

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Town Clerk Christy Horne, Attorney Tim Smith Deputy Mike Pero and Police Chief Mike King

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jones led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Commissioner George made a motion to accept the September 12, 2019 agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stewart and carried unanimously by the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Pirro made a motion to accept the August 1, 2019 regular meeting minutes and the August 15, 2019 special meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stewart and carried unanimously by the Board.

PUBLIC FORUM – Tommy Cooper from 114 Hillsboro Street addressed the Mayor and Board concerning drainage issues along Hillsboro Street in Stedman. He has called DOT and cannot get them to take any action. He gets numerous excuses from anyone that he speaks to from the DOT. He has videos and pictures of standing water from storms and heavy rains. This is a potential hazard for drivers on Hillsboro hydroplaning on the street and also damage to businesses, the elementary school and residents due to the standing water not draining for several days. He feels that if the Mayor or Board would call someone from DOT, some drainage resolution might occur. The Mayor told Mr. Cooper that he would call someone in charge from the DOT and see what could be done to improve the situation.

OLD BUSINESS –

- a) Consider SVFD Contract- The Mayor, the Board and Town Attorney discussed the terms of the SVFD contract. They agreed to a contract of a .01 increase to the existing .10 for a period of 1 year to terminate 6/30/19. Commissioner George made a motion to approve Attorney Tim Smith writing a new SVFD contract with the above terms. Commissioner Pirro seconded the motion which was passed unanimously by the Board.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. Consider Resolution to Adopt Water Shortage Response Plan- The Town Clerk advised the Mayor and Board this Resolution is in response to the Water Shortage Response Plan that is updated every 5 years and was last updated in March of 2018. The Department of Environmental and Natural Resources, Division of Water Resources is now requiring an updated Resolution from the Town for the Water Shortage Response Plan. Commissioner Mosley made a motion to adopt the Resolution which was seconded by Commissioner Pirro and carried unanimously by the Board.

- b. Consider Status of Blanche and Averitt Right-of-Ways – Jess Hall explained that there was some survey work done on his property in 2004 and as a result he was told that the Town does not recognize the Blanche and Averitt rights-of-way along his property. He would like to develop/sell his property and would like a declaration from the Town of Stedman to the County and other property owners that the Town does recognize these streets/rights-of-way and that they are subject to being developed/paved according to DOT standards and Town regulations. Also, there is a utility pole on the Averitt right of way that would impede development. He was told that he would need to request that Duke Energy relocate the utility pole and that should not be a problem. Town Attorney, Tim Smith will research the right of way issue for Blanche and Averitt on behalf of the Town and report his findings at a later meeting.

#### STAFF REPORTS/BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

- a. Town Clerks Report – The Town Clerk advised the Mayor/Board that Stedman Elementary will be touring the Town Hall along with other areas including the Post Office and Fire Department on 10/9/19. The tour will be 2 groups of 4<sup>th</sup> graders and should be around 8:30 – 9:30. The next Land Use Plan meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 9/19/19 at 6:00pm. The County Planning Department will be presenting their initial draft of the Stedman plan at this meeting. At our next Town meeting on 10/3/19, a representative of Cumberland County Social Services will be here to discuss the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program.
- b. Chief of Police Report – Chief King reported 384 calls for the month of August. The majority of these (238) were community and security checks for the Town. Chief King asked about installing speed bumps in the Windwood subdivision. The Town has 6-8 sets available to install. The Chief and Doug from Maintenance will get together and decide the best locations to install. The Chief has spoken to the County regarding additional school traffic signs that could be installed.
- c. Stedman Fire Department – None
- d. Planners Report – None
- e. Code Enforcement Report – Scott Walters and Gilbert Sanchez from the County Code Enforcement department discussed the enforcement process. He explained that it is a complaint driven process. Once a complaint is made an officer will usually investigate within 48 hours. At this time, they will either open a case or just speak to the resident. The process consists of a notice, a letter and finally a hearing as a last resort. Most of the time, speaking to the resident or giving a notice is enough to resolve the complaint and bring the resident into compliance with the Minimum Housing Code Ordinance. Mr. Sanchez reported that since starting the process as of March, they have been able to close 12 cases and have opened and closed an additional 5 cases. The Mayor and Board thanked Mr. Walters and Mr. Scott for attending the meeting and presenting the information. Mr. Sanchez will begin sending a monthly report to the Town Clerk.
- f. Mayor and Board of Commissioners – Commissioner George has received additional information regarding the drainage project and sent to the Town Clerk for discussion during the October Board meeting. Mayor Jones reported that authorizations /permits for the new concession stand are progressing. Also, he has a meeting with the Council on Government on 9/19/19 at which time they should be announcing a new director for the organization which includes the

Sampson/Harnett/Cumberland County municipalities. He believes this will be good for the Town as they will offer resources such as grant writing.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Pirro and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to adjourn the September 12, 2019 meeting at 8:03pm.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING WATER SHORTAGE RESPONSE PLAN  
FOR THE TOWN OF STEDMAN**

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 143-355 (I) requires that each unit of local government that provides public water service and each large community water system shall develop and implement water conservation measures to respond to drought or other water shortage conditions as set out in a Water Shortage Response Plan and submitted to the Department for review and approval; and

WHEREAS, as required by the statute and in the interests of sound local planning, a Water Shortage Response Plan for the Town of Stedman, has been developed and submitted to the Town of Stedman Board of Commissioners for approval; and

WHEREAS, the Stedman Board of Commissioners finds that the Water Shortage Response Plan is in accordance with the provisions of North Carolina General Statute 143-355 (I) and that it will provide appropriate guidance for the future management of water supplies for the Town of Stedman, as well as useful information to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources for the development of a state water supply plan as required by statute;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Stedman that the Water Shortage Response Plan entitled, Water Shortage Response Plan for the Town of Stedman dated August 20, 2019, is hereby approved and shall be submitted to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Water Resources; and

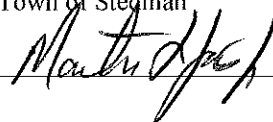
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Stedman Board of Commissioners intends that this plan shall be revised to reflect changes in relevant data and projections at least once every five years or as otherwise requested by the Department, in accordance with the statute and sound planning practice.

This the 12th day of September, 2019.

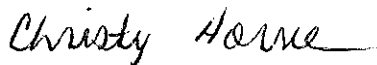
Name: Martin L Jones

Title: Mayor, Town of Stedman

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



ATTEST:



Christy Horne  
Town Clerk  
Town of Stedman