

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners  
January 11, 2018

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on January 11, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Municipal Hall, 83 Allen Street, Sylva, N.C.

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Lynda Sossamon, Mayor Barbara Hamilton, Vice-Mayor Mary Gelbaugh, Commissioner Greg McPherson, Commissioner David Nestler, Commissioner	Paige Dowling, Town Manager Amanda Murajda, Town Clerk Eric Ridenour, Town Attorney Dan Schaeffer, Public Works Tammy Hooper, Police Chief Rick Bryson, Asst. Police Chief
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Harold Hensley, Commissioner	
<b>VISITORS:</b>	Quintin Ellison and Holly Kays.	

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

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:** *Commissioner McPherson 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 that it was exciting to see the Three Billboards movie win four of the six Golden Globe awards it was nominated for.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:** Commissioner Gelbaugh also acknowledged the success of Three Billboards filmed in the Town of Sylva. Gelbaugh also asked everyone to remember the families who recently lost their homes to fires. Commissioner Hamilton commended the movie awards.

**MANAGERS REPORT:** Manager Dowling reported that Town Hall will be closed Monday, Jan. 15th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The Police Department has hired Jamie Hyatt to fill their last vacancy. Hyatt is from Sylva but has been working for the Kannapolis Police Department. The Public Art Committee met on January 10, 2017 and narrowed the mural finalists to two. They will meet on January 24, 2017 to hopefully make a selection. Dowling reminded the board that January 25th after the Board meeting will be the first budget work session.

**MAIN STREET REPORT:** Dowling has submitted the Main Street Program Assessment for 2017 to the Commerce Department which is the second report each year for the Main Street program requirements. Kendra Hamm will be the new coordinator for Greening Up The Mountains. Their first meeting will be January 17, 2017.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** None.

**PUBLIC HEARING-ORDINANCE AMENDMENT SECTION 24: SEX OFFENDERS IN PARKS:** Mayor Sossamon opened the hearing at 5:35 p.m. *Being no comments, Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to close the hearing at 5:35 p.m. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE AMENDMENT SECTION 24: SEX OFFENDERS IN PARKS:** Manager Dowling explained to the board that the ordinance was to protect our public parks from sex offenders from any state not just North Carolina. *Commissioner Gelbaugh made a motion to approve the ordinance. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

**CANCEL FEBRUARY 22, 2018 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:** The Board of Commissioners will be attending training on February 22<sup>nd</sup> so the regular board meeting will need to be canceled. *Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to cancel the meeting. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

**RESCHEDULE MARCH 22, 2018 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:** The Board of Commissioners will be holding a budget work session on March 29<sup>th</sup> and would like to move their regular meeting to the same day at 8:30 a.m. *Commissioner Gelbaugh made a motion to move the March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting to March 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

**PINNACLE PARK PRESENTATION—ALTERNATIVE TRAIL TO BLACKROCK:** In the absence of Jay Coward, Commissioner Nestler presented to the board a request from Coward asking for approval to begin the new alternative trail construction at Pinnacle Park. Nestler reported that approval had already been given from Mainspring and the Clean Water Management Trust. They were in the process of getting volunteers organized. A work session is planned for January 26, 2018, weather permitting. *Commissioner Nestler made a motion to give Jay Coward authority to begin construction on the alternative trail at Pinnacle Park. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

**CLOSED SESSION:** *Commissioner Gelbaugh made a motion to enter closed session pursuant to NCGS. 143-318-11(a)(3) regarding attorney-client privilege and NCGS. 143-318-11(a)2 regarding the premature disclosure of an award at 5:46p.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 6:20 p.m. No action was taken during closed session.*

**ADJOURNMENT:** *Commissioner Nestler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 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