

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF STEDMAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2019-----6PM
SPECIAL MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Town Clerk Christy Horne and Town Attorney Tim Smith

OTHERS PRESENT

Andrew Maykovich and Thimi Kollar (SVFD Board Members)

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jones led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

BUSINESS DISCUSSED

- a. Consider Stedman Fire Department Contract – The Mayor, the Board of Commissioners, Attorney Tim Smith and the SVFD Board members present discussed the current funding to the fire department from the Town and the funding increase that the fire department would like from the Town. After much discussion between the parties involved, a proposal was made to increase the base amount paid to the SVFD department for the 2019-2020 fiscal year to \$96,000. This is an increase of \$8,320 to the 2019-2020 Town of Stedman budgeted amount. There was further discussion that annual increases to the Fire Department budget no longer be based on the Town's annual tax levy, but instead increased/decreased according to the Consumer Price Index (CPI). It was further decided that the Town Clerk/Business Officer will check the CPI every April to determine the percentage to increase or decrease the SVFD budget for the next fiscal year. The percentage amount will be added or subtracted from the base amount to determine the budgeted amount for the following year on a rolling basis. The parties discussed drafting the contract for a term of 3 years to expire at the end of the Town's fiscal year. Finally, the Mayor, Board and the SVFD decided to cap the percentage increases to 2 percent and percentage decreases at 1 percent. Commissioner George made a motion to accept the above terms to be drafted in the new contract with the SVFD which was seconded by Commissioner Pirro and passed unanimously by the Board. Attorney, Tim Smith was directed to draft the new contract between the Town of Stedman and the Stedman Volunteer Fire Department with these new terms and have ready for the Town Board of Commissioners meeting to be held on October 3, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Raymes and seconded by Commissioner Pirro to adjourn the September 30, 2019 Special Meeting at 7:12pm.