

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF STEDMAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**October 3, 2024-----7:00 PM**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**STAFF PRESENT**

Town Clerk Connie Veeder, Admin. Assistant Whitney Barlow, Attorney Donald Hudson, and Police 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 Vogt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the board.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

September 5, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2024 Growth Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Pirro made a motion to adopt the meeting minutes and Commissioner Vogt seconded, the board was unanimous in approval.

**PRESENTATIONS** – None

**PUBLIC FORUM** – Scott Manning from the Cumberland County Republican Party GOP shared with the board about an upcoming “Meet the Candidates” public meeting at Ernest Freeman Park. The time is from 5 pm to 7 pm. October 17<sup>th</sup>. Expecting 200 or more people in attendance.

**OLD BUSINESS** –

- a) Update on 5150 and 5182 Jefferson Street cleanup. The property has been cleared. The town is going to proceed with liens on these two properties.
- b) Update on 5135 Sessoms Street cleanup. Property grass has been mowed and all junk items have been hauled away.
- c) Attorney Hudson presented the new updated speed ordinance to the board. Commissioner Pirro made to motion to accept the new Speed Limit Ordinance and replace the ordinance that has been in place. Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. The board was unanimous in their vote to approve the new Speed Limit Ordinance.
- d) Update on 5363 Clinton Road annexation- The board needed to revisit the annexation of this property due to the inability of the town to provide sewer to this resident in a timely manner. Commissioner Wood made the motion to approve the connection to the town’s water system without annexation. Commissioner Horne seconded the motion and the

board voted unanimously to approve the new decision not to annex and let the water connection be completed.

### **NEW BUSINESS** –

- a) Approve Site Plan DEV-0025-23, 168 Hillsboro Street, Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the plans as shown and Commissioner Vogt seconded. The board voted unanimously to approve the site plans.
- b) Temporarily change First Street to one way starting at Sessoms St. and extending to Second Street on election days. The next election will be November 5, 2024.
- c) Approve Water Connection for 5397 Clinton Rd. with no annexation, Commissioner Pirro made a motion to approve the water connection with no annexation and Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. The board was unanimous in approving the water connection.
- d) Approve political Rally on October 16<sup>th</sup>- Commissioner Vogt made a motion to approve the rally and Commissioner Pirro seconded the motion. The board was unanimous in passing motion.
- e) Debt Setoff Lists were presented to the board. Commissioner Pirro made a motion to move forward with sending letters to the most current debt holders and speaking with the auditors to write off the uncollected debt from the remainder of the debt holders. Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by the board.
- f) Sweetgrass Subdivision Cross Slope Request. A copy was presented to the board. The board decided to reach out to the town's on call engineer at WithersRavenel and ask if the cross slope request was sufficient.
- g) Residential zoned property being used by a business. Commissioner Wood made a motion to move forward with contacting the owners. The town is going to let Mid Carolina COG handle contacting the owners. Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously to approve.

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

- a) Town Clerk's Report – There is a holiday on October 14<sup>th</sup> this month in observance of Columbus Day.
- b) Chief of Police Report – Coffee with a Cop this month,
- c) Stedman Fire Department – None
- d) Planners Report – Timothy from CC Planning stated that the property behind Long Branch Subdivision is being looked at by developers
- e) Code Enforcement Report – None
- f) Mayor and Board of Commissioners – Mayor Jones stated that he spoke with Michael Gibson and James McMillian about getting 3-4 quotes for pickleball courts. Jones also stated that he is going to speak with Chris Rainey concerning the fire flow and low-pressure issues at Creekside. PWC is also looking at the plans to move the meter. Commissioner Wood mentioned replacing the time capsule that was lost or stolen when the sign broke. He also asked if we were going to replace the sign or build another one due to cracks in the existing structure.

**CLOSED SESSION:** pursuant N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss Personnel Issues

Commissioner Wood made a motion to enter into closed session at 8:00 pm. Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. The full board was unanimous in their vote.

Commissioner Pirro made a motion at 8:30 pm to return to open session. Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Horne to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Commissioner Lee to adjourn the October 3, 2024 meeting at 8:35 pm.