

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF STEDMAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
October 4, 2018-----7PM
REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Martin L. Jones, Commissioner Jeremy George, Commissioner Paul Pirro, Commissioner Peggy Raymes, Commissioner Jordan Stewart 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 Wayne Mosley added item, G) c., Consider Interlocal Agreement for Code Enforcement to Old Business to the Agenda. Commissioner Raymes made a motion to accept the agenda with the added item which was seconded by Commissioner Stewart and carried unanimously by the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner George made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 6, 2018 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pirro and carried unanimously by the Board.

PRESENTATIONS – Chief Mike King’s Oath of Office – Chief Mike King was presented to the meeting and sworn in by the Mayor. The Mayor and the Board congratulated the Chief and his wife, Dawn King and thanked the Chief for his service and patrol during the recent Hurricane.

PUBLIC FORUM – Val West – Ms. West spoke regarding damage to her property on Forte Road during Hurricane Florence. She stated that she had damage to her property during Hurricane Matthew and all of her duct work had to be replaced and now she has the same issue with Hurricane Florence. She is asking the Mayor and the Board what can be done about the drainage/flooding issues along Forte Road to prevent future damages to her property. She also stated that no one is cutting the grass on the property beside her that her late husband used to mow. She said this is the Raymond Kirk property. She showed the Mayor and the Board pictures of her property with the damage from the drainage issue. Commissioner Mosley informed Ms. West that some of these issues are on the agenda to be discussed during tonight’s meeting and invited her to stay for the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Consider Revision to Stedman Volunteer Fire Department Deed – Town Attorney, Tim Smith stated that the deed could not be amended as discussed during last month’s meeting. The Town of Stedman retains an interest in the property according to the current deed that cannot be conferred for a nominal amount and would have to be at fair market value cost. After discussion among the Mayor, the Board and Attorney Smith, it was decided to have the Attorney draft a new donation deed releasing the right of reversion that the Town has in the Fire Department property. Commissioner Mosley made a motion in favor which was seconded by Commissioner Pirro and carried unanimously by the Board to have the Town Attorney draft a new deed. The Town Clerk was asked to send the Attorney an email reminder concerning the deed on Monday. Commissioner Raymes made a motion to allow

the Town Attorney authority to rewrite the deed in the best interest of the Town which was seconded by Commissioner Pirro and carried unanimously by the Board.

- b. Consider Front Street Drainage Issue – Mayor Jones has spoken to the business owners along Front Street concerning solutions to the drainage issue. He discussed the solution of cutting the sidewalk in front of the gun shop and grading the road in front of the hair salon. The Town Attorney looked into the right of way that the Town has along this section of road and the Town can do this. Commissioner Mosley had questions concerning the drainage of Town water onto private property. He is concerned about liability issues for the Town. The Town Attorney stated the Town could be liable. The Attorney says the Town should have an assessment of drainage issues professionally done prior to cutting the sidewalk and reverting any water. Commissioner Mosley asked Commissioner George to investigate the possibility of adding Forte Road to the list of projects with drainage issues that the Town is considering for improvement. Mayor Jones will speak to Fleming and Associates Engineering concerning possible solutions.

- c. Consider Status of Interlocal Agreement for Code Enforcement – Commissioner Mosley asked the Town Attorney concerning the status of the Interlocal Agreement that has not been signed by the County at this time. Attorney Tim Smith stated that he has met with the County Attorney several times in the last 3 months and the agreement has not been placed on the County agenda as yet. The Attorney believes it will take pressure from the Mayor and the Board to get this item placed on the agenda for vote. The Mayor said he would speak to Amy Cannon, the County Manager concerning the agreement. Several of the Commissioners will also contact the County to have this item placed on the County Agenda by the County Attorney. **Note: The Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Stedman to Enforce the County's Minimum Housing Ordinance within the Town of Stedman was placed on the Board of County Commissioners Agenda for the October 15, 2018 meeting.**

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consider Potential FEMA Assistance for Lift Station Maintenance Costs Associated with Hurricane Florence – Commissioner George discussed the power failure during Hurricane Florence that resulted in the lift stations failing and resulting in the stations having to be pumped by PWC which will result in a significant charge to the Town. The Town can file a request for public assistance with FEMA since Cumberland County was declared a disaster area and is eligible for assistance. If the charges are designated as eligible, FEMA will pay 75% of the funds and the State of North Carolina 25%, resulting in 100% of the charges being reimbursed. The Town Clerk and Commissioner George will attend a FEMA briefing in the County on October 10, 2018. Commissioner Pirro made a motion to allow the Town to file for FEMA assistance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mosley and carried unanimously by the Board.

STAFF REPORTS/BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

- a. Town Clerks Report – The Town Clerk reminded those Commissioners that still need to take the Ethics webinar to do so as soon as possible so that their file can be updated. She advised the Mayor and the Board that the Actuarial Report done by Foster & Foster is now complete. The Town Clerk also let everyone know that there was a post on the Stedman Facebook page giving

a thank you to Doug and Jeremy for their efforts in picking up yard debris from the Hurricane. They have been doing this as time allowed from all their other duties. Lastly, the Town Clerk has been posting official Cumberland County information to the Town website as she receives, currently mosquito spraying updates.

- b. Chief of Police Report – Chief King reported on the code red drill at the Primary school and said they are working on a few issues that were found. He investigated 2 reports of sugar being put in the gas tanks of residents. He has some video of one of these incidents and it has been viewed by the resident, but no identification could be made. The chief also investigated a report of a window being broken by the Town’s lawnmower while in operation. There have been reports of generators, chainsaws and lawn mowers being stolen during the storm and he rode through neighborhoods advising residents to secure their property. Most of these incidents occurred during the early morning hours between 2:00 and 5:30am. He has contacted Chief Nobles regarding the addition of speed bumps in several areas and they will ride through and decide the best places for installation.

- c. Stedman Fire Department – Tim Mitchell reported that the County Fire Chiefs Association has purchased 8 Level 3 ballistic vests and helmets for the Stedman Fire Department. The department is being trained as a rescue task force to respond to emergency situations. He thanked the Mayor, Board and the Town for their support and efforts during the recent Hurricane. The Town was very prepared during the storm and had extra trucks and staff participating from other areas including Los Angeles. The Stedman volunteers logged over 1400 hours during this time as well. The department sustained some building damage during the storm and hauled 1500 gallons of fuel to neighboring fire stations during the storm to help them respond to calls. They had 26 calls during the storm weekend, 3 of these being structure fires. They did daily checks on the elderly and residents that suffered previous flood, structure issues during Hurricane Mathew. The department also transported a generator to Cape Fear High School to support the Area Command. The Mayor and the Board thanked and congratulated the Stedman Fire Department for their service and efforts during the storm. Deputy Chief Mitchell explained the significance of the pink fire hydrants in the Town. The hydrants are for Breast Cancer Awareness and survival and have a sharpie attached for survivors to sign or in memory of others. He also spoke of their continued efforts for recruitment and retention.

- d. Planners Report – None

- e. Mayor and Board of Commissioners – Mayor Jones reported concerning a meeting with Cumberland County regarding the Parks & Rec department held on October 3, 2018 was very productive. There is also a meeting scheduled tomorrow (10/5/18) at the Rec Center for a walk through to determine design features for the future of the Rec Center including a short term and long-term plan. The Mayor thanked Mr. Billy Horne for allowing the Town to take yard debris from the storm to land that he owns.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner George and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to adjourn the October 4, 2018 meeting at 8:26pm.

"Oath Of Office"

"I, Mike King, do solemnly and sincerely swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability; so help me God."

Mike King

Mike King
Chief of Police

Administered By:

Martin L. Jones

Mayor Martin L. Jones

10-4-18

Date

Excise Tax : \$ 0

Instrument Prepared By: Timothy C. Smith, Attorney at Law
And Return To: Yarborough, Winters & Neville, P.A.
Post Office Box 705
Fayetteville, N.C. 28302

**WITHOUT TITLE SEARCH
NORTH CAROLINA QUITCLAIM DEED**

THIS DEED, made this 12 day of October, 2018 by and between

GRANTOR

TOWN OF STEDMAN,
a Municipal Corporation

Mailing Address:
PO Box 220
Stedman, NC 28391

GRANTEE

STEDMAN VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT,
a Non-Profit Corporation

Mailing Address:
7595 Clinton Rd.
Stedman, NC 28391

The designation Grantor and Grantee as used herein shall include said parties, their heirs, successors, and assigns, and shall include singular, plural, masculine, feminine or neuter as required by context.

WITNESSETH, that the Grantor, for a valuable consideration paid by the Grantee, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, has and by these presents does remise, release, and forever quitclaim unto the Grantee, their successors and assigns all right, title, claim, and interest of the said Grantor, all that certain tract or parcel of land situated in the County of Cumberland State of North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows:

Being a portion of PIN#: 0495-29-9671

BEGINNING at a point in the center of NC #24, said corner being the Domestic Oil Company's southwest corner and runs thence with the center of NC #24 North

56 degrees 55 minutes West 160.00 feet to a point in said center of highway; thence North 33 degrees 05 minutes East 200.00 feet to an iron stake; thence South 56 degrees 55 minutes East 175.63 feet to an iron stake in a canal, said corner being in the western line of the Domestic Oil Company's property; and runs thence their line South 43 degrees 18 minutes West 49.34 feet to an iron stake, said corner being a corner of the Domestic Oil Company; thence with another line of the Domestic Oil Company South 35 degrees 41 minutes West 151.60 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 0.76 acres more or less.

The above described property being part of a tract of land of approximately 42 acres, said tract being described in a deed to J.H. Vinson and wife, Lillie Mae Vinson and recorded in Book 371, at Page 212, Cumberland County Registry. Lillie Mae Vinson became the owner of said 42 acres by reason of survivorship, having survived her husband, J.F. Vinson. Lillie Mae Vinson died intestate on October 8, 1953, leaving as her sole heir Irene Vinson Autry.

See also Deed Book 4663, page 415 and Plat Book 111, Page 11.

This Deed is specifically given to release and quitclaim the right of reversion clause as shown in Deed Book 4107, Page 750.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the aforesaid tract of parcel of land and all privileges thereunto belonging to Grantee and their successors and assigns, free and discharged from all right, title, claim or interest of the said Grantor or anyone claiming by, through, or under.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor, has hereto set their hand and seal, the day and year first above written.

TOWN OF STEDMAN

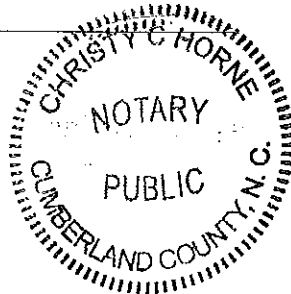
Martin Jones, Jr. (SEAL)
Martin Jones, Jr., Mayor

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND

I, Christy C Horne, Notary Public, certify that Martin Jones, Jr., personally came before me this day and acknowledged that he is the Mayor of the Town of Stedman, a Municipal Corporation of the State of North Carolina, and that he being authorized to do so, executed the foregoing.

Witness my hand and Notarial stamp or seal this 12 day of October, 2018.

Christy C Horne
Notary Public



My Commission Expires: November 5, 2019

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