

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners
February 18, 2010

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled meeting on February 18, 2010 at 9:15 a.m. in the Board Room of Municipal Hall, 83 Allen Street, Sylva, N.C.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Maurice Moody and Commissioners Danny Allen, Sarah Graham, Ray Lewis, Christina Matheson and Stacy Knotts

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Adrienne Isenhower (Town Manager), Brandi King (Town Clerk), Jeff Jamison (Police Chief) and Eric Ridenour (Town Attorney)

VISITORS PRESENT: Allison Brantley, Eric Moore, Giles Morris, Julie Sylvester, Mary Druzbeck, Chris Wilcox, Anita Stephens, Kay Turpin, Veronica Nicholas, Kristi Case, Sheryl Rudd, Amy Grimes, Steve McAllister, Charlene McAllister-Pell and Terry Rikard

CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Moody called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Commissioner Knotts made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner Graham reported that the Downtown Sylva Association will be submitting a grant proposal to the NC Main Street Program within the next two months. DSA will be forming a committee with business and property owners on Mill Street so the proposal will be geared toward their needs. The grant funding could possibly be up to \$300,000.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Isenhower stated she is on the Census 2010 Committee and provided the Board with a handout explaining the importance of the Census. Isenhower also presented the Board with a copy of the proposed agenda for the Board Retreat scheduled for February 22nd.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT: Isenhower reported the Town has accepted a bid from Tree Works to take down the tree in Keener Cemetery.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Jamison reported on the statistics from the previous month. Jamison also reported that the Officers of the Year for 2009 were Jason Owen and Jeff Jamison. Jason Owen also received a Medal of Honor for helping save a life at a fire at Jackson Village.

DSA REPORT: Marybeth Druzbeck reported that the DSA held a visionary forum on January 12th. They also held their Annual Retreat on January 13th where they came up with their goals for the next 12 to 18 months.

DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE: Isenhower reported that she has met with three local companies to work on quotes for the directional signage. A representative from the Division of Community Assistance will be attending the March 4th meeting to discuss way-finding signs. The item will be tabled until the March 4th meeting.

PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENT: *Commissioner Knotts made a motion to appoint Karl Nicholas to another term on the Planning Board. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

GOLDEN AGE CENTER: Amy Grimes McClure, Director of the Community Table, stated they have seen a significant increase in the amount of meals they are providing to the community and are running out of space at their current location. They would like for the Board to allow them to use the Golden Age Center for their operations. John Wittekind of Jackson County Inspections Department has done a walk through of the building and will be providing an assessment of repairs and renovations that will need to be done. *Commissioner Graham made a motion to bless the idea of the Community Table moving into the Golden Age Center. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.* The Community Table will go ahead with inspections and submit their official proposal to the Town at a later date.

ATTORNEY FEES DISCUSSION: The Town is currently over budget for attorney fees in the general and hazard abatement line items. Ridenour has estimated that the attorney fees for the remainder of the year will be approximately \$7,500. *Commissioner Matheson made a motion to move \$7,500 from the hazard abatement line item in the planning department to attorney fees. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

ABC REVENUE DISCUSSION: The Town is required to contribute 7% of the revenues received from the Sylva ABC Store to an Alcohol Education/Rehabilitation program. In the past, the Town has not received enough requests to use the earmarked money. This year we have received requests from Mountain Projects, Western Carolina University, Jackson County Sheriff's Department and REACH. There is \$10,000 in the ABC designated fund balance that could be appropriated in the budget. *Commissioner Graham made a motion to appropriate the \$10,000 in the ABC designated fund balance into the budget to meet all the grant requests. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

CLOSED SESSION: *Commissioner Graham made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3) to discuss with the Town Attorney the ramifications of Senate Bill 831 (Permit Extension Act of 2009) and its effect on a cell tower application permit issued on June 9, 2008 for a 195 foot cell phone tower on the property of Andy Shaw Ford. The motion carries with a unanimous vote and the Board entered into regular session at 9:50 a.m.*

Commissioner Graham made a motion to come out of closed session. The motion carries with a unanimous vote and the Board entered into regular session at 10:37 a.m.

Mayor Moody stated the Board is opposed to a 195 foot cell phone tower to be constructed on the Andy Shaw lot. The Board will issue a press release stating the Town's position.

ADJOURNMENT: *Commissioner Lewis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carries and the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.*

Maurice Moody
Mayor

Brandi H. King
Town Clerk