

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners  
February 4, 2016

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on February 4, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Municipal Hall, 83 Allen Street, Sylva, N.C.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Lynda Sossamon and Commissioners, Barbara Hamilton, Harold Hensley, Mary Gelbaugh, Greg McPherson, and David Nestler.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Amanda Murajda (Town Clerk), Davis Woodard (Police Chief), Mark Bennett (Officer), Bruce Moore (Officer), Chanz Fritz (Officer), Aimee Watson (Detective), and Eric Ridenour (Town Attorney).

**VISITORS PRESENT:** Tanner Hall

**CALLED TO ORDER:** Mayor Sossamon called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Mayor Sossamon moved to add a Resolution in Support of Connect NC to the agenda. *Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Sossamon thanked the police officers for attending the meeting.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:** Commissioner Gelbaugh mentioned an email received by the board about litter and trash on Highway 107. She realizes it needs to be cleaned up but questioned how to go about doing so. Sossamon suggested contacting NCDOT or the Jackson County Sheriff's Office to see if they had individual groups willing to volunteer for trash pick-up. Commissioner McPherson suggested calling WCU for possible groups needing volunteer service hours. Mayor Sossamon mentioned that the annual clean-up of the Tuckasegee River was scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup>. Gelbaugh also asked if the Town could explore allowing alcohol at Bridge Park. Commissioner McPherson mentioned that Bernadette at Evolution Wine was working on a proposal.

Commissioner Nestler told the board he would be attending the County Commissioner's meeting immediately following the Town meeting tonight to request support of the Clean Water Management Trust Fund grant that the Town of Sylva will be applying for. He will be asking for \$7,000 in support. Nestler attended the Town of Sylva Planning Board meeting last week and thanked them for their work on the hanging sign ordinance.

Commissioner McPherson noted that he believes some of the funding from the Connect NC funds could be given to Sylva and asked how that could happen. Sossamon added she believed it was for capital expenditures for WCU and SCC. McPherson told the board he would be

obtaining a water sample from the spring behind the former Ritz Theater lot. He also told the board that construction of the shed for the Farmer's Market was back under construction.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:** Manager Dowling is attending the NC City/County Manager's annual conference. She wanted to remind the board that the Essentials of Municipal Government classes are February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> and the board members will travel together in one vehicle to the class. Traveler's Insurance reviewed the personnel policy since the Town has added the Employment Practices Liability Insurance and found no areas of concern. The risk reviewer also walked through the Police Department since the building was being renovated during the last visit and there were no findings. The OSHA compliance visit from September has been completed and all corrections have been made.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CANCEL FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> MEETING:** *Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to cancel the February 18<sup>th</sup> meeting due to the Essentials of Municipal Government classes the board members will be attending. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

**RETREAT DISCUSSION:** The board retreat will be on Saturday, February 27, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. *Commissioner Gelbaugh made a motion for the Board Retreat to be held Evolution Wine Kitchen on Main Street. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONNECT NC:** *Commissioner Hamilton made a motion for the Town of Sylva to support Connect NC. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

**ADJOURNMENT:** *Commissioner Hensley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

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Lynda Sossamon  
Mayor

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Amanda W. Murajda  
Town Clerk