

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF STEDMAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OCTOBER 3, 2019-----7PM  
REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Town Clerk Christy Horne, Administrative Assistant Rebecca Johnson, 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 Pirro made a motion to add under Old Business item c) Update Status of Speed Bumps. The motion was seconded by Commissioner George and carried unanimously by the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to accept the September 12, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes and the September 30, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner George and carried unanimously by the Board.

PRESENTATION - None

PUBLIC FORUM – None

OLD BUSINESS –

- a) Consider Contract Between Town and Stedman Volunteer Fire Department – Town Attorney, Tim Smith presented and discussed the updated contract between the Town and the SVFD. There was discussion regarding including the term EMS (Emergency Medical Services) to the sections in the contract stating that the SVFD agrees to provide fire protection services. The document is in a word format so the Town Clerk can add this to the contract to be signed tonight. All of the other terms in the contract were agreed to during the September 30, 2019 Special meeting. Commissioner Pirro made a motion to accept the contract with the added EMS term. Commissioner Stewart seconded and the motion was carried unanimously. This contract will take effect as of November 1, 2019 with the amount budgeted for the SVFD to be increased to \$96,000 for the current fiscal year.
- b) Consider Town of Stedman Drainage Project Update – There was discussion among the Mayor and Board concerning the ongoing drainage project. Commissioner George received a proposal from Fleming and Associates for design work to be done on the combined projects for Euclid and East 1<sup>st</sup> Streets. The projected costs for this work will be \$24,000. This would be an additional cost added to the budgeted amount of \$134,000 for construction cost that was agreed on by the Board in May of 2019. At that time, the Board had decided to combine 2 of the 3 recommended drainage projects. Due to the rising costs of these projects and the uncertainty of other unexpected costs, the Mayor and Board decided to table further discussion and get further information on proceeding with the initial single project on Euclid Street.

- c) Consider Update Status of Speed Bumps – Commissioner Pirro opened discussion concerning the status of installing speed bumps in the Windwood subdivision and other areas of concern in the Town. He is willing to ride with Doug and Chief King to help in any way with this project. Mayor Jones brought up the possibility of removing the speed bump on Circle Drive as the reason it was originally installed (the Baptist Church Daycare) no longer exists. Doug is on vacation this week, but once he is back the work can be coordinated between Doug and the Chief.

NEW BUSINESS – None

STAFF REPORTS/BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

- a. Town Clerks Report – We have received a quote from Kubota for a PTO blower which is an attachment for some of the maintenance equipment. It was decided to hold off on this purchase for the time being as this is not a budgeted item. A budget versus actual report for the month of September is included in your packet. The Stedman Elementary 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will be touring the Town Hall as well as other facilities on 10/9/19 beginning around 8:30am. The Cumberland County Planning Department is asking for feedback from the Town concerning the Land Use Draft plan that was submitted at the last Land Use Plan meeting. Gilbert Sanchez from Code Enforcement emailed me an update on current cases. This is also included in the packets on the Mayor/BOC desks. We are taking applications for the Zoning Board of Adjustment for the Town. We will need 5 members as well as 2 alternates for this Board. Please let me know if anyone is interested or knows of someone that may be interested. Aaron Barnes from Cumberland County Planning Department has asked that I let the Mayor/Board know that he will be out of the office starting in November for 6-7 months. The Town will have a replacement during this time as needed. Dee Taylor will be at the November meeting to present information concerning Cumberland County Community Development programs. The League has sent advance notice of upcoming property appraisals for Town property. Properties to be appraised include the Town Hall building, the maintenance warehouse, water tank, and pump and lift stations. Also, we have received information from the Powell Bill division that we will need a new certified map for 2020.
- b. Chief of Police Report – There were a total of 288 calls for the month of September. This is down from last month's report. There was some discussion concerning excessive truck/vehicle noise in the Town and ticketing and enforcing these vehicles.
- c. Stedman Fire Department – None
- d. Planners Report – None
- e. Code Enforcement Report – None
- f. Mayor and Board of Commissioners – Attorney Smith gave an update on the Blanche/Averitte Right-of-way issue that was brought before the Board during a previous meeting. He has discussed the issue with Mr. Hall and he suggests that a Title Search be done on the property to ascertain any issues connected with Mr. Hall's desire to develop his property. The Town cannot

pay for this Title search as Town funds cannot be spent to benefit one resident. Mayor Jones is working on the possibility of acquiring the old Stedman Baptist Church sign for the use of the SVFD at their new building. Commissioner Pirro asked about the Town water tank and how many gallons it holds. Commissioner George believes it to be 100,000 gallons, but will confirm and email the information. Also, Commissioner Pirro would like to work with the Town Clerk on grant opportunities in the near future. Last, he would like to work on acquiring new business in the Town and the possibility of annexation in the future. Commissioner George has spoken to John Miller from Old North State concerning the water usage in the Blawell community. This water was previously purchased from the Town from Maxwell Water. Mayor Jones updated the Board concerning the status of the new concession building. The plans have been updated to decrease the bathrooms and include the 12-foot awning around the building. He will be attending a COG (council on government) meeting later this month and hopefully receive an update on the Director position. Commissioner Pirro asked if the Town is allowed to target businesses such as Lowes for grant money. This question would have to be directed to the Town Auditor to advise.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner George and seconded by Commissioner Pirro to adjourn the October 3, 2019 meeting at 8:05pm.