

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners  
January 26, 2017

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on January 26, 2017 at 9:15 a.m. in the Board Room of Municipal Hall, 83 Allen Street, Sylva, N.C.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

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

**VISITORS PRESENT:** Dodie Allen, Nicole Dexter, Quintin Ellison, Holly Kays, Lisa Leatherman, Marie Leatherwood, and Jason Kimenker.

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

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Marie Leatherwood addressed the board about community and tax issues. Dodie Allen addressed the board about long-time downtown merchant Phyllis Foxx and requested the Town of Sylva honor her 50+ years of service in Downtown Sylva. Allen also asked if a walking path could be added along the drive up to Jackson Plaza.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** None

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:** Commissioner Nestler thanked the Public Works department for cleaning up Chipper Curve Road. Commissioner Hamilton noted that town business owners were recognizing Valentine's Day and encouraged everyone to shop local. She also congratulated Tammy Hooper on being named the next Police Chief.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:** Manager Dowling told the board she would be attending the NC City & County Manager's Conference February 1-3. She also reminded the board of two meetings coming up including February 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. for the economic development steering committee and February 23, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. for the Highway 107 widening project.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Dan Schaeffer, Public Works Director, told the board that the new trees had been planted on Main Street and Mill Street. The Public Works Department will orchestrate a clean-up of Chipper Curve Road weekly to help maintain cleanliness. The department is working on reinforcing the wall on Railroad Avenue. They will also begin taking down the holiday decorations in Town.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Tammy Hooper thanked the board for the opportunity to become the next police chief following Chief Woodard's retirement. Woodard distributed monthly reports to the board. He told the board that the department had received a PD grant in the amount of \$25,000, applied for a Wal-Mart grant of \$2,500, and applied for the ABC grant of \$6,000. Woodard updated the board on K-9 Don's training. Officer Adams and the K-9 unit will continue training for several more weeks.

**MAIN STREET REPORT:** None.

**TWSA BOARD REPORT:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**SCHEDULE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING:**

*Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to schedule the next comprehensive economic development plan meeting for February 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

**SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST:** Manager Dowling explained that the Chamber of Commerce would be hosting a Trout Festival on May 20, 2017 in celebration of the county's new designation. Nicole Dexter of Innovation Brewing was asked by the Chamber to organize breweries in Sylva and serve alcohol. Dexter told the board this was an initiative to kick-start an annual event for cleaning up the Scotts Creek. Commissioners Nestler and Gelbaugh both commented in support. *Commissioner McPherson made a motion to approve the request to serve alcohol at the Trout Festival. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

**ADJOURNMENT:** *Commissioner Hensley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 a.m. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

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Lynda Sossamon  
Mayor

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Amanda W. Murajda  
Town Clerk