

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF STEDMAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 1, 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 and Police Chief Mike King

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jones led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Additions to the agenda under Old Business were made as follows: a) Update on the Diamond Constructors Paving Project, b) Parks and Rec Update and c) Code Enforcement Update. Commissioner Raymes made a motion to accept the agenda with additions which was seconded by Commissioner Pirro and carried unanimously by the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Pirro requested that the June 6, 2019 Minutes be revised to the effect that he was present via phone. Commissioner Mosley made a motion which was seconded by Commissioner Stewart and carried unanimously to accept the June 6, 2019 Regular Minutes with the revision and the June 18, 2019 Budget Minutes as written.

PUBLIC FORUM – None

OLD BUSINESS –

- a) Update on the Diamond Constructors Paving Project – Mayor Jones has spoken with Diamond regarding the Town's dissatisfaction with the paving work done in the Rosewood subdivision especially the "wedging" not being done. He was told that Diamond could go back and do a seal coat. This would be an esthetic fix for an additional charge. Commissioner Raymes stated she thought wedging was included in the contract. Commissioner George said the employee that gave the original quote was no longer an employee of the company and this was not included in the contract with Diamond. Mayor Jones is still trying to work on Diamond fixing certain items related to the paving project and will let the Clerk know when to pay the invoice from Diamond. There was discussion that future contract negotiations with any company be brought before the Mayor and Board in person so as to avoid these types of issues. Also, Commissioner Mosley suggested that Doug Nunnery be present for any contract negotiations that involve his area of expertise, such as paving or drainage projects.
- b) Parks and Rec Update – Mayor Jones has met with Cumberland County Parks and Rec and officials from the school system several times over the last couple of months. The Mayor has provided information to them and asked for an update on the status of the new concession stand building. Hopefully, all permits have been obtained and questions answered and this project can begin the groundbreaking process soon. The Mayor was told the construction area would be fenced to keep the children out and protected once school starts back. Mayor Jones intends to stay involved in this project and will keep the Board informed as to the progress.

- c) Code Enforcement Update – Commissioner Mosley asked for an update on the status of code enforcement in the Town. The Clerk informed everyone that Scott Walters from the County was scheduled to be here tonight but was unable to attend due to a family emergency. Hopefully, someone from the Code Enforcement office will start attending monthly Board meetings to report to the Mayor and Board. We have noticed improvements in previously reported Town issues that may be due to Code Enforcement involvement.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. Consider Contract Between Stedman Volunteer Fire Department and the Town of Stedman – The contract presented to the Board that was drafted by the Town Attorney contains the same payment amount as the previous contract which is 10 cents on each \$100 ad valorem taxes determined by the Tax Department of Cumberland County with the contract period being for a term of 3 years. The Fire Department is now asking for incremental increases to the payment amount to reach a total of 15 cents per \$100 over the next 3 years. There was confusion among the Mayor and Board as to the tax implications/amounts paid by the County and the Town. Commissioner Raymes made a motion to table the vote and further discussion on the contract until more information and clarification can be obtained on the tax questions. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Stewart and passed unanimously by the Board. ***Note – A special meeting was later scheduled for August 15, 2019 to include the Fire Department Board to further discuss this contract.**

STAFF REPORTS/BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

- a. Town Clerks Report – The Town Clerk advised those present that the next Land Use Plan Meeting for Stedman will be on Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 6:00pm at Town Hall. The Clerk related to the Mayor and Board that the 1st FEMA payment in the amount of \$116,283.75 was received on 7/30/19. The remaining disbursement is \$38,761.25 and hopefully that will be received soon. The clerk presented a Budget v Actual Report to the Mayor/Board for the month of July, 2019.
- b. Chief of Police Report – Mike Piro the new night patrol officer was introduced to the Board. Chief King reported 134 calls for June which included 55 traffic stops and 380 calls for July which included 94 traffic stops. The Board asked the Chief about the loud trucks and vehicles in the Town. Can anything be done to ticket/stop these? The Chief will look into options to ticket these vehicles as he has had residents reporting this as well.
- c. Stedman Fire Department – None
- d. Planners Report – None
- e. Code Enforcement Report – None, Scott Walters had planned to be present for the meeting to report, but was unable to come.
- f. Mayor and Board of Commissioners – Commissioner Stewart recently attended his first meeting as the Town of Stedman rep for the Joint Planning Board. Mayor Jones will be attending a Mayor's Coalition meeting in the morning. He also attends the Council on Government meetings and they are looking to appoint an Executive Director to the Council. The council has programs

for municipalities that help in Sampson, Cumberland and Harnett counties. Commissioner George will begin making inquiries from FEMA and the Department of Emergency Management regarding the purchase and installation of generators for the 3 Lift stations. Commissioner Mosley asked for an update on the drainage project. Commissioner George will email the Mayor/Board info on this.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner George and seconded by Commissioner Raymes to adjourn the August 1, 2019 meeting at 8:02pm.