

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF STEDMAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
April 4, 2024-----7:00 PM
REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Martin L. Jones, Commissioner Louis Wood, Commissioner Mark Lee, and Commissioner Ralph Vogt

STAFF PRESENT

Connie Veeder, Town Clerk/Finance Officer, Attorney Donald Hudson, Deputy White

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 Wood to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion and the motion to adopt the agenda was passed unanimously by the board.

CONSENT AGENDA

March 7, 2024 – Regular Meeting Minutes and April 23, 2024 Growth Plan Meeting Minutes– Commissioner Lee made a motion to accept the minutes as written which was seconded by Commissioner Wood and was passed unanimously by the vote of the board.

PRESENTATIONS – None

PUBLIC FORUM – None

OLD BUSINESS –

- a) Update Inflow & Infiltration Study has started on April 1st and is going well.
- b) Update on Restrooms in the Park- Four quotes have been received and was shared with the board. The mayor would like to talk to Sandy Creek about their quote. More information will come.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a) Resolution to Investigate Petition to Annex 25.96 acres at 6878 Clinton Rd. which is the Hancock development. Commissioner Wood made a motion to allow the town clerk to investigate this property to make sure all the requirements are met for annexation. Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously to move forward with the investigation by the town clerk.
- b) The board reviewed site plans for 501 3C Non-Profit Organization Building Addition in Vander area which is in Stedman’s MIA. The new addition will be used for special events, fundraisers for the community, etc. The board reviewed the plans. Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the plans for the project. Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion and the board was unanimous with the vote.

CLOSED SESSION- G.S. 143-318.11 To discuss legal items with attorney and personnel matters.

Commissioner Lee made the motion for the board to enter closed session at 7:47 pm.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. Board vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Lee made the motion to come out of closed session at 8:15 pm.

Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. Board vote was unanimous.

STAFF REPORTS/BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

- a) Town Clerk's Report – The next Growth Planning Meeting is April 23rd at 6:30 pm. Stedman Community Cleanup is Saturday, April 27th, 8:00am to 12 Noon. The staff met with the fire department to discuss extra activities on the day of the parade on December 14, 2024. The newly elected commissioners need to have Ethics Training completed by November 1, 2024. Cumberland County Solid Waste is reducing rates during the months of April, May, and June. The commissioners were informed that we had received the Utility Service Co. report on the maintenance of our water tank.
- b) Chief of Police Report –
- c) Stedman Fire Department – Brian Parks shared the quarterly and monthly reports.
- d) Planners Report – None
- e) Code Enforcement Report – Issue with horses has been resolved.
- f) Mayor and Board of Commissioners – Opening Day parade for baseball season is Saturday, 9:00 a.m., April 6th. Concessions all day and games start at 11 a.m. Commissioner Lee brought to the board that the town charter needs to be updated. Lee also stated that the alcohol sales will need to be revisited in order for the town to grow and bring revenue into the town.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Horne to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Commissioner Wood to adjourn the March 7, 2024 meeting at 8:22 pm.