

**Town of Washington Park
Municipal Building
September 10, 2012
7:00 p.m.**

First South Bank	General Fund	\$ 71,503.09
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund	19,030.78
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Checking	3,655.04
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	89,030.52
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	69,906.20

Total **\$253,125.63**

Present

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

Absent

Thomas Richter, Mayor

Mayor pro tem Peacock called the meeting to order and the agenda was approved as amended.

Mayor pro tem Peacock called on Ryan Cowell to present his Eagle Scout project to the Board for approval. Ryan proposes to fix the Nature Trail in Three-Acre Wood by repairing the bridge and benches, clearing weeds, replacing reject, raking the brush from the trail, and removing downed limbs. He requested that the Park remove the large trees that lie across the trail as well as spray the vegetation (especially poison ivy) from the trail where the work would be done. Ryan would like to start in early October working on weekends with Scout leaders operating chainsaws, then removing the debris to the end of the road for the Park to pick up. He hopes to finish by the end of November. Mayor pro tem Peacock asked about cost for the Town. Ryan replied that one of the main parts of the Eagle project is that he is in charge of raising funds, so that the Park would not be obligated to pay anything, but if the Town Board wanted to donate to his project fund-raising efforts, that would be acceptable. Ryan did not have complete cost estimates for the timbers to repair the bridge, but would get back to the Board when he does have them. Mayor pro tem Peacock thanked Ryan and said that the Board would discuss the project and get back to him with an answer soon.

After Ryan's departure from the meeting, Commissioner Pagnani made a motion to accept the Eagle Scout project as presented by Ryan Cowell to repair Three-Acre Wood pending approval by the Scout Board. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Discussion followed. It was decided to wait and see what costs are presented by Ryan before contributing to his project. Passed by all. Mayor pro tem Peacock will inform Ryan of the Board's approval.

Mayor pro tem Peacock called on Mr. Wood for his report. Mr. Wood reported that he is continuing to paint street humps and stop signs on the roads. He also reported that the men had spent several hours cleaning the Spruce Street ditch behind the houses facing Spruce Street. They used weedeaters, blades, and the bushhog after spraying to clear the ditch. He reported that after talking with Commissioner Bowen about the dump truck

bed, it was suggested that since 18" up from the bed is in acceptable shape, maybe putting in plate steel and welding it to the intact support structure would work. Then the new steel deck would be welded to the support structure and there would be 18" steel sides also. Mr. Wood estimates that this would cost \$3,000, not \$15,000. Mr. Wood suggested that a contractor be hired to re-roof the Municipal Building as his time has not allowed him to do this. He also suggested that a contractor be hired to build the shed building extension due to lack of time. Mayor pro tem Peacock asked him to get prices for these projects and get back to the Board. Mayor pro tem Peacock thanked Mr. Wood for his report.

Mayor pro tem Peacock called on Sammy Corey. Mr. Corey suggested that the Town have some kind of reflective tape or sticker for the bicycles belonging to Park residents. Commissioner Nash said that this was a great idea and asked Mr. Corey to ask for suggestions for kinds of tape or identifying stickers from law enforcement personnel at the next Crime Stoppers meeting. Commissioner Nash also asked that Mr. Corey find out about costs for the project. Mr. Corey agreed to return with costs. He also stated that he is still looking for block captains for the Community Watch program in the Park. Mayor pro tem Peacock thanked Mr. Corey on behalf of the Board for his efforts in the Park.

The minutes and financial statement were read and approved as amended.

Old Business

Mac Jones' ditch: Commissioner Wilkinson said that it was still too wet for Ross Boyer to work on this ditch.

Sawyer/Boyd driveways: the Clerk reported that Mayor Richter had spoken with Ross Boyer on September 6, 2012, about the remedies for the Boyd and Sawyer ditch/bulkheads as part of their driveways. Mr. Boyer said that the work on the west bulkhead of the Sawyer property, filling the cinderblocks on bulkheads with concrete, and putting 4" solid caps on the bulkheads would be done by September 10, 2012 at no charge except for materials. It was noted by Commissioner Wilkinson that the aforementioned work had been done prior to the Board meeting, with the addition of sod placed between the concrete drive and the cinderblock bulkheads. Mr. Boyd's driveway had also been completed with cinderblock filled with concrete on both bulkheads and 4" sold caps placed on both bulkheads with appropriate stucco work included at no charge. The clerk will ask Ross Boyer whether he will do the concrete in the driveway or if another contractor was needed for the job.

Commissioner Wilkinson made a motion for the clerk to pay Ross Boyer \$335.35 for the materials used to finish these driveways. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Passed by all.

Fence Styles: Trey Smith will attend the November meeting and Commissioner Bowen will give his report at that time.

Reports

Commissioner Pagnani – spoke about merit awards. He reiterated the necessity of communicating how merit awards are given. He stated that the Town needs a less subjective merit award process. Discussion followed. Commissioner Pagnani made a motion to give a merit award of \$1371.05 (5%) to Brian Wood. Commissioner Nash

seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Passed by all. Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion to award a 1% merit award to Christian Brooks, and 0% to James Woolard. The motion died for lack of a second. Commissioner Pagnani offered to come up with an evaluation mechanism for future merit awards.

Commissioner Nash – stated that the Sheriff's office recommended that residents lock their vehicles and their houses. There were multiple reports of thefts from vehicles in August in Washington Park. There was no report from Animal Control. Mayor pro tem Peacock asked Commissioner Nash about chickens in the Park. Commissioner Nash replied that he had been informed that a presentation to the Board was to have been made by the resident on the east end of the Park. He also said that he had left a note and copy of the "livestock ordinance" at the residence on the west end of the Park. He had heard nothing further from either resident.

Commissioner Wilkinson – no report.

Commissioner Bowen – reported that he was looking into designing a tilter for the garbage truck. The truck already has an air cylinder for the air brakes, so the tilter could work off of that. Commissioner Bowen feels that a workable tilter could be made for \$500 to \$800 dollars with his design and subbing out the welding work.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – reported that a Park resident told him that the resident on College Avenue had sprayed the Town ditch again. He said that he had ten maple trees to give to the Park. He also said that he felt that an actual quote for the steel deck and coating for the dump truck is necessary before committing to the repair. Commissioner Bowen agreed to follow up with Mr. Wood regarding the repair costs.

Clerk's Report

The clerk reported that four new tires had been purchased for the dump truck. She also reported that the garbage truck had to be towed to New Bern to have the fuel injection fixed. The equipment is working fine now. The clerk reported that the Capital Reserve CD of \$69,906.20 had been reinvested at First South Bank at a rate of 1.05% for 21 months, maturing May, 2014. She read a letter from the Mid-East Commission's new director, Timothy Baynes, requesting representation at their Board of Directors meetings. Commissioner Wilkinson offered to represent Washington Park. She also reported that Melanie Buckman had called Mayor Richter regarding the presence of itinerant contractors in Washington Park. Discussion followed. The clerk asked the Board if they would consider rescheduling the November 5, 2012 Board meeting. That is the day before the General Election and the Municipal Building is used as a polling place. It was agreed to reschedule the November meeting to November 12, 2012.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2012.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Denise D. Dale
Clerk, Town of Washington Park