

**Town of Washington Park
Municipal Building
October 6, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

First South Bank	General Fund	\$ 88,801.97
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund	19,030.78
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Checking	11,176.04
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	80,302.88
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	71,346.87

Total **\$270,658.54**

Present

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

Absent

Mayor Richter called the meeting to order. The agenda was approved. Mayor Richter called upon Timmy Bayne of the Mid-East Commission who presented an overview of the Commission's resources. Mayor Richter thanked Mr. Bayne for coming.

Mayor Richter called upon Zane Buckman of 416 Riverside Drive. Mr. Buckman expressed his interest in adding square footage to an existing structure on his property. The setbacks were reviewed with Mr. Buckman, as well as the procedures for a variance. Mr. Buckman thanked the Board for their consideration and agreed to comply with the existing ordinances regarding his outbuilding.

The minutes and financial statements were read and approved.

Old Business

Town Picnic: Mayor Richter reported that the picnic went well. He said that there were 65-70 people in attendance. A suggestion to make the tables narrower was discussed.

Railroad crossing at Hudnell and Park: Mayor Richter reported that this repair is in the NCDOT's spring project list in 2015 per Brian Alligood, Washington City Manager.

Tilter for the garbage truck: Commissioner Bowen will have a test cylinder to try out.

Isabella Avenue east end drainage: Commissioner Bowen has spoken with Mr. Pagnani regarding the pipe from the Tayloe property under the road to the basin. Discussion followed regarding putting a drainway with a grate which might improve flow. Asphalt would need to be cut and concrete put in. It was suggested to find a grate first and then build accordingly. Commissioner Bowen will speak with St. Clair Trucking to finalize a quote for this work.

No wake zone: Mayor Richter reported that there was progress on this issue. The City of Washington has agreed to the idea and the County is informally in agreement. Beaufort County, the City of Washington, and the Town of Washington Park will have to pay for the buoys, anchors, and signs. The NC Wildlife Commission will not pay for these items. Commissioner Dale will have prices available for these items at the November meeting.

Maple Branch debris: Commissioner Bowen has spoken with Ross Boyer who will get into Maple Branch anytime now.

Three Acre Wood cleanup: still waiting for foliage to die back before making decisions.

Fire contract: Mayor Richter has talked to the County Manager and it is doable, but the difference in cost and insurance to the residents of the Park would probably be more than the current contract price with the City of Washington. Commissioner Bowen offered to speak with the head of Bunyan Fire Department.

Derelect boats on the waterfront: The clerk reported that there were no tags with owner information on the boats nor had she received any phone calls regarding the boats following the notice in the latest Town Crier. Discussion followed regarding a flyer for removal of all boats by December 1st. Mayor Richter will draft a flyer. Discussion followed regarding contracting the removal of the boats. The clerk will do a photographic inventory of the current boats on the waterfront.

Sweet gum tree at 322 Riverside: Mayor pro tem Peacock reported that he had measured the tree and that it was 13 feet from the power line and that it had to be within ten feet for the City utility company to remove it. Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion to give permission to the resident to take down the tree and replace it with a liveoak tree somewhere else in Washington Park. Seconded by Commissioner Dale. Passed by all.

Building permits: Mayor Richter has inspected the building at 324 River Road and ascertained that a building permit was not necessary and that the construction was within the setbacks.

Reports

Commissioner Dale – reported that the Tot Lot had been reserved for a birthday party on October 25, 2014. He reported that Commissioner Bowen had tried to fix the slide on the playground with an epoxy welder, but needs different rods for the repair. Commissioner Dale reported that the marathon and ½ marathon for Cure Epilepsy in March 2015 is on hold pending City of Washington's approval. Commissioner Dale reported that the Town Picnic final cost was \$635.55. He thanked the clerk for a great job planning and executing the picnic. He also reported that the final cost for the lights at the tennis court was \$927.63.

Commissioner Nash – no reports of break-ins or animal control issues.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – no report.

Commissioner Bowen – see above for report.

Commissioner Wood – reported that two trees had been taken down in the median at 306 Isabella Avenue that had died. He requested suggestions for shrubs to replace the red tip bushes around the tennis court.

Clerk's Report

The clerk gave the supervisor's report stating everything was going smoothly. A new part for the leaf machine (\$682.70) has been ordered and installed. Ongoing projects for the supervisor and men include cleaning and maintaining the drainage ditches.

The clerk reported that the financial records were at the auditor. She also reported that the Town had not received any ad valorem taxes since August from Beaufort County. She reported that Suddenlink had dropped 24 channels and have added 10 channels due to a contract dispute over a 50% increase with Viacom. She said that she had met with Allen Pittman of the City of Washington regarding the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System annual update.

The next meeting will be November 3, 2014.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Denise D. Dale
Clerk, Town of Washington Park