

**Town of Washington Park
Municipal Building
April 3, 2017
7:00 p.m.**

First South Bank	General Fund	\$ 148,024.29
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund	75,000.00
First South Bank	Powell Bill Checking	31,593.63
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	81,456.34
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	<u>72,483.73</u>
Total		\$ 408,557.99

Present

Absent

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

Mayor Richter called the meeting to order. Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Passed by all.

The minutes and financial report were approved as presented.

There was no public input.

Old Business

Isabella Avenue East drainage: Commissioner Bowen reported that he and Mayor Richter had met with the homeowners at 601 Isabella Avenue regarding drainage. Discussion followed regarding improving drainage along the east side of the private drive by regrading the ditch, increasing the size of the pipe under the drive, and adding a concrete basin. Also discussed was improving drainage on the west side of the private drive by regrading ditches and realigning/replacing pipes without placing a pipe under the private drive that would join the east and west sides of the Isabella ditch. The Board agreed with these options and directed Commissioner Bowen to ask Hugh Sorrell to review the ditch and pipe elevations and make required adjustments as needed for proper water flow without pipe under the private drive in the Isabella ditch. Commissioner Dale made a motion to accept these recommendations as presented. Seconded by mayor pro tem Peacock. Passed by all.

Zoning Ordinance corrections: No report from the Planning Board at this time.

Oak Street extension abandonment: There has been no communication from the homeowners regarding continuing the abandonment process.

Mayor Richter reviewed a resolution to be sent to North Carolina Legislature representatives outlining the Town's objections to any legislation requiring municipal elections to be partisan elections and/or changing elections to even years. Discussion

followed. Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve the resolution. Seconded by mayor pro tem Peacock. Passed by all.

Reports

Commissioner Dale – reported that there were 240 participants scheduled for the Young Life 5K run on Saturday, April 8, 2017.

Commissioner Nash – reported that there was nothing from the Sheriff's office.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – reminded the Board to please include any budget items for the upcoming FY 2017-18 budget. The budget will be presented at the May 1, 2017 meeting.

Commissioner Bowen – no report other than Isabella Avenue drainage.

Commissioner Cowell – asked for guidance regarding a location for the Marion Worthy memorial live oak tree. Discussion followed. No specific location was identified.

Clerk's Report

The clerk reported that the town had received \$6,697.94 in ad valorem taxes this month; two tennis keys were sold; and that she was requesting insurance quotes from Flatlands Insurance, Bragaw Insurance, and the NC League of Municipalities for the FY 2017-18 budget. The clerk presented a budget amendment for \$500.00 for tools and supplies, \$600.00 for Office Supplies, and \$100.00 for advertising from the General Expenses portion of the budget. Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion to approve the budget amendment as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Nash. Passed by all.

Commissioner Bowen made a motion to approve William Oden, Jr., CPA, as auditor for FY 2016-17 for \$4100.00. Seconded by mayor pro tem Peacock. Passed by all.

The clerk reported that the refrigerator in the Municipal Building had failed. The Board approved by acclamation the purchase of a new refrigerator not to exceed \$500.00.

The clerk asked the Board to reschedule the July meeting from July 3rd to July 10th because of the July 4th holiday. That change was approved by acclamation.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, May 1, 2017, at 7:00 pm.

Denise D. Dale
Clerk, Town of Washington Park