

**Town of Washington Park
Municipal Building
November 7, 2011
7:30 p.m.**

First South Bank	General Fund	\$ 27,853.05
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund	10,851.10
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Saving	14,181.41
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Saving	87,884.78
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund	68,724.84

Total **\$209,495.18**

Present

Mayor Thomas Richter
Jeff Peacock, Mayor pro tem
Lee Bowen, Commissioner
Jim Pagnani, Commissioner
Patrick Nash, Commissioner
Don Wilkinson, Commissioner

Absent

None

Mayor Richter called the meeting to order and the agenda was approved.

Mayor Richter called for Mr. Wood's report. Mr. Wood reported that the ditch from Hickory to Bank Street had been cleaned by using the chipper, garbage truck, dump truck. He reported that he had investigated the water heater replacement, finding that a similar water heater could only be raised six to eight inches due to the natural gas exhaust. Mayor pro tem Peacock offered to investigate with Mr. Wood for the smallest possible unit with the most elevation, which would include the on-demand mounted outside the building. Mayor Richter thanked Mr. Wood for the good work since Hurricane Irene especially for not duplicating St. Clair and DOT work, as well as for replacing the flag pole. Commissioner Wilkinson said that Frankie Buck of the City of Washington had called to ask if the Town could provide a garbage truck and man on Thursday because they had one or two garbage trucks down. Commissioner Wilkinson made a motion for Washington Park to provide a driver and garbage truck for the City of Washington to use on Thursday, November 10. Seconded by Commissioner Nash. Discussion followed. Passed by all.

Mayor Richter thanked Mr. Wood for his report.

The minutes and financial statement were read and approved.

Old Business

320 Isabella Avenue: Mayor Richter reported that he had spoken with Ms. Bell and he felt that she was minimally compliant with the request of the Board for the clean-up of her property. He said that she had arranged to have Douglas Landscaping maintain the property as cleaned up. Mayor Richter then asked if the Board felt that the work that had been done was acceptable. Mayor pro tem Peacock asked if Ms. Bell had been asked why the vines had been cleared on only two of the three structures behind the house. Mayor Richter replied that he had not asked that question. Mr. Bill Rianhard said that he was concerned about the considerable vine growth in the big tree next to his property

line, as well as the vines on the back of the “carport”. He had questions about the basis of judgment of compliance by the Board. Mr. Rianhard voiced his concern about the vines on the southeast corner of the house and on the abandoned TV antenna visible from his property, and is concerned about reducing the fire hazard to his residence. After discussion, Commissioner Nash volunteered to contact Ms. Bell and ask for further modification of the back of the carport, the vines in the pecan tree, and the southeast corner of the house. He will report back to the Board next month. Mr. Rianhard thanked the Board.

Hurricane Irene cleanup and reimbursement: Mayor Richter reported that Stuart Dudley and St. Clair Trucking’s had finished their work in the Park. He reported that the Town would not be getting any help on waterfront erosion from FEMA. He also said that the FEMA representative had called and said that the washout on Isabella could only be fixed to pre-hurricane status with FEMA funds, and that he would contact the bidders to re-bid the project. The FEMA representative said that the Town could apply for damages to the Municipal Building from the storm, but the Town should investigate other opportunities for elevating the building. Mayor Richter said that FEMA would not do the Maple Creek project, but that he would write a letter to Coastal Carolina Railroad and NCDOT regarding the huge tree down in Maple Creek near the abandoned bridge.

Boats on the waterfront: Mayor Richter said that he had not contacted the Town Attorney with the proposed guidelines.

Reports

Commissioner Bowen – reported that he was working on the safety punch list for the Tot Lot. The plastic timbers have been ordered and will be shipped. The pelican spring had been ordered and would be received next week. Mayor pro tem Peacock asked about the timbers buried underneath the Tot Lot, and Commissioner Bowen said that he would like to keep them. The Clerk said that she had written the letter asking Beaufort County for the recreation allocation (\$1620).

Mayor pro tem Peacock – said that he had gotten a complaint from a resident regarding one of Stuart Dudley’s vehicles speeding on Riverside Drive. He added that Dudley had taken care of the trees down in the Spruce Street ditch in one and one-half hours.

Commissioner Pagnani – reported that the audit was finished and distributed copies to the Town Board.

Commissioner Nash – reported that the Sheriff’s office had no crimes reported in October. However, there had been another car broken into last Saturday night, November 5. Commissioner Nash said that Sammy Corey had agreed to serve as Watch Captain. Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion to appoint Sammy Corey as Community Watch Captain. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Discussion followed regarding a job description (to be provided by the Sheriff’s office) and supervised by Commissioner Nash. Passed by all.

Commissioner Wilkinson – reported that St. Clair Trucking had taken out the old culvert in front of 121 and 123 River Road and that there was decent fall from Beech Street going west. Beaufort County Ironworks will make a new manhole cover. Mayor pro tem Peacock asked about a maintenance schedule for that culvert. Commissioner Wilkinson suggested annual culvert cleanouts everywhere in Washington Park.

Commissioner Wilkinson said that he had received a request from a resident for the Town Board to write a letter to Coastal Carolina Railroad requesting repairing the crossing at Hudnell Street. He said that he is willing to go the City of Washington's City Council meeting next week and read the letter.

Commissioner Wilkinson presented copies of the survey done by Hugh Sorrell of the drainage fall on the east end of Isabella Avenue. He presented two quotes by St. Clair Trucking: 1) to grade 900' of ditch replacing tile on the joint driveway for \$4070 and 2) to grade 900' of ditch removing and replacing four driveway tiles for \$5200. Discussion followed. It was agreed that Commissioner Pagnani would discuss the options of a steep slope ditch or a shallow slope ditch with Mr. Bill Few and Mr. Lee Woolard, and that Mayor Richter would discuss the same options with Mr. Jack Mitchell and Mr. Lee Knott before proceeding with the grading.

Commissioner Wilkinson made a motion to accept St. Clair's proposal to grade 900' of ditch, remove and replace four driveway tiles, install 30' of driveway tile at Isabella Avenue and the joint use private drive for \$5200. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Discussion followed. Passed by all.

Clerk's Report

Clerk Dale reported that the Turnage Theater Foundation would not be using the Municipal Building on December 3 for the House Tour luncheon. She also reported that the Town had received notification of increase in all rates by Suddenlink Communications effective December 5, 2011. She reported that there had been 122 hits on the website in October and the average time spent on the website is two and one-half minutes. Clerk Dale and Mayor pro tem Peacock discussed the existing codification of ordinances, which needs corrections on the existing edition. It was decided that the mayor would ask Lee Padrick about these corrections. Commissioner Wilkinson asked about the flyer regarding garbage cans. Clerk Dale said that she would have one prepared for the next meeting.

Commissioner Wilkinson asked the Board about the tree in the ditch on Beech Street between College and Isabella. The tree is preventing water from flowing in the drainage ditch. Commissioner Pagnani made a motion to have the tree removed and the stump dug out by Dudley Landscaping at \$125/hour. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson. Discussion followed. Passed by all.

Commissioner Nash made a motion to have future Town Board meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. on the first Monday of the month. Seconded by Commissioner Pagnani. Discussion followed. Mayor pro tem Peacock voted against the motion, Commissioners Bowen, Nash, Pagnani and Wilkinson voted for the motion. The motion passed. The next Town Board meeting will be Monday, December 5, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Denise D. Dale
Clerk, Town of Washington Park