

**Town of Washington Park  
Municipal Building  
September 9, 2019  
7:00 p.m.**

CresCom Bank	General Fund	\$ 179,632.82
CresCom Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/Truck Fund	105,000.00
CresCom Bank	Powell Bill Checking	59,952.27
CresCom Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	64,009.60
CresCom Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	<u>74,753.38</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 483,348.07</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.

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

There was no public input.

The Town Attorney, Amanda McKinney, was present to answer questions from the Board regarding public versus private ownership of streets within a municipality. Discussion followed. No action was taken.

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

**Old Business**

East End Isabella Avenue: Commissioner Bowen reported that he had approved the invoice from BE Singleton for the work completed so far for \$38,750.00. He also said that he was still talking with the residents on the private drive regarding the paving, but no conclusion had been reached yet. Commissioner Bowen said that the flapper valve had not been installed before the storm. Commissioner Dale offered to contact Sika Corporation regarding adhesive for underwater installation.

320 Isabella Avenue: Mayor Richter said that he would continue to try to call the phone number provided by the lawn maintenance person.

FEMA update: The clerk reported that the Town was still waiting for the check for the final two approved Public Assistance projects in the amount of \$10,811.23. She has followed up with Andy Andrews of NC Emergency Management.

Bo Bowen Playground marker: Commissioner Dale reported that he had checked in Greenville for prices for a marker similar to the Dunston Park marker. The Greenville estimate was \$80 more than Beaufort Monument Company. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of a brick stand instead of granite, or a plaque on the fence instead.

Golf carts: Commissioner Bowen requested including on the website the information he had received from the Highway Patrol regarding penalties for operating non-licensed golf carts by both licensed adults and non-licensed minors in Washington Park. Mayor Richter will write text for this inclusion.

Shorewood Drive: Mayor Richter said that he was waiting to hear back from Representative Keith Kidwell's office regarding a potential meeting with NC DOT personnel.

### **New Business**

Mayor Richter said that he had been contacted by a resident regarding the planting of bamboo by a resident who owns property to the river. The complaining resident pointed out to the mayor that bamboo is invasive and was spreading to Town property. The mayor reported that he had contacted Anthony Scarborough at DNER who said that the bamboo can be removed on Town property by our staff or by a contractor who knows what to remove or not to remove. The methods of approved removal were "Round-up", or digging by hand or with a little backhoe, with the understanding that the area should be restored to its previous status. Mr. Scarborough advised asking the Soil and Water personnel for advice for restoration.

### **Reports**

Commissioner Dale – reported that the playground mulch estimate was \$1500 for 50 cubic yards which was the same amount as our previous order. Commissioner Dale said that he wanted to wait on the mulch until after hurricane season. He also reported that there were two 5Ks scheduled in October, the Hydrocephalus Walk/Run on October 26 and the Smoke on the Water Walk/Run on October 19. The Town Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 29 at 1:00 pm.

Commissioner Nash – no report. Commissioner Bowen said that he knew of a dog at 500 Isabella Avenue that Beaufort County Animal Control had quarantined at their facility for ten days after a report of a dog bite.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – no report.

Commissioner Bowen – reported that the ditches had done very well during Hurricane Dorian. He also reported that the resident at 520 Isabella Avenue had inquired about the possibility of a bulkhead in the ditch behind his house. The resident is interested in personally stabilizing the ditch. Discussion followed regarding permits and notifications. No action taken.

Commissioner Cowell – no report.

### **Clerk's Report**

The clerk presented a Budget Amendment to the Powell Bill Budget in the amount of \$54,000 to cover the costs of the Isabella Avenue East End Drainage project. Commissioner Nash made a motion to accept the Budget Amendment. Seconded by Commissioner Dale. Passed by all.

The clerk reported that \$2084.71 had been received in ad valorem taxes this month; that six tennis keys and one yard sale permit had been purchased; that Larry Carpenter CPA had been sent two payments totaling \$3075.00 for the annual audit; that there was a new helper on Tuesdays, Kelvin Smith; and that she had told the Washington Daily News that Washington Park was picking up residents' storm debris at curbside after Hurricane Dorian.

The clerk gave the supervisor's report saying that the speed hump on Walnut Street had been repaired, that the trees and bushes around Park signs had been trimmed; that the sprinklers had been rotated two and three times daily for the sod on Isabella Avenue; and that the streets signs that were missing had been replaced.

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

Denise D. Dale  
Clerk, Town of Washington Park