

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners
November 9, 2017

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on November 9, 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 David Nestler.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Greg McPherson.

STAFF PRESENT: Paige Dowling (Town Manager), Amanda Murajda (Town Clerk), Heath Jones (Officer) and Eric Ridenour (Town Attorney).

VISITORS PRESENT: Joe Hamilton, Holly Kays, and Hailey Smith.

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

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Sossamon commended the Veterans Day Parade and thanked everyone for their service. She also congratulated Mary Gelbaugh and Barbara Hamilton on their election wins.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner Gelbaugh reminded everyone that the 4-H Club is selling Christmas trees and kissing balls as a fundraiser. Commissioner Hensley also congratulated Gelbaugh and Hamilton on their election wins. Commissioner Hamilton thought the attendance at the Veterans Day Parade was the best ever and thanked the Senior Center for the meal served to veterans. Hamilton also noted that she was looking forward to serving another four years with the board.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Christmas Parade preparation has started and the parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 2, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. Photos with Santa will be at Sassy Frass from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. the same day. Officer Mark Conner was sworn on Wednesday, November 1, 2017. The call to artists for the mural is on the Town's website and has been posted on publicartist.org, the NC public art list, and the national public art list. The Town Board will receive the Public Art Committee's recommendation January 11th. Town Hall will be closed Friday, November 20, 2017 for Veteran's Day. Small Business Saturday promotional items are being distributed to businesses that responded and requested materials. It is scheduled for Saturday, November 25, 2017.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: None.

NEW BUSINESS

POOL REPAIRS FOR MAY 2018: Manager Dowling reported that the total cost to repair the swimming pool for the 2018 season is \$86,500. This will repair the ladders, lights, panels on the fiberglass building, replace bathroom partitions, and add 4 drains in the changing area with an epoxy floor. The County has agreed to split the costs so the Town's portion will be \$43,250. At this point in the year, fund balance is the only place to transfer this from. *Commissioner Gelbaugh made a motion to budget the \$86,500 from Fund Balance and be reimbursed by Jackson County for half of the amount. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: The Town received three applications for the Public Art Committee: Jan Boyer, Ellen Hunter, and James Smythe. There are two vacancies on the committee. It was discussed that all three could benefit the committee. *Commissioner Hensley made a motion to add all three applicants to the Public Art Committee. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

JACKSON COUNTY MUNICIPAL GRANT RESOLUTION: Manager Dowling explained that Jackson County is once again offering \$5,000 municipal grants. The application for this year would be to install the three wayfinding signs that could not be afforded last year. Mayor Sossamon thanked the County for the opportunity. *Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to approve the resolution to apply for the grant and if awarded purchase and install the signs. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

ADJOURNMENT: *Commissioner Hensley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 p.m. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

Lynda Sossamon
Mayor

Amanda W. Murajda
Town Clerk