

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF STEDMAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 6, 2018-----7PM
REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Martin Jones led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Commissioner Paul Pirro added item 8c) Consider trash pickup for Stedman Volunteer Fire Department, under new business to the agenda. Commissioner Paul Pirro made a motion to accept the September 6, 2018 agenda with the added item. Commissioner Raymes seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously by the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Peggy Raymes made the motion to adopt the August 2, 2018 minutes and Commissioner Wayne Mosley seconded and was carried unanimously to adopt the regular meeting minutes from the August 2, 2018 meeting.

PRESENTATIONS – Louis Wood – Stedman Athletic Association – Mr. Wood reported on the status of the Stedman Athletic Association. He went over the items that have been accomplished or paid for by the Association and items still in progress. He also reported on fundraisers they have participated in. The Association gave a contribution of \$2,000 to the Fire Department. They paid for trophies for the Division winners, cubbies in the Rec Center and baseball racks. They have plans to improve the fields, replace the scoreboard, work on the walking trails and improve the handicap accessibility. He would also like to attend an upcoming meeting with the County concerning the Parks and Rec department.

PUBLIC FORUM – None

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Consider Parks and Recreation Funds – Mayor Jones gave notice to the Town regarding a meeting scheduled with Cumberland County Parks and Rec and the County Manager that will take place on Thursday, 9/13/18, at 8:30am at the Stedman Town Hall. The purpose is to come up with a growth plan for the Stedman Parks and Rec for the monies from tax dollars that have been set aside for the Town's use. **Note* This meeting was cancelled by the County due to Hurricane Florence and will be rescheduled at a later date.**
- b. Consider Town Drainage Updates – Commissioner George spoke to Richie Hines from the Department of Transportation regarding issues along Carol Street and other places that were addressed by Stedman resident Bill Bullard during the August meeting. He will be providing maps and photos to the DOT showing the drainage issues along these streets as well. He will let the Mayor and Board members know by email of any resolution. He has

spoken to John Keels who is the project engineer for the upcoming drainage projects with Fleming Engineering. He hopes to meet with him soon to finalize plans for this project. After this, the Town can start requesting bids for the project. Commissioner Mosley stated that cutting the sidewalk in front of the business on Front Street would alleviate some of the drainage issue that was created by the sidewalk. The Mayor asked the Town Clerk to check on the Right of Way for this section of Front Street and they would talk to the business owner concerning this solution.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consider Windwood Subdivision Street Acceptance – The Mayor and the Board discussed accepting the streets for the new section in the Windwood subdivision. Commissioner Mosley questioned whether the new section was subject to the sidewalk ordinance requirement. The Mayor asked the clerk to check on the sidewalk ordinance. A decision on the street acceptance for the new section was tabled until further information is received.
- b. Consider Stedman Volunteer Fire Department Property Contract – The Mayor reported that the Stedman Fire Department is trying to secure a loan based a deed from years ago that states if the Fire Department ceased to exist the land would revert back to the Town of Stedman. This clause is preventing the Fire Department from using the deed as collateral. The deed needs to be rewritten with a clause saying the land would go back to the Town for a nominal fee. Commissioner Raymes made a motion to allow the Town Attorney to rewrite the deed. Commissioner Mosley seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously by the Board. Attorney, Tim Smith, stated that the contract should be ready by Monday.
- c. Consider Stedman Volunteer Fire Department Trash Pick-up – Commissioner Pirro stated that the Fire Department has eliminated their contract for trash pick-up and he is requesting that the Town start picking up trash for the Fire Department. Commissioner Raymes made a motion for the Town to start trash pick up for the Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pirro and carried unanimously by the Board.

STAFF REPORTS/BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

- a. Town Clerks Report – The Town Clerk reminded the Mayor and the Board that the Eastover Heritage Day festivities are this Saturday with the parade at 9:00 and other events from 10 – 3:30. She also reminded needed Board members to take the Ethics training webinar and send her the certificate to update their file. The Town Clerk reported that the Finance class attended last week at the School of Government in Chapel Hill was very informative and helpful. She also gave a congratulations to the owners of the property at 508 Rosewood Drive for winning “Best Revitalization of a Residential Property” during the August Joint Appearance Commission award ceremony. This was the only property from Stedman to be nominated.
- b. Chief of Police Report – Mike King was introduced by the Mayor as the new Police Chief for the Town of Stedman. Chief King has been hired and is awaiting official certification from the NC Dept of Justice and should be sworn in by the next meeting. The Mayor reported a slight decrease in calls for the month with 205 calls being reported with 145 of these being area and security checks.
- c. Stedman Fire Department – Chief Nobles reported that the Fire Department is currently in a recruitment/retention phase. This is supported by a grant from the NC Fire Chiefs Association.

They have received 8 sets of ballistic vests and helmets from the County. The Fire Department and the Stedman police chief will be at Stedman Primary School on Monday for a Code Red Lockdown Drill. The Fire Department will be in the Eastover parade on Saturday and will also pass out recruitment information. They are in the process of preparing for the upcoming hurricane that is expected to impact North Carolina. They have clocked around 1600 volunteer hours for the year. The Mayor reported that the County plans to install a pull station in the park for emergency situations. Lastly, Chief Nobles reported the Fire trucks were in place for the start of school with lights flashing as a warning to slow traffic as this has proven highly successful in the past.

d. Planners Report – None

e. Mayor and Board of Commissioners – Commissioner Raymes said she is serving as interim principal during Principal Spruill's recovery and asked the Town to keep him in their thoughts.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Pirro and seconded by Commissioner George to adjourn the September 6, 2018 meeting at 7:45PM.