

**Town of Washington Park  
Municipal Building  
September 11, 2017  
7:00 p.m.**

First South Bank	General Fund	\$ 123,815.26
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/Truck Fund	75,000.00
First South Bank	Powell Bill Checking	31,606.88
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	81,658.67
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	<u>72,663.77</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 384,744.58</b>

**Present**

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

**Absent**

Patrick Nash, Commissioner

Mayor Richter called the meeting to order. The agenda was approved as presented upon motion by Mayor pro tem Peacock and second by Commissioner Dale. Passed by all.

There was no public input.

The minutes and financial reports were approved as presented upon motion by Mayor pro tem Peacock. Seconded by Bowen. Passed by all.

**Old Business**

Isabella Avenue East drainage: Commissioner Bowen reported that he had not received the formal quotes from St. Clair Trucking and B. E. Singleton yet. Discussion followed regarding the private drive and Isabella Avenue. Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion to allow Commissioner Bowen to choose the lowest of two bids for the Isabella Avenue work with a limit of \$15,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Dale. Passed by all.

Zoning Ordinance corrections: Mayor Richter led a discussion regarding approved fence styles, fence dimensions, and appropriate landscaping suggestions from the Planning Board for the River Road Residential Overlay District.

Commissioner Bowen made a motion to hold a Public Hearing for the Zoning Ordinance corrections and the River Road Residential Overlay District amendment (Zoning Ordinance Section 6.2.3 Fences and Walls) at the next meeting scheduled for Monday, October 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Cowell. Passed by all. A copy of the corrections and amendment will be available in the Municipal Building for public inspection. The clerk will arrange to have a legal notice for the Public Hearing published in the Washington Daily News twice before the meeting, as required by NC General Statute.

Alley regrading: Commissioner Bowen reported that Double-A Hauling and St. Clair Trucking had looked at the alley with different recommendations for grading and materials. Lengthy discussion followed regarding the recommendations. Commissioner Dale made a motion to have either Double-A Hauling or St. Clair Trucking, after inspection of their respective work, regrade the alley and place stone on the alley with a limit of \$4,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Passed by all.

Tot Lot Eagle Scout Project: The clerk said that she had not called Jeremy Jarvis. Commissioner Cowell said that she would encourage him to contact the clerk.

### **New Business**

Mayor Richter led a discussion regarding post-storm maintenance and outside contractors. The clerk will contact FEMA personnel to determine reimbursement guidelines.

Mayor Richter led a discussion about building a collar out of expanded metal to keep debris out of the drain in the 100 block of Riverside Drive. Commissioner Dale made a motion for Mayor Richter and Beaufort County Ironworks to create an expanded metal collar with a limit of \$200.00. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Passed by all.

### **Reports**

Commissioner Dale – reported the FinishStrong Triathlon was only a bike/run event this year due to the water quality of the river. There were 180 competitors this year, down from 389 last year. The FinishStrong event organizer said that there probably would not be an event next year due to low turnout. Commissioner Dale reported that the tennis courts were finished on budget with new nets and new keys were being sold to residents. The Town Picnic will be Sunday, September 24, 2017 at 1:00. There will be a flyer distributed to residents as well as a sign at the bridge to announce the picnic. Raindate is October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Commissioner Nash – the clerk gave Commissioner's Nash's report in his absence. There were no incidents listed on the report from the Sheriff's Office. The clerk reported that there was a theft of a bicycle in the 400 block of College Avenue. The bicycle was recovered and the thief apprehended. Commissioner Nash had received a complaint from a resident on River Road that there seemed to be many vehicles speeding over 45 mph in the 35 mph zone. Commissioner Nash has contacted the Highway Patrol who said they will alert their officers to this observation.

Commissioner Cowell – reported that she had spoken with a resident who was curious about replacing hardwood trees with hardwood trees instead of crepe myrtles and dogwoods. Discussion followed. No action taken.

Commissioner Bowen – reported he and Mayor pro tem Peacock would look at Dr. Tayloe's van to see the clearance for future speed humps. Commissioner Bowen asked the clerk to wait to order speed humps for the 200 block of Isabella Avenue and a replacement speed hump for Walnut Street until the clearance is determined.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – reported that the financials look good.

### Clerk's Report

Clerk Dale reported that she had called the resident at 400 Isabella Avenue regarding the azalea bushes and visibility; that the Town had received \$2,667.25 in ad valorem taxes; that three tennis keys had been sold; that one fence permit had been obtained; that the Town had received the Beaufort County recreation allotment of \$1620.00; that the garbage truck had been rewired and a new steering column and shifter were purchased for a total of \$658.87; that Dudley Landscaping had trimmed trees at Riverside, Isabella, and College for \$1600.00; and that Toby Woolard would be attending Pesticide School in November in Greenville.

The clerk reported that Mr. Woolard would like the Board to discuss the possible sale of the old chipper which had not been used in a year. Discussion followed. Commissioner Bowen made a motion to sell the 1989 Woodchuck Chipper. Seconded by Commissioner Dale. Passed by all.

Mayor Richter led a discussion regarding the Town's Zoning Ordinance regarding "customary home occupation" in the Town's Residential District. Discussion followed. The mayor will contact the Town Attorney for further clarification.

Mayor Richter led a discussion regarding merit awards for the Public Works employees. Commissioner Dale made a motion to give a 5% merit award to Toby Woolard and James Woolard. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Passed by all.

Mayor Richter asked the clerk to leave the meeting for the Board to discuss a merit award for her. Commissioner Dale asked to be excused from the discussion and the vote. Commissioner Bowen made a motion to give a 5% merit award to Denise Dale. Seconded by Commissioner Cowell. Passed by all, with Commissioner Dale excused from the vote.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, October 2, 2017, at 7:00 pm.

Denise D. Dale  
Clerk, Town of Washington Park