

**Town of Washington Park  
Special Called Meeting  
313 College Avenue  
September 18, 2018  
7:00 p.m.**

**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 special meeting regarding Hurricane Florence to order.

Mayor Richter said that the residents of Washington Park want debris picked up quickly and efficiently. In order to be reimbursed by FEMA for the debris removal, a Request for Proposal would have to be put out for bid. Mayor Richter said that historically Mitch St. Clair had done the work. He referenced the agreement signed by St. Clair Trucking and the Town of Washington Park for debris removal. Discussion followed regarding contract labor and using Town personnel for debris pickup. Commissioner Bowen made a motion to have St. Clair Trucking pick up storm debris for three days not to exceed \$8,000. Seconded by Commissioner Nash. Passed by all.

Mayor Richter said that he had spoken with Bryant Buck of the Mid-East Commission regarding a program that would provide two people at no cost to the Park helping with disaster cleanup. Mayor Richter will follow up with Mr. Buck.

The Board rescheduled the Town Picnic by acclamation from September 30<sup>th</sup> to October 14<sup>th</sup>. This was the original rain date.

The clerk said that Waste Industries had sent an annual bill for the five recycling bins behind the Municipal Building for \$900. The previous cost from Pak-R was \$233. Discussion followed regarding how no one is buying recycling anymore and how residents are not separating recycling and garbage has been put in the recycling bins behind the Municipal Building. Further discussion followed regarding informing the community in an upcoming Town Crier that individual residents could pay \$66 per year directly to Waste Industries for recycling. By acclamation, the Board voted to eliminate the recycling bins behind the Municipal Building and allow residents to pay individually for recycling pickup.

Commissioner Bowen reported that he had received a call from a resident whose house had flooded and was uninhabitable. The resident said that he was having trouble finding a place to rent and hotel rooms were unavailable, and he had asked if he could put a recreational vehicle in his yard and live in it while the home was being repaired. The clerk said that there is a policy of no RVs or trailers in Washington Park. Discussion followed. The clerk will speak with the resident on College Avenue who has a recreational vehicle in their front yard. Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion continue

the policy of not allowing residents to live in trailers in Washington Park. Seconded by Commissioner Dale. Discussion followed. Passed by all.

The abandoned catamaran on the east end of the waterfront that survived the storm and was beaten to pieces was discussed. No action was taken.

The unavailability of the Municipal Building for the next meeting was discussed. Commissioner Nash offered to contact the Warren Airport building manager to have the next Town Meeting at that facility.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be held on October 1, 2018.

Denise D. Dale  
Clerk, Town of Washington Park