

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners  
February 8, 2018

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on February 8, 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	Paige Dowling, Town Manager
	Barbara Hamilton, Vice-Mayor	Amanda Murajda, Town Clerk
	Mary Gelbaugh, Commissioner	Eric Ridenour, Town Attorney
	Harold Hensley, Commissioner	
	Greg McPherson, Commissioner	
	David Nestler, Commissioner	

**ABSENT:**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Tammy Hooper and Rick Bryson.

**VISITORS:** Dave Russell and George Neslen

**AGENDA:** *Commissioner McPherson made a motion to add two alcohol permit requests to the agenda and approve as amended. The motion carries with a unanimous vote. Commissioner Nestler made a motion to add a discussion of TWSA impact fees. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** George Neslen, owner of Creekside Restaurant, addressed the board with his concerns about TWSA impact fees. He is looking to relocate his business but due to the exceptionally high amount of impact fees he would have to pay TWSA he is not able to do so at this time. He would like to see if the Town Board could do something about the fees.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** None.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:** None.

**MANAGERS REPORT:** Manager Dowling reported that the Town and County are still working on retiling bathrooms and the lobby at the Sylva Pool. Dowling is also working on an agreement with the muralist selected to paint on the Ward Plumbing Building. The Police Department's fundraiser at Fatz in Franklin raised over \$400 for Don the K-9. His kennel has also been completed. Jay Coward delivered a map to Town Hall showing progress of the alternate trail or new trail to Blackrock. Dowling distributed copies for the board to see. She reminded the board that today is the only meeting in February because they will be attending the Essentials of Municipal Government in Asheville February 22 and 23.

**MAIN STREET REPORT:** Dowling reported that the February meeting has been changed to February 19<sup>th</sup>.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** None.

**PUBLIC HEARING-ORDINANCE AMENDMENT SECTION 19: PINNACLE PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS:** Mayor Sossamon opened the public hearing at 5:40 p.m. *Being no comments, Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to close the hearing at 5:40 p.m.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE AMENDMENT SECTION 19: PINNACLE PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS:** Manager Dowling explained that in 2008 the board developed a list of rules for Pinnacle Park however the drafted ordinance was never put into the Town's code book. The ordinance for approval will allow police to charge someone criminally if needed. *Commissioner Gelbaugh made a motion to approve the ordinance. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

**SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST-INNOVATION BREWING & OTHERS-ALCOHOL AT GREENING UP THE MOUNTAINS:** Nicole Dexter, Innovation Brewing, addressed the board about their application to serve alcohol at Greening Up The Mountains. She explained that the set-up would be the same as previous years with a crawl fish boil. *Commissioner McPherson made a motion to approve the request to serve alcohol at GUTM. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

**SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST—INNOVATION BREWING & OTHERS-ALCOHOL AT THE ANNUAL HOOK, LINE AND DRINKER FESTIVAL:** Manger Dowling explained that this event would be the same as last year sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce in the Bridge Park area. Nicole Dexter is working with the police department on increasing the designated area for drinking. *Commissioner McPherson made a motion to approve the request to serve alcohol at the Hook, Line and Drinker festival. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

**TWSA IMPACT FEES:** Commissioner Nestler opened the discussion by explaining how the current impact fee system operates. He further explained different ways of altering the effect on new businesses. Nestler would like to see the option of renting for new construction not just remodeling or adding on to an existing structure. He will present those at the TWSA meeting on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Sossamon would like to see more restaurants in town and suggested a letter of support changing the impact fee process. Commissioner Hensley added that he was against doing away with impact fees but he would support a way for Neslen as well as others to open a business. Neslen noted he was concerned with the scale of the impact fees not the fee itself. McPherson questioned why new construction was not considered with the current plan was revised. Commissioner Gelbaugh asked Nicole Dexter, who was in attendance for another matter, what she had experienced since her business had just recently started an new addition to the existing structure. Dexter explained that TWSA fees were ridiculous and that something should be done so that businesses were not hindered. Commissioner Hamilton added that she wished it were more accessible for those wanting to start their own business. *Hamilton made a motion to instruct Manager Dowling to compose a letter of support for changing the structure of impact fees and for Mayor Sossamon to sign the letter once completed. The letter is to be sent to Dan Harbaugh, TWSA Director. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

**ADJOURNMENT:** *Commissioner Hensley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 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