

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners
July 13, 2017

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Amanda Murajda (Town Clerk), and Eric Ridenour (Town Attorney).

VISITORS PRESENT: Pam Cook (NCDOT), Rose Bauguess, Holly Kays, Curt Collins, Hailey Smith, and Sarah Stahlman.

CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Sossamon called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.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 Hamilton made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Sarah Stahlman addressed the board about the uses at Bridge Park. She would like to see a kids zone added with climbing or spinning elements as well as utilize the Scotts Creek stream.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Sossamon would like for the board to consider publicity photos of the electric charging stations and new water fountain in town to thank those who helped install them.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner Gelbaugh asked if yellow lines could be painted on Race Lane between Wilson Family Chiropractic and Rite Aid because of accidents in the past. Commissioner Nestler mentioned that during his travels out west he concluded that the Ingles grocery store in Sylva was in need of great renovation. Commissioner Hensley challenged the board to donate to the Public Art Fund as a way to raise money and advertise. Commissioner McPherson told the board he walked Main Street with members of the Public Art Committee looking at various locations and the need for art. He would like the budget to include some funding for art. Commissioner Hamilton commended everyone on their work for the July 4th celebration and said it was terrific. She reiterated support for Bridge Park and its surroundings. She also added that she spoke with someone using the electric vehicle charging station and he thanked the Town of Sylva for installing them.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Dowling was out of town at a PELA class.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: The officer installation dinner will be July 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING-ORDINANCE AMENDMENT SECTION 38-50 FOOD TRUCKS:

Mayor Sossamon opened the hearing at 5:46 p.m. Sossamon explained that the proposed amendment to Section 38-50 would establish rules and regulations for food trucks. Curt Collins addressed the board and asked them to evaluate the fees that would be assessed prior to voting on the ordinance. Nestler suggested that the fees are not needed. Mayor Sossamon commented that food trucks needed to be regulated and there should be a fee. Commissioner Hensley stated that he is ok with the ordinance proposals and fees. Commissioner McPherson thanked the Planning Board for their year-long review of food trucks and creation of the ordinances. *Being no further comment, Mayor Sossamon closed the hearing at 5:54 p.m.*

PUBLIC HEARING-ORDINANCE AMENDMENT SECTION 22-15 LICENSE AND BUSINESS REGISTRATION:

Mayor Sossamon opened the hearing at 5:54 p.m. Sossamon explained that the proposed amendment to Section 22-15 would add food truck fees to the license section of the ordinances. *Being no comment, Mayor Sossaman closed the hearing at 5:54 p.m.*

NEW BUSINESS**RE-APPOINTMENT OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE BOARD**

MEMBER LUTHER JONES: *Commissioner Gelbaugh made a motion to re-appoint Luther Jones to the Historic Preservation Committee Board for a three-year term. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

NC MAIN STREET 2017-2018 ANNUAL AGREEMENT: *Commissioner Nestler made a motion to approve the 2017-2018 NC Main Street Annual Agreement. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

2017 JACKSON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN: Rose Bauguess from the Southwestern Commission addressed the board and explained the 2017 Jackson County Comprehensive Transportation Plan. The plan has been developed through a joint two-year process with the County and other officials. *Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to approve a resolution in support of the plan. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT—38-50: FOOD TRUCKS: *Commissioner Hensley made a motion to approve the ordinance amendment. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT—22-15: LICENSE AND BUSINESS REGISTRATION: *Commissioner Hensley made a motion to approve the ordinance amendment. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

FIRE DEPARTMENT MUTUAL AID CONTRACT: Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to approve the fire department mutual aid contract. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT: *Commissioner Hensley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

Lynda Sossamon
Mayor

Amanda W. Murajda
Town Clerk