

**Town of Washington Park  
Municipal Building  
June 1, 2015  
7:00 p.m.**

First South Bank	General Fund	\$ 106,855.77
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund	45,000.00
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Checking	13,746.05
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	80,421.32
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	71,524.52

<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 317,547.66</b>
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**Present**

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

**Absent**

Mayor Richter called the meeting to order. The agenda was approved. Mayor Richter asked if the public was there to discuss the Pamlico Sound Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan or the FY 2015-16 budget. The attendees said that they were there for other reasons. Therefore, the Mayor deferred the public hearings on the Hazard Mitigation Plan and budget until after hearing from the residents.

Mayor Richter called on Mike Delmonte of 403 College Avenue. Mr. Delmonte said that he was there to find out the paving schedule for Washington Park and whether there could be a speed hump in the 400 block of College Avenue. He said that there were many speeding cars in this block. Commissioner Bowen asked if he knew the speeders in question. Mr. Delmonte said that he did not know them by name. Commissioner Bowen said that there were no speed humps planned at this time, but that the Board would look at where the speed bumps are currently. Discussion followed. Mayor Richter thanked Mr. Delmonte for his comments and said that the Board would get back to him within 60 days.

Mayor Richter called on Pam Klinger of 206 River Road. Ms. Klinger said that she had received the letter regarding her fence being in violation of the Washington Park fence ordinance. She said that she was not aware of the ordinance regarding fence heights and opacity. She suggested making an amendment to the ordinance regarding fences for properties fronting on River Road. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of amending the fence ordinance which would require a Zoning Ordinance change, the possibility of a variance for the fence, and enforcing the current ordinance. Commissioner Wood made a motion to table the decision of the fence ordinance violation for Ms. Klinger for less than 90 days. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Passed by all.

Mayor Richter called on Beth and Bob Byrd of 200 Isabella Avenue. Ms. Byrd said that she was there to follow up on the "no-wake" zone for the area west of Washington Park. Mayor Richter said that the City of Washington and the Town of Washington Park, as the

adjoining municipalities, were working together to establish this area. Mayor Richter said that he was in contact with John Rodman to coordinate this effort. Mayor Richter thanked the guests.

Commissioner Nash made a motion to open the public hearing on the Pamlico Sound Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Seconded by Commissioner Wood. Passed by all. Commissioner Nash made a motion to close the public hearing on the Pamlico Sound Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Seconded by Mayor pro tem Peacock. Passed by all. Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve the resolution adopting the Pamlico Sound Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Seconded by Commissioner Dale. Passed by all.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to open the public hearing on the FY 2015-16 budget. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Passed by all. Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion to close the public hearing on the FY 2015-16 budget. Seconded by Commissioner Wood. Passed by all. Commissioner Bowen made a motion to adopt the FY 2015-16 budget and set the tax rate at .29 per \$100.00 of valuation. Seconded by Commissioner Wood. Passed by all.

The minutes and financial statements were read and approved after correction of “regarding” to “regrading” in Commissioner Bowen’s report.

### **Old Business**

Isabella Avenue east end drainage: Commissioner Bowen reported that Hugh Sorrell had finished the survey, map, and computations. Mr. Sorrell’s recommendation is to put pipe under the private drive and regrade the ditch, which he feels would take care of the Town’s water.

No wake zone: see above.

Three Acre Wood cleanup: Commissioner Nash will contact Allen Hall again regarding the bushhogging of the underbrush. Mayor pro tem Peacock will contact Stuart Dudley regarding cleanup.

Fire contract: no report.

Boats on the waterfront: The clerk reported that she had left a message with Ms. Howard regarding the boats on the west end of the waterfront that had not been used or moved in over six months.

Geothermal: nothing to report. Mayor Richter will contact an expert to come to a future meeting.

### **Reports**

Commissioner Dale – reported that there were two parties scheduled for the Tot Lot in June, the Edwards wedding is scheduled for the east end of the waterfront on June 6, and the Rauschenbach graduation party is scheduled for the west end of the waterfront on June 13. Commissioner Dale asked Commissioner Bowen if he would do a quick repair on the Tot Lot slide. Commissioner Bowen agreed to help.

Commissioner Nash – no report of any criminal activity from the Sheriff’s office.

Commissioner Nash has left another message requesting that the Sheriff address the Town Board, but has not heard back yet. Mayor pro tem Peacock said that there appeared to have been a "hit-and-run" by a golf cart to the lamppost at 315 Isabella Avenue.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – no report. He thanked the clerk for her work on the budget.

Commissioner Bowen – no report.

Commissioner Wood – reported that he would be cutting down dead and dying unwanted trees.

### **Clerk's Report**

The clerk reported that the Town had received \$2141.45 in Beer and Wine Tax, \$3301.58 from Beaufort County for ad valorem taxes, and \$5.00 for a yard sale permit. She reported that a letter of Zoning Compliance had been written for 314 College Avenue for the expansion of a bathroom. She reported that the Town had received \$186.06 from the closing of the Beaufort County Mayors' Association checking account. Clerk Dale said that she had sent letters regarding unmowed yards to 411 College Avenue and 602 Small Street. She gave the supervisor's report saying that he had begun spraying the ditches, repaired the power steering in the dump truck, and repaired the mower main seal that was leaking. She also reported that there would be a Local Government Credit Union Shred Day on Saturday, June 27, 2015 from 9-12 at the west end of Stewart Parkway. The next meeting will be July 13, 2015 as July 6, 2015 is the date the Town observes the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

Mayor Richter said that he had spoken with the owner of the residence at 320 Isabella Avenue and has helped find someone to mow her yard. Mayor Richter has written a letter to the owner of the shed at 310 Riverside Drive reporting the City Building Inspector's observations.

Mr. Wood reported that his personal golf cart needed four new batteries. He said that he uses the golf cart for the Town and requested help in purchasing new batteries. Commissioner Dale made a motion to purchase two new batteries for Mr. Wood's golf cart with a \$400 limit. Seconded by Commissioner Nash. Passed by all (Commissioner Wood recused himself from the vote.)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Denise D. Dale  
Clerk, Town of Washington Park