

**Town of Washington Park
Municipal Building
June 3, 2019
7:00 p.m.**

CresCom Bank	General Fund	\$ 182,114.12
CresCom Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/Truck Fund	105,000.00
CresCom Bank	Powell Bill Checking	41,294.11
CresCom Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	83,681.94
CresCom Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	<u>74,454.57</u>
	Total	\$ 486,544.74

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 meeting to order.

Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Passed by all.

Commissioner Bowen made a motion to go out of the regular meeting and go into the public hearing for the FY 2019-20 Budget Ordinance. Seconded by Mayor pro tem Peacock. Passed by all. Mayor pro tem Peacock stated that he had had no input from the public regarding the proposed budget. The clerk stated that she had had no input from the public regarding the proposed budget. Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion to close the public hearing and resume the regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Passed by all.

Mayor Richter stated that the regular meeting was resumed.

There was no public input.

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

Old Business

212 Isabella Avenue noise: Mayor Richter stated that he and other Board members, as well as the clerk, had made random checks for noise emanating from 212 Isabella Avenue, but had heard no noise. Mayor Richter said that he had spoken with the homeowner two hours prior to the meeting who had asked that any complaints be directly reported to him at 212 Isabella.

East End Isabella Avenue: Commissioner Bowen reported that he had spoken with Charlie Manning of B. E. Singleton and Sons and that they were about two weeks out from beginning the project.

320 Isabella Avenue: Mayor Richter reported that he had tried to call the owner of the property, but had had no luck in reaching her. Commissioner Nash said that he had not been able to reach the owner's brother. Mayor Richter directed the clerk to send a certified, return-receipt requested letter to the owner outlining the Town Board's concerns regarding the property.

FEMA update: The clerk reported that the Town was currently awaiting payment from FEMA and NC Emergency Management. She said that all paperwork was completed for the two Public Assistance projects for the Town's debris removal and Municipal Building contents replacement. She reported that FEMA had reduced the amount for Municipal Building repairs by \$5000 because of lack of flood insurance and deductible for wind and hail insurance.

FY 2019-20 Budget Ordinance: Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion to accept the FY 2019-20 proposed Budget Ordinance as presented and set the tax rate at 29 cents per hundred which is unchanged from FY 2018-19. Discussion followed. Seconded by Commissioner Nash. Passed by all.

New Business

Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion to approve a resolution supporting the 2020 US Decennial Census and the Beaufort County Complete Count Committee. Seconded by Commissioner Dale. Discussion followed. Passed by all.

Reports

Commissioner Dale – reported that the tennis court lights at the west end were out and that Carawan Industries had been contacted regarding replacement. Discussion followed regarding possible LED replacement. The clerk was asked to follow up on this. Commissioner Dale reported that the large tennis and pickleball rules sign was finished and would be hung on the court door soon.

Commissioner Nash – reported that there were a number of auto break-ins reported from the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office on College Avenue, Spruce Street, and Isabella Avenue. All break-ins were unlocked vehicles. He reported that the Sheriff's Office said that there were upcoming arrests.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – reported that Stuart Dudley had removed the tree in the median in the 200 block of Riverside. He also said that he had had a request from a resident for a speed hump at Beech and College because people were not observing the stop sign on Beech. Discussion followed. No action was taken.

Commissioner Bowen – no report.

Commissioner Cowell – no report.

Mayor Richter discussed an upcoming Town Crier which might include information on the latest budget and tax rate, golf carts, hurricane preparation, new tennis keys

available August 1st, landscape contractors hauling off yard debris, and Town Picnic date of September 29, 2019 with a rain date of October 6, 2019.

Clerk's Report

The clerk reported that the Town had received the Beer and Wine Tax from the State for \$1866.60; that the Town had received \$3907.87 in ad valorem taxes; and had spent less than received this month by \$1524.67. The sidewalk in front of the Municipal Building was discussed. The clerk will look into having the sidewalk repaved before the election on July 9, 2019. The clerk gave the supervisor's report saying that the air conditioning unit had to be repaired and that two tires on the dump truck had to be replaced.

Mayor pro tem Peacock asked the clerk to leave the meeting so the Board could discuss merit awards for all employees. Commissioner Dale excused himself from the meeting during the discussion. Commissioner Nash made a motion to give 5% merit awards to Toby Woolard, Jr., James Woolard and Denise Dale in September, 2019. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Passed by all with Commissioner Dale recusing himself from the vote. The clerk profusely thanked the board on behalf of the employees.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, July 1, 2019, at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building.

Denise D. Dale
Clerk, Town of Washington Park