposing this legislation. Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve the resolution opposing HB 294. Seconded by Mayor pro tem Peacock. Discussion followed. Passed by all. Mayor Richter will write a letter to the editor of the Washington Daily News with a copy of the resolution. He will also send copies to all Beaufort County mayors, the NCLM, and the Mid-East Commission.

Clerk's Report

The clerk reported that Mr. Woolard and she had gone to CAM Enterprises and looked at possible used truck bodies for the rusted-out dump truck body. Mr. Keith said that he could put a new "used" body on the dump truck and extend the frame for \$7000. Discussion followed regarding a tarp and closed box. No action taken. Mayor pro tem Peacock offered to further investigate with Mr. Woolard. The clerk reported that \$3927.73 in ad valorem taxes had been received in March; that \$4462.34 in Municipal Building repairs had been paid; that the \$1025 final invoice for the 2017-18 audit had been paid; that new tables for the building had been purchased to replace the flood damaged tables for \$1051.39; that Chubby's Carpet would begin installation of vinyl and carpet next week; and that the fire/EMS contract with the City for next year would be \$41,522. The clerk also reported that the Town's flood insurance premium was less expensive than the original quote by \$660.00. She gave the Supervisor's report that Pantego Overhead Door had replaced the shop door with a metal one and that the inside painting and repair work of the Municipal Building was finished. Future major projects are ditch maintenance, mowing and weed eating.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, May 6, 2019, at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building.

Denise D. Dale
Clerk, Town of Washington Park