



**12. Speed Sign Discussion** - Chief McGinnis reported that the department has one battery operated digital portable speed limit sign. It collects data which can be monitored. Mayor Herron proposed a digital speed sign coming into the Village northbound and southbound. He proposed to mount the speed limit sign underneath the DOT Village of Misenheimer signs. Chief McGinnis roughly estimated that two speed signs depending on the chosen features would cost between \$5000 and \$7000. He noted that solar smart signs are \$3500 each. He expressed his concern about the long-term effectiveness having multiple other speed signs already erected. Chief McGinnis reported that out of 803 tickets in 2017 only 22 were less than 50 mph in a 35 mph zone. Warning tickets are being written for lesser speeds. M. Edquist stated the whole point of the signs is for pedestrian safety, not ticketing. Many other thoughts and ideas were discussed.

P. Edquist moved to buy one speed sign for southbound traffic and if effective, buy another. Watson seconded motion. Burrage stated that we should get the speed sign up that we currently have and start generating data first. Chief McGinnis stated that most traffic enforcement comes from north bound. M. Edquist suggested that the signs be hardwired if we are going to do it, do both and hard wire. M. Edquist offered a friendly amendment to the motion to purchase two and have them hardwired. Mayor Herron seconded the amendment. The motion was approved 4/1 with Burrage opposing.

**13. Municipal Election Agreement** – J. Watson made a motion to approve the “Contract regarding the Conduct of Municipal Elections” between the Stanly County Board of Elections and the Village of Misenheimer. M. Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

**14. 2018 Election Filing Fees** - P. Edquist moved to keep the election filing fee at \$5.00. Burrage seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.

**15. Historic Gladstone Update** – M. Edquist reported that progress was coming along nicely. He complimented the work of Stokes Construction. The ceiling is underway, the exterior is being repaired with the new wood being used on the back side of the building with all other repairs using existing wood. He suggested that we begin focusing on the overall use of the property and grounds naming some future needs/wants: Parking, Restrooms, Fence, Landscaping, Benches, Culvert Pipe for Entrance/Exit, Outdoor Patio noting that along with the renovation comes increased cost and security. Classification and occupancy has not yet been established.

**16. Misenheimer Post Office Concerns** – Mayor Herron reported that the new outdoor mail receptacle should be in place on February 13, 2018. He also noted that the United States Postal Service renewed their lease with Pfeiffer University for 5 years. Ongoing complaints are being heard about the cleanliness of the lobby and services regarding the postal equipment.

**17. Other Business** – Council was reminded about the Council of Local Governments meeting hosted by Misenheimer on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Stokes Student Center Community Room and the Gray Stone ribbon cutting on February 15, 2018.

Shannon Beamon left at this time.

**18. Closed Session to Discuss Personnel Matters Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6)** – Burrage moved to go into closed session. P. Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0. Burrage moved to return to regular session. P. Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

**19. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

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Mayor Michael “Frizbee” Herron

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Date

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Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk

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Date