

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners
March 23, 2017

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on March 23, 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, Barbara Hamilton, Greg McPherson, and David Nestler.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Harold Hensley.

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

VISITORS PRESENT: Avram Friedman, Sheryl Rudd, Quintin Ellison, and Holly Kays.

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 an amended agenda by adding a closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) for attorney-client privilege. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Avram Friedman addressed the board about a green energy resolution. He would like the board to support climate solutions in the future and ask them to approve the resolution. With support from Commissioners McPherson and Hamilton, Commissioner Nestler requested the resolution be placed on the April 13th agenda for the board to review.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner Nestler discussed his support for the green energy resolution. Commissioner McPherson also voiced support. Commissioner Hamilton attended the county commissioner's meeting for the outdoor park planned in Dillsboro. She told the board that the Town of Sylva businesses would benefit from the park.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Dowling reminded the board that the next budget work session is March 30th at 2:00 p.m. Becky Veazey from the Maps Group is coming next week to complete the salary study. She will be meeting with employees during her study. Dowling said that she and the Mayor would be going to Raleigh on Wednesday, March 29th for Town Hall Day. The Chamber of Commerce has distributed the Concerts on the Creek posters. The Town sponsored concerts are May 26, June 2, July 21, and September 1.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Dan Schaeffer reminded the board that Arbor Day was March 17th and the Tree City Certification for the town had been submitted. He told the board that Poteet Park was currently closed because of a powerline on the ground from a recent storm.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Davis Woodard distributed monthly police department reports to the board. The Assault on Blackrock was a good success. He updated the board on the Pinnacle Park case of nails on the trail. Woodard also gave an update on Officer Adams and

K-9 unit Don's training success. The police department will be preparing for the upcoming Greening Up The Mountains festival on April 22, 2017.

MAIN STREET REPORT: Manager Dowling and Bernadette Peters attended the NC Main Street Conference the week of March 15th. The Main Street committee is preparing for Greening Up The Mountains.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT: The Planning Board will meet March 23rd. They will continue their discussion of food trucks. At their previous meeting they discussed a CUP application from Mantz Tire which will come before the Board of Adjustments on April 13th.

TWSA BOARD REPORT: None.

NEW BUSINESS

FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDING & SERVICE AGREEMENT: Manager Dowling updated the board on the renewal process of the fire department funding and service agreement between, Dillsboro, Sylva, and Webster. *Commissioner Gelbaugh made a motion to approve the agreement. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST-INNOVATION BREWING & OTHERS-ALCOHOL AT GREENING UP THE MOUNTAINS: Sheryl Rudd addressed the board about their application to serve alcohol at Greening Up The Mountains. She explained that the set-up would be the same as last year, however they are adding Deep Creek Winery to their line-up. Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to approve the request to serve alcohol at GUTM. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.

SCHEDULE PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE MEETING: *Commissioner McPherson made a motion to schedule the public art committee meeting for April 5, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. at Town Hall. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

CLOSED SESSION: *Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to enter closed session pursuant to NCGS. 143-318-11(a)(3) regarding attorney-client privilege at 9:37 a.m. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to come out of closed session. The motion carries with a unanimous vote and the Board entered into regular session at 10:19 a.m. No action was taken during closed session.

ADJOURNMENT: *Commissioner McPherson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

Lynda Sossamon
Mayor

Amanda W. Murajda
Town Clerk