

**Town of Washington Park
Municipal Building
June 4, 2018
7:00 p.m.**

CresCom Bank	General Fund	\$ 161,190.71
CresCom Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/Truck Fund	90,000.00
CresCom Bank	Powell Bill Checking	36,045.57
CresCom Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	82,273.14
CresCom Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	<u>73,210.55</u>
	Total	\$ 442,719.97

Present

Thomas B. Richter, Mayor
Lee Bowen, Commissioner
Belinda Cowell, Commissioner
Wade Dale, Commissioner

Absent

Jeff Peacock, Mayor pro tem
Patrick Nash, Commissioner

Mayor Richter called the meeting to order. The agenda was approved upon motion by Commissioner Dale and seconded by Commissioner Bowen.

Commissioner Bowen made a motion to open the Public Hearing on the FY 2018-19 Budget for the Town of Washington Park. Seconded by Commissioner Dale. Passed by all. There were no residents present for the Public Hearing. Commissioner Bowen made a motion to close the Public Hearing on the FY 2018-19 Budget. Seconded by Commissioner Cowell. Passed by all.

Commissioner Bowen made a motion to adopt the FY 2018-19 Budget as presented and set the tax rate at 29 cents per \$100 of valuation. Seconded by Commissioner Dale. Passed by all.

Mayor Richter introduced Ben and Kim Pringle and Larry Walker to speak about pickle ball. Mr. Pringle gave a presentation on how pickle ball markings could be placed in existing tennis courts and also showed pickle ball equipment. Discussion followed. Commissioner Dale said that he had tried repeatedly without success to get Advantage Sports to quote on marking the lines for pickle ball on the tennis courts, but that he would keep trying to get a quote. Mayor Richter thanked the guests for their input.

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

Old Business

East End Isabella Avenue: Commissioner Bowen reported that he was still waiting for St. Clair Trucking to give a revised quote so that he could present the Board with two complete revised quotes. He also said that he would have Mr. Barwick of Ammex Paving quote on the asphalt part of the project. Discussion followed. Commissioner Bowen was

asked to investigate whether a culvert might be option for this project, and if so, to get a quote for this work.

New Business

Mayor Richter asked the clerk to get estimates on having the dump truck and garbage truck bodies painted.

Reports

Commissioner Dale – reported that the Tot Lot had been reserved for three successive days in May for the Methodist Preschool by Mrs. McNeill of 615 Bank Street. He said that he had contacted Mosquito Joe regarding treatments and that it would be require five \$145 treatments to be 95% mosquito, tick and flea free. Discussion followed. No action taken. Commissioner Dale reported that the benches on the waterfront had been removed and that all the frames needed to be replaced. Beaufort County Ironworks has agreed to make ten frames for \$550.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Bowen to have the benches replaced for \$1500.00 total cost. Seconded by Commissioner Cowell. Passed by all.

Commissioner Cowell – reported that the homeowners at 216 and 218 Isabella Avenue had contacted her regarding cutting down the crepe myrtle trees at the front of their properties. She said that she and Mayor Richter had looked at the trees and agreed to let the homeowners remove them.

Commissioner Bowen – no report.

Clerk's Report

The clerk reported that two yard sale permits had been sold in May; that she had sent overgrown lawn letters to homeowners at 602 Small Street and 323 College Avenue; that the town had received beer and wine tax in the amount of \$1905.76; that she had written two letters of Zoning Compliance for building permits; and that the census information verifying locations had been returned. She reported that she and Mayor pro tem Peacock had investigated Certificate of Deposit rates and that the current vendor, CresCom Bank, had the best 14-month interest rate of 1.55% with one no-penalty withdrawal after ninety days. The Board approved the investment by acclamation.

Mayor Richter stated that the Clerk had had an inquiry about the possibility of AirBnB or VRBO in Washington Park. He explained that per the town's Zoning Ordinance, the two districts, residential and commercial, have a list of permitted and special uses, and short-term rentals are not included. He said that renting of rooms or houses on a short-term basis would be commercial use, not residential. Discussion followed.

The Town Board approved the 3% cost-of-living increase for employees as presented in the approved FY 2018-19 budget. Commissioner Dale recused himself from voting on the clerk's increase.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, July 2, 2018, at 7:00 pm.

Denise D. Dale
Clerk, Town of Washington Park