

**Town of Washington Park
Municipal Building
December 3, 2018
7:00 p.m.**

CresCom Bank	General Fund	\$ 143,634.85
CresCom Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/Truck Fund	90,000.00
CresCom Bank	Powell Bill Checking	35,816.02
CresCom Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	83,042.23
CresCom Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	<u>73,885.39</u>
	Total	\$ 426,378.49

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. He gave instructions to the Planning Board regarding a possible minimum housing code for existing structures in Washington Park. The Planning Board left the Town Board meeting for a separate meeting within the building.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Dale. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Passed by all.

Mayor Richter called upon Selden Taylor who spoke regarding his property in the 500 block of College Avenue and the adjoining ditch. Mr. Taylor stated that he had not been informed before work was done in the ditch from the easement on his property. He was most concerned about the way the contractor had performed the work and the resulting condition of his property. He was requesting that the Town have the property returned to its original condition, with his permanent access restored and that any future work would be done during summer months only. Discussion followed. Mayor Richter and Commissioner Bowen offered their sincere apologies about the work and assured Mr. Taylor that the Town would fix his property and be more forthcoming in the future. Mr. Taylor thanked the Board for their time. Mayor Richter thanked Mr. Taylor for his comments.

Commissioner Bowen made a motion to go out of regular meeting and listen to the Planning Board's recommendations for the minimum housing ordinance. Seconded by Commissioner Dale. Passed by all.

Mayor Richter called on Seth Laughlin, Chairman of the Planning Board, for comments regarding the proposed minimum housing ordinance. Mr. Laughlin said that while a minimum housing ordinance is necessary, the Planning Board felt that the language in the proposed ordinance was too restrictive. Discussion followed regarding enforcement, guidelines for interior and exterior of houses, and occupied or unoccupied houses. Mayor Richter thanked the Planning Board for their input.

Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion to open the Public Hearing on the proposed minimum housing ordinance. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Passed by all. As there was no public present for comment, Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Commissioner Dale. Passed by all.

The financial report and the minutes were approved upon motion by Commissioner Dale. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Passed by all.

Old Business

East End Isabella Avenue: Commissioner Bowen reported that he had met with Dr. Tayloe and Jim Pagnani regarding the proposed solution. He also said that the Talley project is on hold at this time. Discussion followed

320 Isabella Avenue: Mayor Richter said that he has attempted to call Ms. Bell again without success.

Boats on the waterfront: Mayor Richter led a discussion about the abandoned Hobie catamaran on the east end of the waterfront that was damaged in the hurricane.

Reports

Commissioner Dale – reported that the Epilepsy ½ Marathon and 5K run will be on February 16; that there was a resident-sponsored wedding set for May 25, 2019; and that a wedding reception was scheduled for September 7, 2019 on the east end of the waterfront.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – reported that he had been contacted by Dudley Landscaping regarding bidding on future ditch work in Washington Park.

Commissioner Bowen – reported that he had walked the ditch work with St. Clair Trucking; that a good job was done by St. Clair Trucking at 416 Riverside Drive and 600 Fairview Avenue. He also said that he was going to get a bulkheading quote for the ditch behind 520 Isabella Avenue.

Commissioner Cowell – reported that she had looked at tree on Beech and Isabella that needed trimming for widow-makers. Mayor Richter and Mayor pro tem Peacock will also do a survey for Dudley Landscaping.

Clerk's Report

The clerk reported that \$41,498.71 in ad valorem taxes had been received this month; that 1 pickleball and tennis court key had been sold; that 30 folding chairs had been purchased for \$660.00; that Powell Bill money had been used to pay St. Clair Trucking for ditch work; that \$3500 had been spent so far in repairing the Municipal building; that she had called the resident at 103 River Road regarding the demolition debris removal by contractor; and that the clerk had driven the truck 3 times this month. The clerk asked the board to approve Christmas bonuses of \$50 for full time employees and \$25 for part time employee. The Board approved the bonuses by acclamation. The clerk also reported that the first visit with the project manager for FEMA would be Monday, December 10, 2018, at 1:00 pm.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, January 7, 2019, at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building.

Denise D. Dale
Clerk, Town of Washington Park