

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners  
April 13, 2017

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on April 13, 2017 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 Mary Gelbaugh, Harold Hensley, Barbara Hamilton, Greg McPherson, and David Nestler.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Paige Dowling (Town Manager), Amanda Murajda (Town Clerk), Davis Woodard (Police Chief) and Eric Ridenour (Town Attorney).

**VISITORS PRESENT:** Avram Friedman and Tanner Hall.

**CALLED TO ORDER:** Mayor Sossamon called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** *Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to approve the agenda. 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 told the board she attended Town Hall Day with Manager Dowling and met with Representatives Davis, Clampitt, and Corbin and told them more funding was needed for local growth. Sossamon thanked Dan Schaeffer for the parking sign he installed.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:** Commissioner Gelbaugh told everyone she was working on a decal sticker for the new Sylva logo and it should be ready soon. Commissioner Nestler said that TWSA approved a resolution supporting the funding of the Southwest Commission agency because their funding has been threatened. Commissioner Hensley noted that the Independence Park at Mark Watson looks good. Commissioner McPherson also liked the parking signs. He added that the Public Art Committee met and had many ideas and suggestions for Sylva. Commissioner Hamilton reminded everyone to attend Greening up the Mountains.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:** Dowling reminded the board that the April 27<sup>th</sup> board meeting would be a budget work session beginning at 8:30 a.m. The Town has received the grant contract from the Clean Water Management Trust Fund and it has been signed and returned. Once their chairman has signed, Dowling will put out an RFP to develop the restoration plan. The Town and County held a bid opening for the swimming pool repair on April 4<sup>th</sup>. One bid was received from Carolina Pool Plastering in Pineville, NC. The bid price is \$83,131.60 and the Town will contract with them and the County will reimburse the Town. At this date the pool will not be open Memorial Day weekend, but if the weather is good and construction goes according to plan, the pool will hopefully be open the week of June 8<sup>th</sup> when school lets out. Greening up the Mountains is Saturday, April 22 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. There are 224

vendors registered. During the Board meeting on May 11th the staff from the NC Commerce Department will present our economic development strategic plan.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** None.

**PUBLIC HEARING-ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 38-44 SIDEWALKS IN THE GOVERNMENTAL AND INSTITUTIONAL ZONING DISTRICT:** Mayor Sossamon opened the hearing at 6:17 p.m. Manager Dowling explained that the proposed amendment to Section 38-44 would add a sidewalk requirement in the governmental and institutional zoning district like that of the B-1, B-2, and B-3 districts. *Being no comment, Commissioner Nester made a motion to close the hearing 6:17 p.m. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE AMENDMENT—38-44: SIDEWALKS IN THE GOVERNMENTAL AND INSTITUTIONAL ZONING DISTRICT:** *Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to approve the ordinance amendment. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

**GREEN ENERGY RESOLUTION:** Manager Dowling explained that the resolution for approval was discussed at the March 22, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Nestler noted that this resolution sends a good message to the State of North Carolina. *Commissioner Nestler made a motion to approve the green energy resolution. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

**MILL STREET LANE CHANGE:** Manager Dowling explained that the board passed a resolution to change the traffic pattern on Mill Street in July of 2016 but now needs to appropriate funding for the project. The cost will be \$20,000 to cover the project. Commissioner McPherson is happy about the project. Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to appropriate funding for the project from the Revolving Loan Fund Balance. The motion carries with a 4 to 1 vote. Voting in the affirmative were Commissioners Nestler, Hensley, McPherson, and Hamilton. Voting against was Commissioner Gelbaugh.

**BUDGET CALENDAR:** Manager Dowling presented the board with a revised budget calendar for the 2017-2018 budget process. *Commissioner Gelbaugh made a motion to approve the proposed calendar. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

**SCHEDULE REGULAR PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Manager Dowling explained that the newly appointed public art committee met on April 5, 2017. They would like to schedule a regular meeting of the committee at 4:30 p.m. on the last Wednesday of each month. *Commissioner McPherson made a motion to approve a regular meeting schedule of the public art committee for the last Wednesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

**ADJOURNMENT:** *Commissioner Hensley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*