

**Town of Washington Park
Municipal Building
April 6, 2020
7:00 p.m.**

CresCom Bank	General Fund	\$ 241,710.46
CresCom Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/Truck Fund	105,000.00
CresCom Bank	Powell Bill Checking	35,350.89
CresCom Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	64,812.10
CresCom Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	<u>75,567.30</u>
	Total	\$ 522,440.75

Present

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

Absent

Mayor Richter called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Nash made a motion to open the Public Hearing on the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Seconded by Commissioner Dale. Passed by all.

There was no public input for the public hearing.

Commissioner Bowen made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Mayor pro tem Peacock. Passed by all.

Mayor Richter resumed the regular meeting. Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mayor pro tem Peacock. Passed by all.

Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion to approve the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Dale. Passed by all. It was noted that the new Flood Maps for Washington Park and Beaufort County will go into effect on June 19, 2020. Mayor Richter asked the clerk to contact Walker Lynch regarding insurance agents' knowledge of Flood Maps.

The financial report and the minutes were approved upon motion by Mayor pro tem Peacock. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Passed by all.

Old Business

Shorewood Drive: The clerk distributed copies of the Resolution of the Shorewood Drive residents. Commissioner Bowen and resident Paul Moore have been in communication regarding this resolution. Commissioner Bowen explained that it is the residents' intention to dedicate the North/South area of Shorewood Drive of approximately 243 feet plus include a "T"-shaped area heading east and west. The area to be dedicated is approximately 4300 square feet. Commissioner Bowen has three informal requests pending for paving this area. Discussion followed regarding whether to request the entire

Shorewood Drive or accept the partial dedication. Discussion also included the increase in width of the road and the expense of moving utilities and driveways. Discussion also included the use of Powell Bill Funds for street repairs within the Park and the necessity of including Shorewood into the Powell Bill system prior to using restricted public funds for Shorewood Drive repairs. Commissioner Bowen made a motion to agree in concept to accept the resolution as presented with the partial dedication of Shorewood Drive with the following conditions: The resolution needs to be amended to 1) include a paragraph with the (¼, ¼, for residents) and (½, Town) split of money from homeowners; and 2) that money is to be put in escrow prior to signing contracts with pavers; and 3) any repairs to the remaining eastern or western private areas on Shorewood Drive would not be funded by the Town. Seconded by Mayor pro tem Peacock. Passed by all.

320 Isabella Avenue: Mayor Richter reported that he had contacted the owner's son regarding the break-in at the residence. The owner's son contracted with Brian Wood to secure the broken window.

512 River Road: no update.

New Business

Mayor Richter led a discussion regarding short-term rentals, specifically VRBOs, AirBnBs, etc. Commissioner Dale made a motion saying that the concept was discussed and the Board has consciously not included short term rentals anywhere in the Residential District because the transient use is inconsistent with the stated purpose of the Residential District. Seconded by Mayor pro tem Peacock. Passed by all.

Reports

Commissioner Dale – reported that six tennis keys had been sold in March and that the work on the base for the Bo Bowen plaque had been rained out.

Commissioner Nash – no report.

Commissioner Cowell – reported that ReLeaf had no more trees at this time, and that it would be fall probably before any trees are available for planting. She reported that a Park tree at Pine Street and Isabella Avenue had been removed by Dudley Landscaping, as well as a high hanging limb on Isabella Avenue for \$650. Commissioner Cowell stated that she was watching several older trees in the Park for pruning or removal.

Commissioner Bowen – reported that if the weather holds, B.E. Singleton would finish the private drive. He also reported that he had spoken with Dave Alton of 520 Isabella regarding the possibility of allowing Mr. Alton to put a bulkhead at the back of his property in the town's drainage easement. Discussion followed regarding erosion and responsibility of maintaining drainage system, as well as surveying options.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – reported that the used backhoe was a big disappointment. He and Mr. Woolard looked at a new one at Quality Equipment for \$9500.00. Mayor pro tem Peacock urged the commissioners to bring any budgetary requirements to the clerk prior to the May 4th meeting.

Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion to adopt a resolution assigning \$120,000.00 of fund balance for the purchase of a new garbage truck. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Passed by all.

Clerk's Report

The clerk reported that the Town had received \$10,479.66 in ad valorem taxes, that the final Hurricane Florence reimbursement of \$1315.80 for administrative expenses was received; that three fence permits had been issued; that the legal ad for the Public Hearing for the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance was \$223.40; and that attorney's fees for \$637.50 had been paid. She reported that the garbage truck had had leaks fixed for \$709.96; that the leaf machine had a new impeller and clutch; and that Brian Wood had been paid \$72 for work on the equipment shed and \$72 to help repair the mower. The clerk reported that Trey Keyes had quit and that William Ore was rehired to help with garbage pickup twice weekly. She said that she had made a phone call, left a message, sent a letter, and sent a text with pictures to the owner of 123 River Road regarding trash cans without tight-fitting lids that were being turned over by dogs. The clerk also reported that "variance procedure" information had been sent to the resident at 215 College Avenue who wished to build a non-conforming outbuilding.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Richter.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, May 4, 2020, at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building.

Denise D. Dale
Clerk, Town of Washington Park