

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

***Note- Mayor Jones and Commissioner Horne were at Town Hall. Commissioners George, Pirro and Stewart were present via Zoom link.**

STAFF PRESENT

Town Clerk Christy Horne and Police Chief Mike King

***Note- Attorney Smith was present via Zoom link.**

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jones led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Commissioner Pirro made a motion to add items 8)a consider remote meetings for future meeting purposes and 8)b consider drainage issues on Dolman Drive to the May 7, 2020 Agenda. Commissioner George seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously by the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Pirro made a motion to approve the March 5, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes (the April 2, 2020 meeting was cancelled due to Covid 19). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stewart and carried unanimously by the Board.

PUBLIC FORUM – None

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS –

- a) Consider Remote Meetings – Commissioner Pirro would like the Mayor and Board to consider electronic meetings for future meetings when the Mayor or a Commissioner cannot be present for a meeting. He thinks that elected officials should be considered present for Town business and have voting rights for meetings. Town Attorney, Tim Smith, will look into the matter and report back at a later meeting as he thinks NC law only addresses that electronic meetings can be held as it satisfies the open meetings law, but does not address whether absent officials can be counted as present and allowed voting rights when not physically present at the meeting. Commissioner Pirro made a motion to allow the Town Attorney to investigate this matter further. Commissioner George seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously by the Board.
- b) Consider Drainage Issues on Dolman Drive – Commissioner Pirro would like the Town to look into drainage issues located along Dolman Drive in the Windwood subdivision. He thinks if the Mayor, Commissioner George, Doug Nunnery (Maintenance Supervisor) and himself take a look at the ditches together, perhaps a solution to the issues could be found.

STAFF REPORTS/BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

- a. Town Clerks Report – A monthly Budget versus Actual report was provided to the Mayor and Commissioners. The National Day of Prayer gathering was cancelled, but there is a presentation available on the 28391 Facebook page and You Tube. The re-opening of the Town Hall building was discussed. It was decided to keep the building closed for now and revisit when the Governor's Phase II plan was activated. May 25, 2020 will be the Memorial Day holiday and the Town will be closed. The Town clerk reminded everyone that Census 2020 is still on going. The funds that were dispersed for Party in the Park will be rolled over into the 2021 Budget as the event was cancelled for 2020. The Town clerk advised that Covid 19 notices and info from the County and Stedman are loaded daily to the Town website. Executive order #124 which ceases penalties, late fees and terminations from 3/31/2020 through 5/31/2020 may be extended by the Governor. Joe Utley, the Cumberland County Tax Administrator is asking whether the Town is considering an interim budget due to Covid 19 issues affecting the 2020/2021 Town Budget. The Town will not be setting an interim budget. The June 4, 2020 Board of Commissioners meeting will also be a Budget workshop.
- b. Chief of Police Report – Mike King presented call reports for the months of March and April. There were 172 calls for service in March and 142 calls in April. Total mileage for March was 1,377.4 and 1,484.8 for April. He has been receiving calls from residents in Town concerning minors driving four wheelers, golf carts, dirt bikes and other vehicles throughout the neighborhood. He will be escorting the minors to their homes as they are caught and speaking to the parents. The chief discussed the reports and answered questions.
- c. Stedman Fire Department – None
- d. Planners Report – None
- e. Code Enforcement Report – None
- f. Mayor and Board of Commissioners – The Mayor asked for an update from the Town Attorney concerning the attorney opinion letter needed for the LGC application process. Attorney Smith stated he has been in contact with Civic (the lender) concerning the loan terms and he will have the letter to the Town Clerk soon to complete the LGC application. The Mayor has had numerous updates from the County and the Mayors' Coalition keeping him informed as to Covid 19 matters. Commissioner George has spoken to John Kells in relation to the drainage project. The process was slowed due to Corvid 19 issues, but should be getting back on track soon. Commissioner Stewart would like to see the Town Hall building reopen as soon as possible and return to some kind of normalcy for the community. Commissioner Pirro commented as to the status of filling the empty commissioner seat vacated by Wayne Mosley. Mayor Jones said they will work on filling that position as soon as possible.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Pirro and seconded by Commissioner George to adjourn the May 7, 2020 meeting at 7:35pm.