

**Town of Washington Park  
Municipal Building  
March 2, 2020  
7:00 p.m.**

CresCom Bank	General Fund	\$ 231,537.03
CresCom Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/Truck Fund	105,000.00
CresCom Bank	Powell Bill Checking	35,339.80
CresCom Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	64,691.47
CresCom Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	<u>75,494.45</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 512,062.75</b>

**Present**

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

**Absent**

Lee Bowen, Commissioner

Mayor Richter called the meeting to order.

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

Mayor Richter called upon the visitors. Mr. Chris Carbonell stated that he was under contract to purchase 512 River Road. Will Mayo, attorney, spoke regarding the deed covenants stating that the property could reattach residential after not operating as a commercial entity. Mayor Richter said that he understood about the covenants, but that the Town had adopted the Zoning Ordinance which defined commercial and residential zones in Washington Park. Mayor Richter said that the property at 512 River Road is zoned commercial, and that no one has asked the Town to change to anything else from the Zoning Map. He also explained that there were only two permitted Commercial Uses allowed in the Commercial District: hardware store and marina, with a flower shop being a Special Use. Mr. Carbonell explained that he was interested in building 16-unit townhouses on the property. Mr. Jay Martin, realtor, and Ms. Beth Wilder, realtor, spoke on behalf of the property owner. Discussion followed. Mayor Richter said that it was not appropriate to ask the Board to do anything at this meeting, but that if Mr. Carbonell wished to pursue the project, he should file for a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for a classification change. Then the request would go before the Planning Board and a subsequent Public Hearing if needed. Mayor Richter thanked the visitors for coming to the meeting.

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

**Old Business**

East End Isabella Avenue: Clerk Dale read a report from Commissioner Bowen stating that wet weather had prohibited B. E. Singleton from paving the private drive.

320 Isabella Avenue: Clerk Dale and Mayor Richter reported that they had spoken with the City of Washington Building Inspector regarding the property. After discussion, it was decided to not proceed with a formal inspection at this time as the Building Inspector cannot go into a locked residence without the owner's permission.

Shorewood Drive: Clerk Dale read Commissioner Bowen's report stating that he has had a meeting with Paul Moore who said that the residents of the east end of Shorewood Drive do not want to have the road widened in front of their houses. The consensus among all the residents is that they would like to dedicate the north-south portion of Shorewood Drive up to and including the "T." The repaving would need to go some number of feet beyond the "T" to transition the pavement.

Mayor Richter said that this is a new request and that the Town should wait to be formally asked to take on this project. This would include a degree of specificity that would enable a paving company to provide a bid and must be signed off from all residents with an offer of dedication of that portion of Shorewood Drive.

Golf Cart Ordinance: The clerk said that a Town Crier with this information would be printed and distributed dependent upon the weather within the next few weeks.

Dump Truck body: The Town has received an estimate of \$9608.00 which is within the \$10,000.00 limit and has accepted CAM Enterprises' quote to modify truck body.

### **New Business**

Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion to accept the audit contract with Larry Carpenter, CPA, for FY 2019-20 audit in the amount of \$4200.00. Seconded by Commissioner Dale. Passed by all.

The Town Board appointed Tom Richter to serve as representative to the Mid-East Commission for a term of two years.

Commissioner Dale said that he had spoken with Mr. Woolard regarding the possibility of purchasing a used backhoe for the tractor. Commissioner Dale made a motion to have Mayor pro tem Peacock look at a used backhoe and authorize the purchase of said equipment up to \$4000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Nash. Passed by all.

Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion to approve the draft Text Amendment to the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance for Washington Park and authorize a public hearing to be held on Monday, April 6, 2020. Seconded by Commissioner Cowell. Passed by all.

### **Reports**

Commissioner Dale – no report.

Commissioner Nash – no report.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – no report.

Commissioner Cowell – reported that she had spoken with Mac Simpson of ReLeaf. She said that there is money from the Marion Worthy Memorial (\$205.00) to plant two live oak trees. Commissioner Cowell requested that Mayor pro tem Peacock help her place

these trees. ReLeaf will mulch and stake the trees and the Town will be responsible for watering them.

The clerk read Commissioner Bowen's report saying that the resident at 520 Isabella Avenue wants to move forward with the retaining wall along the ditch behind his house. Commissioner Bowen and Mr. Alton will be meeting with a contractor on Thursday or Friday of this week.

### **Clerk's Report**

The clerk reported that she and Mr. Woolard had been asked by the residents at 106 and 108 Riverside to look at the retaining wall on the waterfront in front of their houses during a very low river event; that \$23,414.04 in ad valorem taxes had been received; that she was exploring options for the Capital Reserve CD maturing on 3/13/20; and that she had received the bill for \$1751.77 for the Municipal Election in November, 2019. Clerk Dale said that three fence permits had been issued: 603 Fairview Avenue, 322-1/2 River Road, and 604 Fairview Avenue. She reported that she had sent a letter of Zoning Compliance to the Building Inspector for 200 Isabella Avenue to be raised; that she had driven the garbage truck because Trey was out of town and Mr. Woolard worked the back of the truck; and that she and Mr. Woolard made the decision on the snow day for the employees' safety. The clerk reported that the garbage truck was leaking fluid and was being repaired at Elks Garage and that the dump truck would be used for trash pickup. Clerk Dale said that Census 2020 would begin on March 16, 2020, with information being mailed between March 12 and March 20, 2020. Census Day is April 1, 2020. She reported that Mr. Woolard had received all of his continuing education credits for his pesticide license to remain in effect until December, 2022. The clerk reminded the Board of the importance of completing the Ethics Webinar.

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

The next regular meeting will be Monday, April 6, 2020, at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building.

Denise D. Dale  
Clerk, Town of Washington Park