

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners
May 21, 2015

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on May 21, 2015 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 Harold Hensley, Mary Gelbaugh, Barbara Hamilton, and Lynda Sossamon.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Danny Allen

STAFF PRESENT: Paige Dowling (Town Manager), Amanda Murajda (Town Clerk), Davis Woodard (Police Chief), Tammy Hooper (Asst. Police Chief), Dan Schaeffer (Public Works Director), and Eric Ridenour (Town Attorney).

VISITORS PRESENT: Tanner Hall

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

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: *Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Moody requested that board members attend the Historic Tax Credit Tour to be held on Friday, May 22, 2015.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner Gelbaugh thanked Davis Woodard and the police department for allowing her to ride along with Officers Dezarn and Griffin while they were on duty. She commended the two officers for a job well done. Gelbaugh stated that the Main Street Survey presentation held on May 17th was a great opportunity for merchants to hear and express their ideas for the downtown area. She also noted that long-time town resident Hattie Hilda Allison passed away. Commissioner Sossamon noted that she will be attending the NC Connect meeting at WCU on Friday, May 22, 2015. Commissioner Hensley gave an update on the new fee schedule from TWSA that will be available in the coming month. Hensley stated that he would like to see a meeting where town merchants can revisit what is being done on Main Street and voice concerns. Commissioner Hamilton reminded everyone that Concerts on the Creek will start on Friday, May 22, 2015 and there also will be a Memorial Day Ceremony at noon on Monday, May 25th at the fountain on Main Street.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Dowling reminded the board that the Historic Tax Credit Tour will be on Friday, May 22, 2015 beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Atrium of the Public Library.

Concerts on the Creek will begin on May 22nd and Productive Paranoia will be the band. The pool will open on Saturday, May 23rd. The Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a July 4th fireworks celebration for the first time in seven years on Rhodes Cove, visible from all directions in town. Work will begin on the full application for the Appalachian Regional Commission's grant process which is due in July. Dowling noted that she had been nominated to be the chair of the Technical Coordinating Committee which works with the RPO and Southwestern Commission.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Dan Schaeffer updated the board on the progress of the construction of a wall on Finch Street noting it is now about six feet tall. The Stearns building on Main Street now has walls framed on the 2nd floor but progress is moving slowly. Schaeffer noted that Jay Ball has purchased the Sylva Supply building (now Jackson's General) and will be installing new windows throughout the entire upstairs. Kabboord Properties will be installing windows on the Hooker's Fly Shop building. The Garden Club has installed planters and flowers on the bridges in town and on Main Street along with the Public Works department. Schaeffer noted that all of the flowers were grown by the county and thanked Randy Cabe and his department.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Woodard told the board that the department had been very busy but nothing specific. Commissioner Hamilton thanked the police department for their hard work.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: None.

MAIN STREET REPORT: Manager Dowling reported that approximately 25 people attended the Main Street Committee meeting on May 17th. Attendees worked on a plan of action for the next year using results from the merchant survey.

AUDITOR CONTRACT: *Commissioner Hensley made a motion to approve the Auditor's Contract. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

BUDGET PRESENTATION: Manager Dowling presented the board with the official FY 2015-2016 budget. There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT: *Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 a.m. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

Maurice Moody
Mayor

Amanda W. Murajda
Town Clerk