

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF STEDMAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
March 5, 2020-----7PM  
REGULAR MEETING

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**STAFF PRESENT**

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

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Jones led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Commissioner Wayne Mosely officially resigned his seat as a Commissioner of the Town of Stedman due to moving out of the Town limits. He thanked the Mayor, Board and audience for the opportunity to serve as a Town Commissioner during the last 2 years. Mayor Jones presented Mr. Mosley with a proclamation of appreciation for his service to the Town and wished him well in his future endeavors.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Commissioner George made a motion to adopt the March 5, 2020 agenda as written. Commissioner Pirro seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously by the Board.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Pirro made a motion to approve the February 13, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stewart and carried unanimously by the Board.

**PRESENTATIONS** – **Stedman Historical Promotions** – Party in the Park – Ronald Prater presented the estimated expenses for the 2020 Party in the Park to the Mayor and Board. This year there is an official change in that it will now be a one-day versus a two-day event. This will save costs on security, bands and other costs. The event will take place on Saturday, May 16 from 10-10. This is a great annual event for the Town and everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

**PUBLIC FORUM** – There were two Town residents signed up to speak.

- a) Heather Jackson from 134 Windwood Drive spoke to the Board regarding the speedbumps currently located on Windwood Drive. She is requesting an additional speedbump be located between these speedbumps or possibly the current speedbumps be raised to prevent speeders from accelerating between them. This is a safety issue for her children as well as other neighborhood children.
  
- b) BJ Cathy from 4000 Woodville Place is a new resident to the Town of Stedman and loves this area. There is a new property being built behind her property and that of her neighbor, Judy Steelman and she would like to know if the tree line between these properties will be cut down. She is unsure how to find out and wonders if she will need to have her property surveyed.

**PUBLIC HEARING** – Consider Town of Stedman's proposed financing of the former Stedman Volunteer Fire Department Building located at 7595 Clinton Road as authorized under North Carolina General Statute 160A-20. This public hearing has been scheduled as part of the required financing process under

the terms of NCGS 160A-20. A 10-day public notice was published to make the public aware of the Town's intent to borrow money to purchase the old SVFD building located at 7595 Clinton Road. Following the public hearing the Board may consider the two action items noted below.

**Commissioner Stewart made a motion to open the Public Hearing which was seconded by Commissioner Pirro.** No one chose to speak.

**Commissioner Stewart made a motion to close the Public Hearing as no one indicated a desire to speak for or against the matter of the Town's intent to borrow money.**

- a) Consider Resolution 01-2020 – Resolution authorizing the Filing of an Application for Approval of a Financing Agreement Authorized by North Carolina General Statute 160A-20. This Resolution authorizes the Town Finance Officer to file an application on behalf of the Town with the NC Local Government Commission for approval of the purchase of the SVFD building and the proposed financing contract. Commissioner Horne made a motion to approve Resolution 01-2020 authorizing Christy Horne as Finance Officer to file an application on behalf of the Town for approval of the purchase and the proposed financing contract with the LGC. Commissioner George made a motion to second and the motion was passed unanimously by the Board.
- b) Consider Resolution 02-2020 – Resolution approving a financing agreement authorized by North Carolina General Statute 160A-20. Resolution to approve a financing agreement pending approval of the NC Local Government Commission for the Town to purchase the SVFD building for the price of \$134,000. The proposals from BB&T (Truist) and Civic were discussed among the Mayor and Board. BB&T is offering a 10-year term with a 2.51% interest rate. BB&T also has documentation and legal review fees of \$5,900 in the proposal as well as a one percent prepayment penalty. Civic offers a 15-year term with a 3.5% interest rate with no loan origination fee, loan fees or a prepayment penalty fee. First Citizen's Bank failed to send a proposal. After reviewing both proposals, Commissioner George made a motion to go with the proposal from Civic and pass Resolution 02-2020. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously by the Board.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS** –

- a) Consider Quote Received from Pegg's Recreation for Replacement Parts to Repair Town Park Equipment in Ernest Freeman Park – There are several pieces of play equipment in the Town Park in need of repair. The quote is considerably higher than expected at \$5,067.73. After discussion among the Mayor/Board concerning the parts that need repair and the individual costs of the parts, the Board decided to replace all the parts except the 8-foot clatter bridge. The clatter bridge replacement cost is \$2,310 and represents the bulk of the quote. The administrative assistant will seek a new quote from Pegg's for the parts except for the clatter bridge and the Maintenance Supervisor will see if there is a more cost-effective way to repair the clatter bridge. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to replace all the parts in the park in need of repair except the clatter bridge. Commissioner George seconded this motion which was carried unanimously by the Board.
- b) Consider Proposal/Contract Received from Haigh, Byrd and Lambert to Perform Audit Services for the Town of Stedman 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Audit – A proposal and contract was received from Haigh, Byrd and Lambert, LLP to perform Audit services for the Town for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year. The Board reviewed the scope, profile, experience, references and fee schedule of

the firm. Commissioner George made a motion to accept the contract proposed by Haigh, Byrd and Lambert to perform audit services for the Town. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion which was then carried unanimously by the Board.

- c) Consider Water Pumping Stations at the Town Recreation Center – The Mayor had a conversation with the County Parks and Rec Department concerning the construction of the new concession building in Stedman. It was suggested that the old water pumping stations be capped and removed prior to construction. The Town Maintenance Supervisor has looked at these pumping stations and sees no problem with removal. The ground around these areas will be graded to make it level prior to construction. The County will take care of all the removal and grading and the Town will not need to do any of the work. Commissioner George made a motion to approve capping and removing the old water pumping stations which was seconded by Commissioner Pirro and passed unanimously by the Board.

#### **STAFF REPORTS/BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

- a. Town Clerks Report – A monthly Budget versus Actual report was provided to the Mayor and Commissioners. The 2 computers from Cumberland County Library are scheduled to be installed on 3/11/20 as part of the Census program. Remember to turn clocks forward on 3/8/20. Sports opening day in Stedman is 4/4/20. The Town will be closed on 4/10/20 for Good Friday. The National Day of Prayer Event is 5/7/20 and Party in the Park is scheduled for 5/16/20. Information is being gathered to send to NCRWA for a rate study.
- b. Chief of Police Report – Mike King presented a call report for the month of February with a total of 162 calls for service. His total mileage for the month was 1283.8 miles. Domestic calls for the Town are up which is a concern for such a small town.
- c. Stedman Fire Department – None
- d. Planners Report – None
- e. Code Enforcement Report – None
- f. Mayor and Board of Commissioners – The Mayor advised the Board that he met along with the Stedman Athletic Association and Commissioner George at City Hall regarding the Parks and Rec activities in the Town. They were well received and he would like to work on a 10-year plan with the County for Stedman. The site for the new concession building is progressing. There is a light pole that Progress Energy will be moving to accommodate the new building. The Commissioners expressed thanks to Wayne Mosley for his service to the Town as a Commissioner during the last 2 years. The Mayor is working on getting some assistance from NC DOT with roadside clean-up along Highway 24 and other areas in and near the Town.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner George and seconded by Commissioner Pirro to adjourn the March 5, 2020 meeting at 7:57pm.