

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

CresCom Bank	General Fund	\$ 179,455.03
CresCom Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/Truck Fund	105,000.00
CresCom Bank	Powell Bill Checking	35,533.63
CresCom Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	64,469.63
CresCom Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	<u>75,253.41</u>
	Total	\$ 459,711.70

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

Mayor Richter called for public input. State Representative Keith Kidwell was present and thanked the Town Board for their dedication to public service and gave a brief overview of his work in Raleigh. He asked that the Board please contact him if they needed his help at any time. Discussion followed. Mayor Richter thanked Representative Kidwell for coming to the meeting.

Mayor Richter called on John Crew. Mr. Crew spoke about hurricanes and ideas regarding flood insurance and mapping. Mr. Crew said that although all of this information is public, it was not put together in a uniform manner, which he was trying to do. Mayor Richter thanked Mr. Crew for his work, but indicated that he had not contracted with Mr. Crew to do this investigation.

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

Old Business

East End Isabella Avenue: Commissioner Bowen reported B. E. Singleton would pave the private drive dependent upon weather.

320 Isabella Avenue: The town attorney, Amanda McKinney, is working on a letter to the City of Washington Building Inspector regarding the determination of deterioration of 320 Isabella Avenue and 512 River Road.

Bo Bowen Playground marker: Commissioner Dale showed the finished bronze place to the Board.

Shorewood Drive: Commissioner Bowen made a motion to send the letter as revised by the Town Attorney to Will Page. Seconded by Commissioner Dale. Discussion followed. Passed by all.

Golf carts: The clerk presented the Town Attorney's revised Golf Cart Ordinance. Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve the ordinance and to have the published ordinance in a future Town Crier as well as posted on the website. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Discussion followed. Passed by all.

Shed for tractor: The clerk reported holes for the posts had been dug.

Dump truck body: Mayor pro tem Peacock discussed the dump truck body and rust deterioration. Commissioner Nash made a motion to repair the dump truck body not to exceed \$10,000. Seconded by Mayor pro tem Peacock. Discussion followed. Passed by all.

New Business

Mayor Richter said that he had spoken with Terry Walker regarding Releaf Washington, an organization for planting trees. Discussion followed regarding funding and maintenance of plants.

Reports

Commissioner Dale – reported that Kelly Taylor had requested using the Tot Lot on 12/19/19 for an Eastern Elementary class party with approximately twenty children and ten adults in attendance. He reported that there was a request from Hannah's Heroes for a 5K on September 12 at 7:30 pm which required no street closures. The event was approved by acclamation. Commissioner Dale recommended that the clerk be given the ability to grant permission for runs passing through Washington Park. The Board agreed by acclamation. Commissioner Dale also reported that the Washington Park Democrat Party had requested using the Municipal Building for their annual meeting on February 13 at 6:30 pm at the usual fee of \$75.00.

Commissioner Nash – reported no incidents per the Sheriff's Office.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – no report.

Commissioner Bowen – reported that the men would be cleaning the ditch from River Road to Maple Branch across from Bank Street in the near future. He also reported that the bulkhead contractor had not yet met with the resident at 520 Isabella Avenue. Commissioner Bowen said that there was no paving yet at the private drive.

Commissioner Cowell – reported that she had not been able to reach the gentleman from ReLeaf Washington, but would continue to try.

Clerk's Report

The clerk reported that the Town had received the final Powell Bill allocation of \$7143.38; that the mandatory on-demand ethics webinar for elected officials had been purchased from the UNC School of Government for \$150 and was available for the Board; that the leaf machine had a tire replaced due to dry rot for \$81.48; that mower parts had been purchased for \$110.41; and that the Board had been paid for the quarter for \$1305.00. The clerk also reported that the Christmas gifts from the Board for the

employees had been gratefully received for \$200.77 which includes taxes and retirement; that \$34,359.84 had been received in ad valorem taxes; and that Mr. Grant at 501 Bank Street was waiting for the contractor to schedule inspection of his house. The clerk reported that the National Flood Insurance Program proposed new flood maps for Washington Park were in the final stage. The clerk and Allen Pittman from the City of Washington have worked on updating the Flood Prevention Ordinance for the Town and have sent the draft Ordinance to NC Department of Public Safety Risk Management Section for review. After the review, there will need to be a public hearing prior to adopting the Ordinance for the Town.

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

The next regular meeting will be Monday, February 3, 2020, at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building.

Denise D. Dale
Clerk, Town of Washington Park