

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF STEDMAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 12, 2019-----7PM
REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Martin L. Jones, Commissioner Jeremy George, Commissioner Wayne Mosley, Commissioner Paul Pirro, Commissioner Peggy Raymes and Commissioner Jordan Stewart

STAFF PRESENT

Town Clerk Christy Horne, Administrative Assistant Rebecca Johnson, Town Attorney Tim Smith and Police Chief Mike King

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Raymes led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Commissioner Jeremy George added item a) Consider Storm Drainage Upgrades to the agenda under Old Business and item d) Consider Cumberland County Sheriff's Department Salary Increase under New Business. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to accept the agenda with the additions which was seconded by Commissioner Pirro and carried unanimously by the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner George made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 3, 2019 Regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Raymes and carried unanimously by the Board.

PRESENTATIONS –

- a. Proclamation for National Day of Prayer – Mayor Jones read the Proclamation naming Thursday, May 2, 2019 as the National Day of Prayer which he and Commissioner Stewart as Mayor Pro-Tem duly signed. The Mayor suggested that he and the Commissioners attend local churches in the coming months to promote the National Day of Prayer in the community. Commissioner Mosley made a motion to support the National Day of Prayer which was seconded by Commissioner Raymes and carried unanimously by the Board.

- b. Stedman Historical Promotions - Ronald Prater asked the Town to consider giving \$2000 to Stedman Historical Promotions to help offset costs of Party in the Park. Mr. Prater gave the Mayor and the Board copies of the proposed budget for the 2019 Party in the Park. He says that the Tams will be back this year and the Friday night band will be a Country Band. He stated that they are working on ideas to attract the younger people and families and some ideas are a video game truck and a selfie booth. The Party in the Park celebration will be held on May 17-18 this year. Commissioner Mosley made a motion to give the Stedman Historical Promotions \$2000 toward the Party in the Park celebration which was seconded by Commissioner Pirro and carried unanimously by the Board.

PUBLIC FORUM – None

OLD BUSINESS –

- a. Consider Storm Drainage Upgrades – Commissioner George updated the Board with information from Fleming and Associates concerning their evaluation of the Town's pending drainage improvement projects. Commissioner George stated the Town's pipes are in good shape, but

the headwalls at Euclid and First streets are in reverse grade. Due to Fleming's findings and recommendations this may be an expensive and extensive project and may need to be constructed in several phases due to costs considerations. The Mayor and Board agree that issues on Euclid and First Streets should be the first priorities for upgrades and Commissioner George should have more information available for the March meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consider Presentation of the 2017-2018 Annual Fiscal Year Audit Report – David Maxwell from McFayden and Sumner presented the 2017-2018 Audit to the Town. He stated that they had issued a clean audit opinion for the Town. Mr. Maxwell gave a handout to the Mayor and Board with graphs to represent the Town's cash balances, revenues by source, departmental expenses, water and sewer revenues and expenses and debt owed. He stated that the Town is cash flow positive to the amount of \$1,224,141. The majority of this is unrestricted. The Town's revenues come from mostly property taxes, sewer charges, water sales and sales tax. The majority of the Town's expenses are in the areas of water/sewer, public safety and general government. Mr. Maxwell stated that the general government expenses were up significantly due to the building repairs. He explained the water/sewer operating revenues and expenses and also the debt owed on the system and the depreciation expense on the water/sewer system. He offered to answer any questions the Mayor or Board may have. Commissioner Raymes made a motion to accept the 2017-2018 audit as presented. Commissioner Stewart seconded and the motion was carried unanimously by the Board.
- b. Consider 2018 Delinquent Taxes – The Town Clerk presented a statement of delinquent taxes to the Board for approval. The amount of delinquent taxes for 2018 is \$86,751.77. Commissioner Raymes made a motion to accept the tax liens for advertisement which was seconded by Commissioner Pirro and carried unanimously by the Board. The Town Clerk will send a letter to the County Tax Administrator advising that he advertise these debts as tax liens for the Town of Stedman.
- c. Consider Purchase of 36" Grading Bucket for Kubota Excavator – Commissioner Mosley praised the work that Doug Nunnery and Jeremy Byrd have done to promote drainage and improve the appearance of the ditches in the Town. He also thanked the property owners for cooperating with this work and allowing them on their property. A larger bucket will allow Doug to do more work at a faster rate as his current bucket is only 24 inches. Also, a wider bucket will allow a more consistent grade. Several residents have commented recently on the work that Doug and Jeremy have been doing and how nice it is looking. Commissioner Raymes made a motion to purchase the larger bucket which was seconded by Commissioner Pirro and carried unanimously by the Board.
- d. Consider Cumberland County Sheriff's Department Salary Increase Contract – Mayor Jones presented information to the Board regarding the amounts spent by the Town for deputy coverage. These costs pertain to hours worked by the officers and also for the fuel costs reimbursed to the County. The current contract we have with the County expired 2 years ago and the Sheriff's department was asking for an increase of \$20 per hour to \$35 per hour for the officers as they have not had an increase in pay from the Town since 2005. The Mayor has negotiated with the County for an increase of \$30 per hour and no fuel costs. The officers currently work 10-hour shifts for a total of 70 hours per week. There was discussion.

among the Board about decreasing the hours covered to keep the costs to the town about the same with the increased per hour rate. The new contract with the increase in pay rate will most likely take effect March 1, 2019 and will be an increase expense to the Town of \$16,600 per year. Commissioner Mosley made a motion to increase the rate of pay for the deputies from \$20 per hour to \$30 per hour with no decrease in the hours covered which will remain at 70 hours per week. Commissioner Raymes seconded this motion which was carried unanimously by the Board.

STAFF REPORTS/BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

- a. Town Clerks Report – The Town Clerk reported Spirit Communication is doing some fiber optic cable work in the area. One of the subcontractors came by the Town Hall on 1/22 to let us know. One of the utility contractors hit a lateral at 201 Carol Street on 2/5/19 which necessitated around 2 hours of work by the Town maintenance crew to repair and some finish work by PWC to repair. We have the billing information from the contractor for billing purposes. **Note* a second lateral was hit on 2/14/19 which required repairs by the Town maintenance crew by a different utility contractor. We also have their information for billing purposes.** The Town Clerk reminded the Mayor and Board about the upcoming Cumberland County Planning staff meeting on 2/28/19 which will be held at the Stedman Community Building. The Town received a note thanking the Town for the angels that light the Town during the holidays. A and L cable took the angels down for the Town and did not charge the Town anything. The Clerk gave a FEMA update on the status of the claim for the PWC \$170,000 invoice for charges related to Hurricane Florence. The invoice was received and paid in January and it may take at least 90 days for FEMA to pay our claim. Also, Correction Enterprises which has done several signs for the Town lately, will be here to give a presentation during the March Board meeting. Lastly, the Town Clerk notified the Mayor and Board that she will be out of the office from noon on Friday through Tuesday, 2/19/19. Commissioner Pirro asked the clerk whether there had been any additional invoices from Pratt for recycling materials that the Town takes. The Clerk responded that there are still issues with this business and that the Town needs to consider alternatives.
- b. Chief of Police Report – Chief King reported 70 calls for the month of January which is a drop from the 186 calls for the month of December.
- c. Stedman Fire Department – They are still preparing for their DOI rating which is scheduled for April 15th. The Mayor stated that we should know the status of their plan to purchase the Waste Industries building soon.
- d. Planners Report – None
- e. Mayor and Board of Commissioners – Mayor Jones reported that the installment of a grate to the sidewalk in front of the gun shop on Front Street along with the finish work done by Doug Nunnery appears to have drastically improved the drainage situation. Commissioner George reported that the fire hydrant repair done at the fire department was less extensive than anticipated and therefore less expensive. Commissioner Stewart reported on the status of the code enforcement. He was told by the County that they are not allowed to come into the Town at this time. He spoke to 2 of the County Commissioners and was told that this would no longer

be a problem. Mayor Jones said that he will contact Amy Cannon, the County Manager for clarification on this issue.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner George and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to adjourn the February 12, 2019 meeting at 8:15pm.

PROCLAMATION

Office of the Mayor



National Day of Prayer 24-Hour Prayer Vigil in Stedman

WHEREAS, Civic prayers and national days of prayer have a long and respected history in our constitutional republic, dating back to the First Continental Congress in 1775; and

WHEREAS, The Declaration of Independence, our first statement as Americans of national purpose and identity, made "the Laws of Nature and Nature's God" the foundation of our United States of America and asserted that people have absolute rights that are God-given; and

WHEREAS, In 1988, legislation setting aside the first Thursday in May in each year as a National Day of Prayer was passed unanimously by both Houses of Congress and signed by President Ronald Reagan; and

WHEREAS, The National Day of Prayer is an opportunity for Americans of all faiths to join in united prayer to acknowledge our dependence on God, to give thanks for blessings received, to request healing for wounds endured, and to ask God to guide our leaders and bring wholeness to the United States and her citizens; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper to give thanks to God by observing a day of prayer in Stedman when all may acknowledge our blessings and express gratitude for them, while recognizing the need for strengthening religious and moral values in our State and nation, and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Martin L. Jones, Mayor of the Town of Stedman do hereby proclaim the first Thursday, May 2, 2019 to be designated as

"A National Day of Prayer 24-Hour Prayer Vigil in Stedman"

and, encourage the citizens of Stedman, North Carolina to observe the day in ways appropriate to its importance and significance.

Proclaimed this the 12th day of February, 2019.

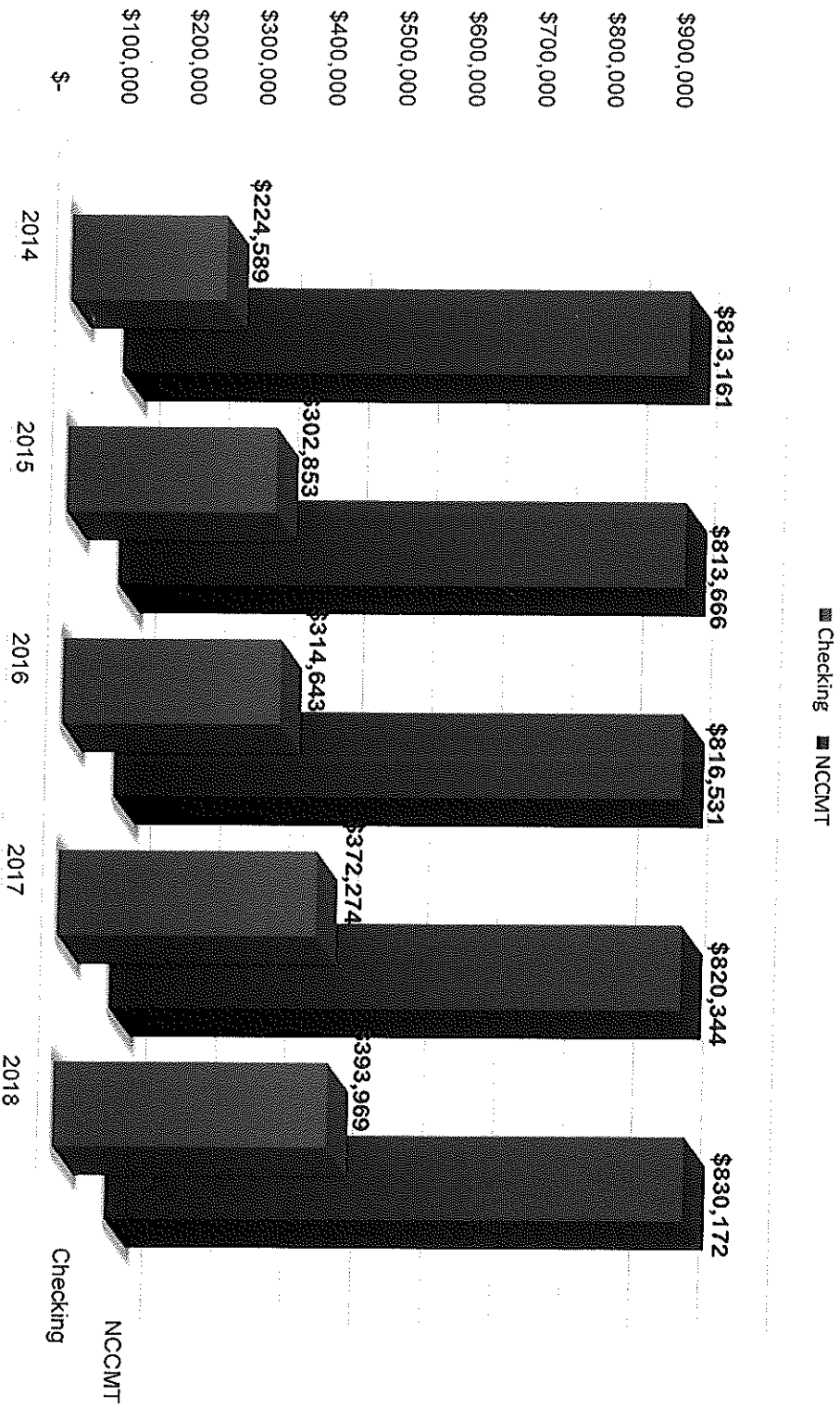
Martin L. Jones,
Mayor

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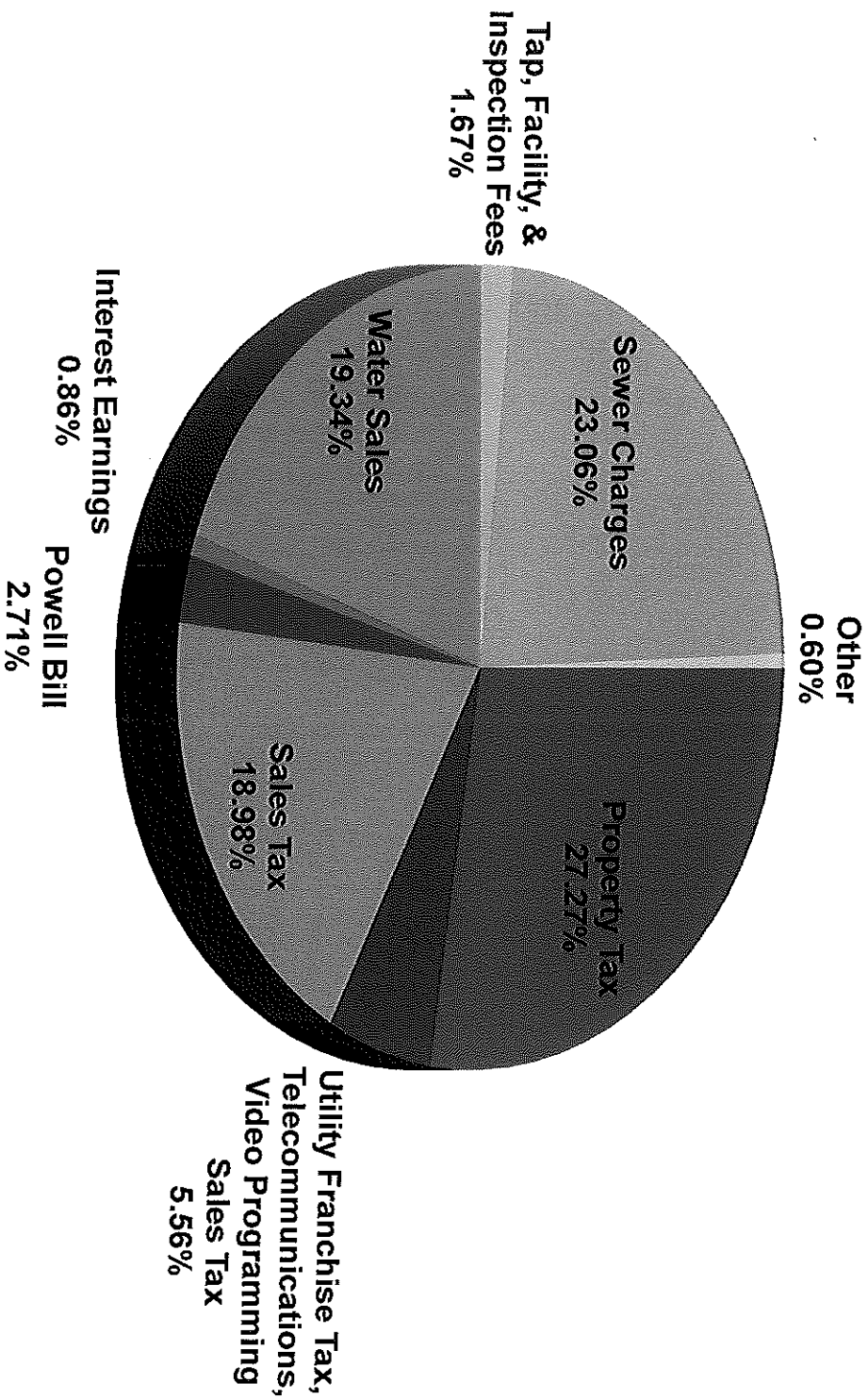
Jordan Stewart
Mayor Pro-Tem

Town of Stedman

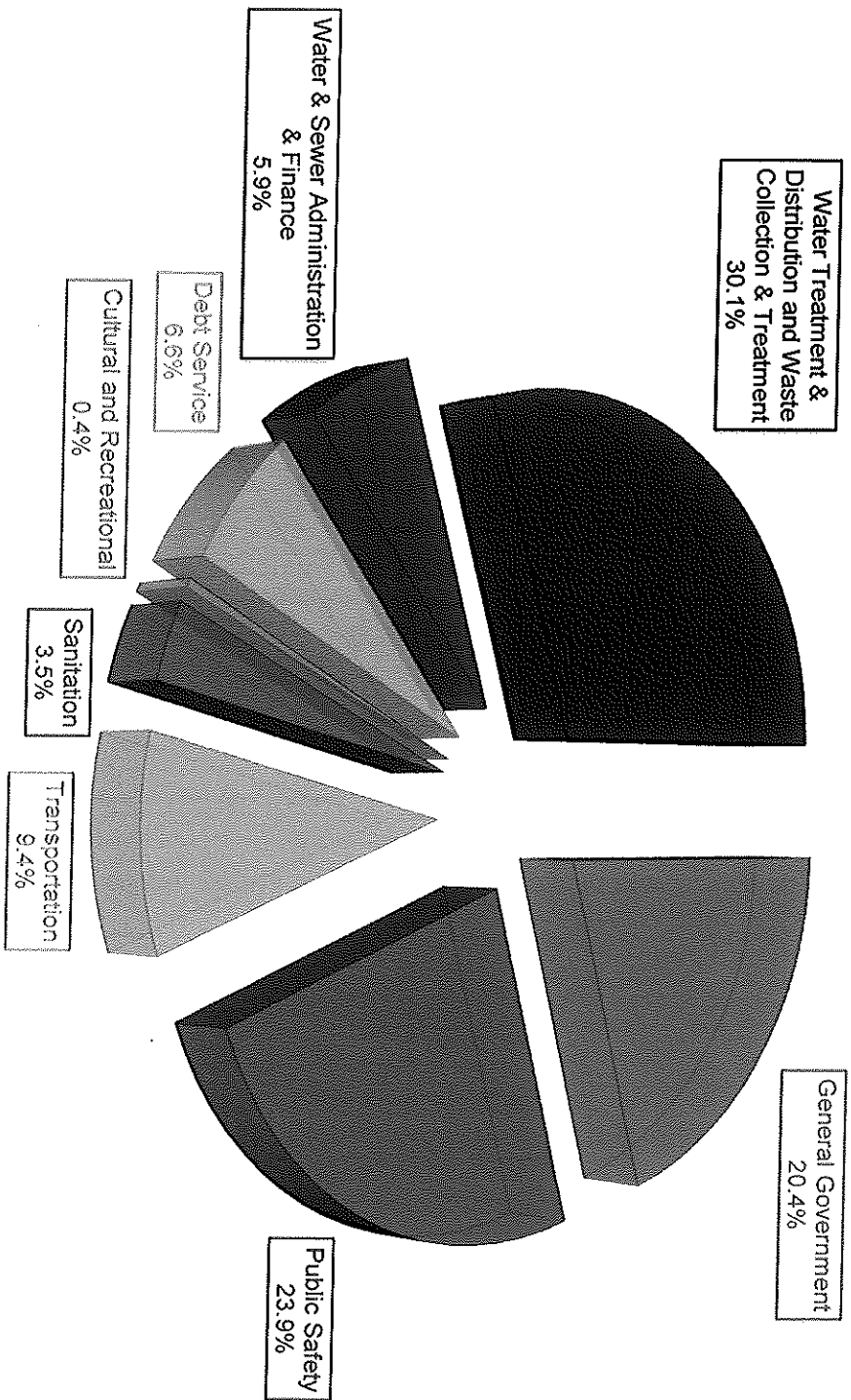
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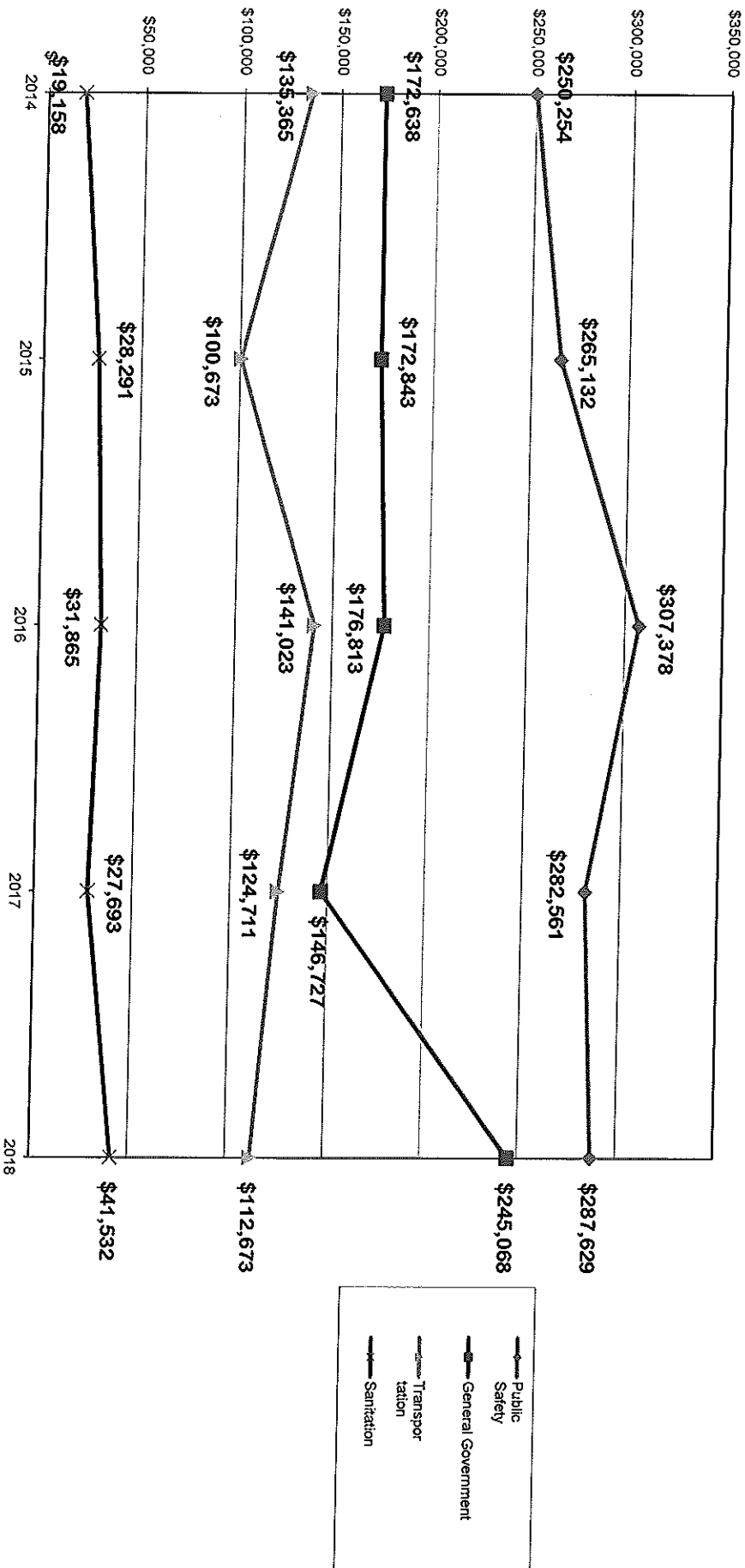
2017-18 Revenues By Source



2017-18 DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES



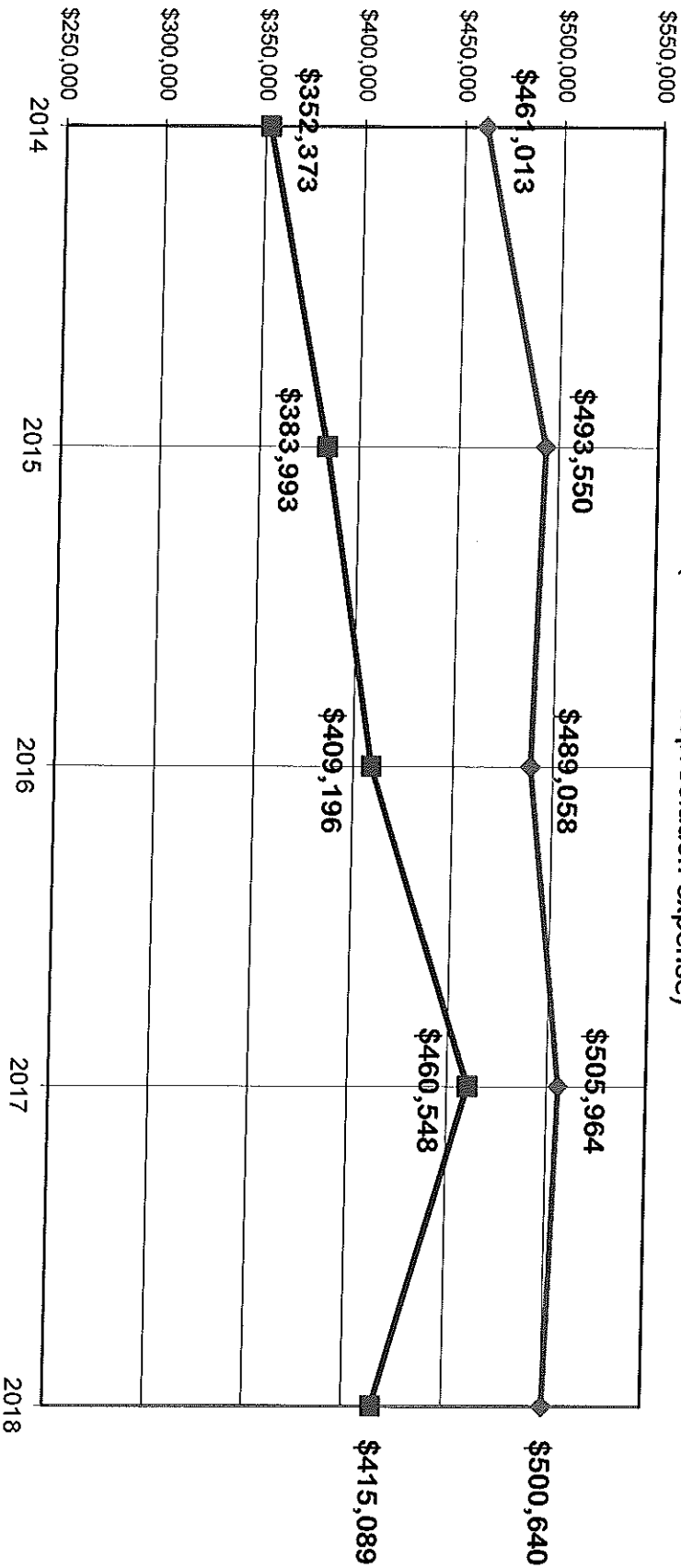
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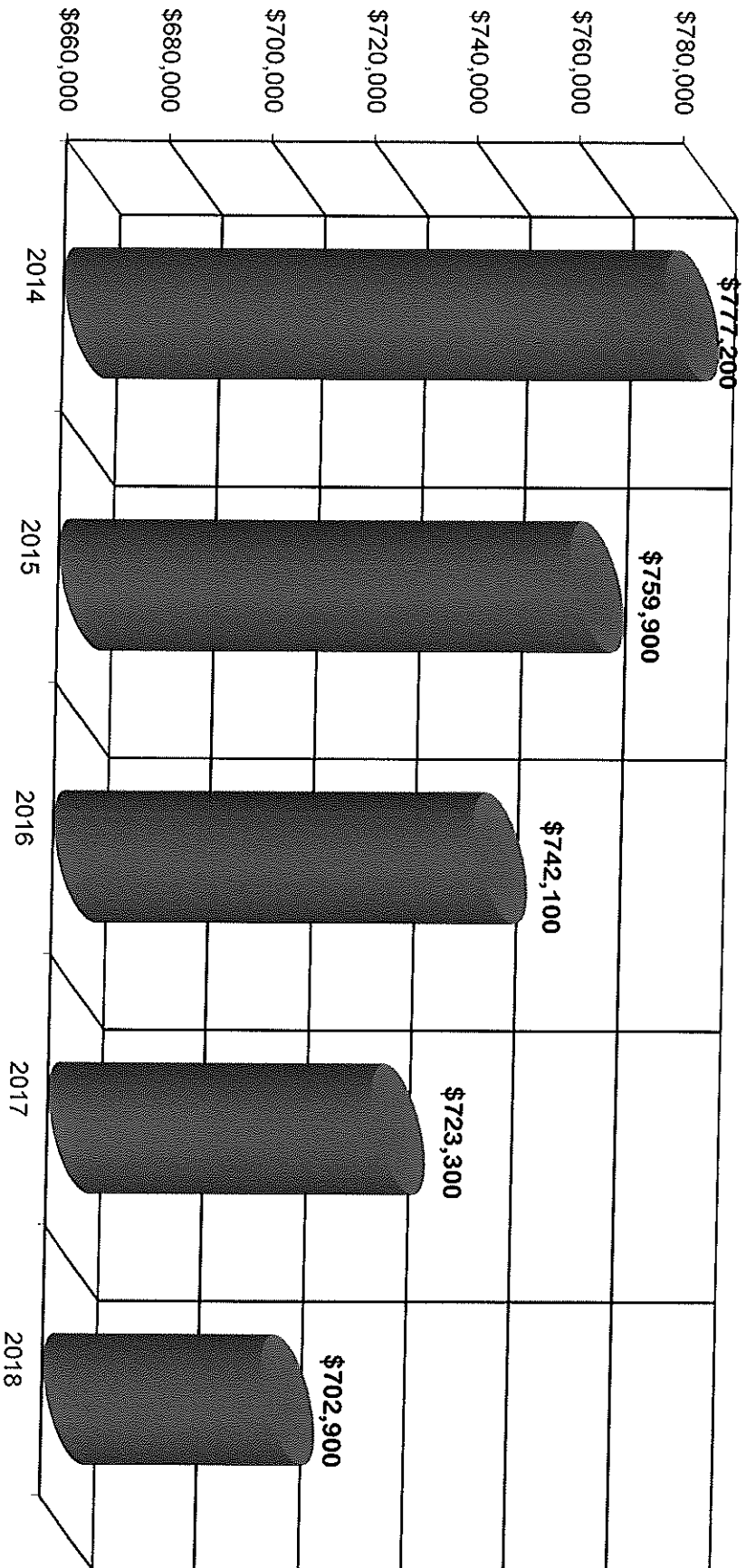
Water & Sewer

Operating Revenues & Expenses
(excludes depreciation expense)



Town of Stedman

Debt Owed



CUMBERLAND TRACTOR KUBOTA OF FAYETTEVILLE

127 Dunn Road
Fayetteville, NC 28312
910-483-3892 / Fax 910-483-2173

Sold To: Town of Stedman NC Date 2-7-19
Address: 5110 Front Street Stedman NC Invoice No. _____

Cash	Charge	Amt. Financed	Deposit	Terms of Sale Quote
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Quan.	Model No.	Serial No.	Items	Price	Tax	Totals
1			New Equipment 36" grading bucket for KX040 with Quick attach. *bolt on cutting edge	\$1305. ³³	\$91.37	\$1396. ⁷⁰
			Used Equipment			
			Trade-In			
Grand Totals						\$1396. ⁷⁰