

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF STEDMAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 10, 2023-----7:01 PM
REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Martin L. Jones, Commissioner Billy Horne, Commissioner Paul Pirro, Commissioner Mark Lee, Commissioner Louis Wood, Commissioner Will Marsh

STAFF PRESENT

Town Clerk Connie Veeder, Whitney Barlow, Attorney Donald Hudson
State Representative Diane Wheatley
Scouts from Troop 701(earning government and community badges)

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 Lee seconded the motion and the motion to adopt the agenda was passed unanimously by the board.

CONSENT AGENDA

July 13, 2023 – Regular Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Pirro 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) Todd Mobley is the newly appointed representative for the Town of Stedman on the Cumberland County Planning Board. Mr. Mobley will be official once they swear him in at the next planning meeting in August. Mr. Mobley will attend our next board meeting in September.
- b) The Inflow & Infiltration study and its funding needed was mentioned. Mayor Jones spoke about the meetings with PWC, RWA, and hiring an engineering firm. The mayor contacted asked for Bill Cowen’s contact information from the engineering firm of Withers and Ravenel out of Raleigh. Mayor Jones asked the board to vote to give permission to Connie Veeder, the Town Finance Officer, the green light to reach out to engineering firms to get quotes for their services to begin the I & I study. The town will continue to collect information on this project and bring it forward at the town meetings. Commissioner Lee made a motion to grant permission to the finance officer and Commissioner Horne seconded the motion, the board voted unanimously.

- c) Progress on the funding for the new addition to the town hall. Mrs. Wheatley was in attendance at the meeting and stated that she would have more information once the state has passed a budget.
- d) The Cross Connection Ordinance is a work in progress. Whitney has shared it with Samantha Wullenwaber at the Mid Carolina COG. We will bring the ordinance back up at the next meeting in September if the document has been completed.
- e) Police Chief Position- The most current job description for the position was given to the Mayor and each Board member to review and make any changes and updates. The board discussed hiring an off duty deputy for a night time shift. The board asked the clerk to gather information about the cost of a night time deputy from 6 pm until 4 am, the police chief's pay, and Deputy White's pay to compare the total cost of using Cumberland County Sheriffs Deputies and a hiring a new police chief.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a) An updated Old North State Contract was given to the BOC to review. The current contract is for 3 years. The only thing that the board thought should be researched is the number of fire hydrants in Blawell and the proper water pressure from the existing hydrants. Commissioner Pirro made a motion to accept the contract as long as the information that is gathered from Fire Chief Justin Nobles agrees with the written contract. Commissioner Marsh seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously to approve the written contract.

STAFF REPORTS/BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

- a) Town Clerk's Report – Due to unforeseen circumstances the office will be closed Friday, September 1st. Maintenance will be working.
School staff returns on August 14th, students return on August 28th.
The town clerk presented a quote from Nobles Security for 4 new cameras due to no video feed or condensation in the lens.
The online payments have increased due to not taking payments over the phone. The number of emailed bills has increased and the customers do like having that option with the mail problems that we are seeing. Emailing bills also helps lower the cost of postage when mailing the bills.
The office is diligently working to get the ACH draft in place. The tentative date for the test/trial run is the middle of September.
- b) Chief of Police Report – None
- c) Stedman Fire Department –None
- d) Planners Report – None
- e) Code Enforcement Report – None
- f) Mayor and Board of Commissioners: Commissioner Wood gave us an update on the restrooms for the park. Tim Johnson told him that the county has not approved the drawings. Commissioner Wood stated that we needed to stake off the corners where the building would need to be built on the fence line. The building being 17' deep x 20' wide with a mechanical room.

ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Commissioner Horne to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Commissioner Lee to adjourn the August 10, 2023 meeting at 7:50 pm.