

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners  
June 8, 2017

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on June 8, 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, Barbara Hamilton, Harold Hensley, and Greg McPherson.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** David Nestler.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Paige Dowling (Town Manager), and Eric Ridenour (Town Attorney).

**VISITORS PRESENT:** Haley Smith, Lisa McBride, Kathy Cirka, Jason Kimenker, Ron Arps, and Holly Kays.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** *Commissioner Hensley 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 an amended consent agenda that included the addition of accounting for a grant received by the Police Department. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Sossamon thanked the Rotary Club for their work at Potteet Park refinishing the playground.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:** Commissioner Hamilton reported that her husband found the flag of his brother on Main Street.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:** Manager Dowling reported that the pool replastering is underway. The public art committee met Wednesday, May 31st, and continued to set goals for the group. They will be working to solicit community input for a mural on Mill Street. Dowling has been working with Anna Lippard from the Jackson County Health Department to move the drug and alcohol screenings for employees to the health department. They will be able to provide services for both random selection and administer the tests. The cost of drug tests at both the hospital and urgent care have increased significantly since DLP took over. The sidewalk has been installed on Mill Street. Dowling also explained to the Board that city and county managers that have been in the profession 5 years are eligible to attend the SOG's public executive leadership academy (PELA) which is a two-week course. Dowling received a scholarship to pay half the costs and will be in Chapel Hill for the class July 10-14th and August 7-11th. Every attendee works on a project they can bring back to improve the community or organization and Dowling will be doing a capital improvement plan with a schedule for equipment replacement, facility maintenance, road resurfacing, with the costs and timeline to implement the CIP.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** None.

**PUBLIC HEARING—BRIDGE PARK:** Mayor Sossamon opened the public hearing on Bridge Park at 5:35 p.m. The board is looking for public input on additional uses and improvements at Bridge Park. Jason Kimenker told the board that he supported anything that would benefit the community and appreciated the festivals held at Bridge Park. Lisa McBride of the Farmer's Market just wanted to be updated on plans for the park because of the proximity to the Farmer's Market.

*Being no further comment the hearing was closed at 5:37 p.m.*

**BUDGET HEARING**

Mayor Sossamon opened the public hearing at 5:37 p.m. Manager Dowling told the board that the budget hearing is the final meeting before the budget adoption. She added that there was no tax increase included in the budget for the 2017-2018 year. The budget ordinance will be adopted at the June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

*Being no further comment, the hearing was closed at 5:41 p.m.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RE-APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING BOARD MEMBER ELLEN HUNTER:**

*Commissioner Hensley made a motion to re-appoint Ellen Hunter to the Planning Board for a three-year term. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

**ABC BOARD BUDGET (REVIEW ONLY):** No comments.

**ADJOURNMENT:** *Commissioner Hensley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:43 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