

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF STEDMAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 6, 2024-----7:00 PM
REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jones led the invocation and Jacob McPherson from Boy Scout Troop 701 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

May 2, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes- Commissioner Pirro made a motion to adopt the meeting minutes and Commissioner Vogt seconded, the board was unanimous in approval.

May 28, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes/Budget Workshop- Commissioner Vogt made a motion to adopt the special minutes and Commissioner Horne seconded, the board was unanimous in approval.

June 4, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes/Budget Workshop– Commissioner Pirro made a motion to accept the minutes as written which was seconded by Commissioner Vogt and was passed unanimously by the vote of the board.

PRESENTATIONS – Boy Scout Pack and Troop 701 Presentation for Karolyn Palush. Mrs. Palush has been a leader with the troops for many years. The groups wanted to show their love and appreciation by presenting her with flowers and gifts.

Mayor Jones also presented Mrs. Palush with a proclamation from the Town of Stedman for her dedicated service to the military, health care, and the boy scout groups.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – Mayor Jones opened up the public hearings by presenting the 2024-2025 Budget for the Town. Mayor Jones asked for questions. Commissioner Vogt made a motion to approve the 24-25 budget and Commissioner Pirro seconded the motion. The board's vote was unanimous.

The next item in the public hearing was the annexation of the Hancock Development at 6878 Clinton Rd. The new named development will be Sweetgrass. The mayor called for any questions. Commissioner Pirro made a motion to approve this annexation. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion and the board was unanimous in approving this annexation.

PUBLIC HEARING- Jacqueline Simmons, a resident of Stedman spoke to the board about neighbors burning waste in their backyard. The yard is right behind Simmons property and she has health issues. All the smoke hinders Simmons from being outside in her own backyard. She asked to board to look into the burning ordinance and please make changes if possible.

OLD BUSINESS –

- a) Mrs. Veeder updated the board on our 2023 Audit. She filed an appeal explaining why the audit was so late. Veeder also spoke with the auditors and they gave positive results that they would be complete with our audit by July 1, 2024.
- b) A Resolution was presented to the board to finance the new garbage truck with First Citizens Bank. Commissioner Pirro made a motion to approve the resolution and Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. The board was unanimous in the vote to approve.
- c) Revisit Water/Sewer Ordinance- The board discussed the ordinance and decided to place a 500 ft limit on the distance from the town’s water/sewer lines to provide this service to people who live out of the town limits. Mr. Hudson will be drafting a new ordinance for the town.
- d) Update on 7219 Clinton Rd., used car business – the owner has put a trailer on the property and is in the process of getting the water and sewer lines replaced and ran to the facility.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a) Proposed recombination plat for 220 Euclid St.- The plat was originally two separate properties. The owner, Mr. Hall would like to combine it into one and adjust map boundaries. The county has approved the change. Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve and Commissioner Pirro seconded. The board was unanimous in approving.
- b) Jefferson St. Properties – Tony Porter, the Code Enforcement Officer presented two ordinances referencing two properties on Jefferson St. The ordinances direct the code enforcement officer to remove or demolish the property that is deemed unsafe or condemned. Commissioner Vogt made a motion to approve the ordinances, Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. The board was unanimous in approving the ordinances to move forward.
- c) Fire flow issues holding up Creekside development. Mrs. Veeder has reached out to PWC about this issue and possible solutions. More information will be shared about this in future meetings.
- d) Withersravenel proposed drawings for meter relocation and project manual for sewer system improvements were shared with the board to review. More information will be coming in future meetings.

STAFF REPORTS/BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

- a) Town Clerk’s Report – July 4th holiday celebrating Independence Day, July 5th Vacation day for all staff, .
Stedman Fireworks Celebration is Sunday, June 23rd.
- b) Chief of Police Report – Chief Jackson has started a event collecting specific needs for Falcons Children Home.

- c) Stedman Fire Department –Andrew Maykovich gave the monthly report and let the board know that the new training tower has been approved by the county.
- d) Planners Report – None
- e) Code Enforcement Report –
- f) Mayor and Board of Commissioners – Mayor Jones shared that the police office will be moved to the maintenance building for better visibility.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Horne to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Commissioner Lee to adjourn the June 6, 2024 meeting at 8:00pm.