

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF STEDMAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**May 2, 2024-----7:00 PM**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Martin L. Jones, Commissioner Billy Horne, Commissioner Mark Lee, Commissioner Paul Pirro, and Commissioner Ralph Vogt

**STAFF PRESENT**

Connie Veeder, Town Clerk/Finance Officer, Whitney Barlow, Attorney Donald Hudson, and Chief Tracy Jackson

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Jones led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mayor Jones called for adoption of the agenda. Motion was made by Commissioner Horne to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Pirro seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the board.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

April 4, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, April 8, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes, and April 23, 2024 Growth Plan Meeting Minutes– Commissioner Vogt made a motion to accept the minutes as written which was seconded by Commissioner Lee and was passed unanimously by the vote of the board.

**PRESENTATIONS** – Mayor Jones introduced Tracy Jackson as Stedman’s new police chief.

**PUBLIC FORUM** – None

**OLD BUSINESS** –

- a) Mrs. Veeder updated the board on our 2023 Audit concerning a letter that was received from the state. The letter stated that a portion of our sales and use tax revenue may be withheld due to our audit not being filed by July 1, 2024. An appeal can be filed.
- b) Update on Restrooms in the Park- The Mayor is working on this and should be ready to move forward soon.
- c) Update on Resolution to Investigate Petition to Annex 25.96 acres at 6878 Clinton Rd. The investigation by Mrs. Veeder proved that the property is contiguous to the town limits. Commissioner Pirro made a motion to approve and Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion to approve the annexation. Board vote was unanimous. The board also set a date for the public hearing on June 6<sup>th</sup> at the BOC meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS** –

- a) The board viewed a quote for PSN for a new merchant processor for our online payments. This will save the town around \$6000 per year. Commissioner Pirro made a motion to

approve and Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion to move forward with the new merchant. The board vote was unanimous.

- b) Quotes for new and updated police equipment were shared with the board by Chief Jackson. Commissioner Vogt made a motion to approve the purchase of new bigger safe and a new tough book for the chief in this budget year and the board will look at the rest in the new budget year. Commissioner Lee seconded this motion and the board was unanimous with their vote.
- c) A question was presented to the board about backflow installations for small businesses with limited hours and one restroom. The question was should they be required to install this. The board voted to keep the ordinance the same and require all businesses to install backflows.

**CLOSED SESSION- G.S. 143-318.11** To discuss legal items with attorney concerning past due utility accounts and to discuss personnel matters.

Commissioner Vogt made the motion for the board to enter closed session at 7:53 pm.

Commissioner Pirro seconded the motion. Board vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Vogt made the motion to come out of closed session at 8:20 pm.

Commissioner Lee seconded the motion. Board vote was unanimous.

#### **STAFF REPORTS/BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

- a) Town Clerk's Report – May 27<sup>th</sup> is a holiday in honor of Memorial Day.  
National Day of Prayer was today in the park.  
May 18<sup>th</sup> Party in the Park
- b) Chief of Police Report – met with CC Sheriff's Dept.
- c) Stedman Fire Department –No report from the department.
- d) Planners Report – None
- e) Code Enforcement Report – Tony Porter is coming next month.
- f) Mayor and Board of Commissioners – Mayor Jones shared that the National Day of Prayer had 165+ attendees, the cleanup day had 50 volunteers and 2060 pounds of trash was picked up that day.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Horne to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Commissioner Lee to adjourn the May 2, 2024 meeting at 8:26 pm.