

**Town of Washington Park  
Municipal Building  
May 6, 2019  
7:00 p.m.**

CresCom Bank	General Fund	\$ 180,589.45
CresCom Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/Truck Fund	105,000.00
CresCom Bank	Powell Bill Checking	41,271.40
CresCom Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	83,572.63
CresCom Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	<u>74,357.31</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 484,790.79</b>

**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.

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

Mayor Richter called upon Mr. Will Page and Mr. Jack Mitchell, Washington Park residents. Mr. Page stated that he and others on Shorewood Drive were concerned about the deteriorating road condition of Shorewood Drive. Discussion followed regarding the history of the road and the fact that it was substandard construction when put in place. Mayor Richter asked that Mr. Page get a survey completed and a petition signed by all homeowners on the road requesting the Town to formally accept Shorewood Drive. The mayor said that after the homeowners present this to the Board, the Town would take action upon the request. Mayor Richter thanked Mr. Page and Mr. Mitchell for coming to the meeting.

Mayor Richter called upon a resident of Isabella Avenue who stated that he was aware of a commercial application in the residential district. He also stated that there was an ongoing noise violation near his home. He asked the Board to look into these violations of Town's ordinances. Discussion followed. Mayor Richter thanked the resident for his comments.

The financial report and the minutes were approved upon motion by Mayor pro tem Peacock. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Passed by all.

**Old Business**

East End Isabella Avenue: Commissioner Bowen reported that B. E. Singleton & Sons is behind in their current project and hope to begin in two to three weeks.

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 would follow up with the property owner's brother.

FEMA update: The clerk reported that the Town had not yet received checks from the FEMA and NC Dept of Emergency Management for the approved projects for debris removal and replacement of the Municipal Building's contents. The paperwork for the project for the building renovation is complete and has been submitted. The debris removal project is for \$13,642.00; the building contents project is for \$3,196.18; and the Municipal building repairs project is for \$9,495.43.

FY 2019-20 Budget: Mayor pro tem Peacock distributed the proposed FY 2019-20 budget. Clerk Dale went over the changes from the FY 2018-19 budget. The tax rate remains the same at \$.29 per \$100.00 value, even though the revised property values are lower, generating less ad valorem income. Commissioner Bowen made a motion to approve the proposed budget as presented and schedule a public hearing on the budget for the June 3, 2019, Board meeting. Seconded by Mayor pro tem Peacock. Passed by all. The clerk will advertise the public hearing as required.

### **New Business**

Mayor Richter led a discussion regarding Shorewood Drive and possible adoption of the road into the Town-maintained streets plan. Commissioner Bowen and Commissioner Dale both stated that it was important that the Shorewood Drive homeowners share responsibility for getting the roadbed to NCDOT standards and also be willing to share paving costs with the Town. Discussion followed. No action taken.

### **Reports**

Commissioner Dale – reported that the Rabbit Run on April 13, 2019, had about 60 participants. He also reported that the Methodist Preschool would be having two events in the Tot Lot that were sponsored by a resident.

Commissioner Nash – reported that there were no incidents to report from the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office

Commissioner Cowell – no report.

Commissioner Bowen – reported that he and Commissioner Peacock had spoken with Stuart Dudley regarding the alley rock movement, and that Mr. Dudley would re-grade the alley for \$100.00.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – no report. Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion to approve Larry Carpenter, CPA as the auditor for FY 2018-19. Seconded by Commissioner Dale. Passed by all.

### **Clerk's Report**

The clerk reported that the elevation certificate for the building for the flood insurance was \$400.00; that \$1160.00 in ad valorem taxes had been collected in April; that the building supplies for the renovation of the Municipal Building for April were \$1384.65; that Chubby's Carpet Center was paid \$5547.48 for installation of flooring and carpeting

in the Municipal Building and that Brian Wood had been paid \$1755.00 for the renovations to the building. Clerk Dale also reported that a refund of \$661.00 had been received for the Municipal Building flood insurance. The clerk gave the Supervisor's report that the washed-out area around the big slide had been repaired and that there had been no equipment or manpower issues this month.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, June 3, 2019, at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building.

Denise D. Dale  
Clerk, Town of Washington Park