

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners
January 10, 2019

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on January 10, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Municipal Hall, 83 Allen Street, Sylva, N.C.

PRESENT:	Lynda Sossamon, Mayor	Amanda Murajda, Town Clerk
	Barbara Hamilton, Vice-Mayor	Paige Dowling, Town Manager
	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: Rick Bryson (Assistant Police Chief)

VISITORS: Jeannie Kelley and Kelly Brown.

AGENDA: *Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to add an item to the agenda for a Blue Zone presentation. The motion carries with a unanimous vote. Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to add a closed session pursuant to NCGS. 143-318-11(a)(3) regarding nuisance abatement on Ridgeway Street. The motion carries with a unanimous vote. Commissioner Gelbaugh made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. 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 hoped everyone had a good holiday season.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner Gelbaugh is looking forward to a positive 2019. She also commented that Morris Street is having major ice issues. Commissioner Nestler reported on a piece of property on Skyland Drive that appeared to have violated the trout buffer. He reported the issue to County officials who are investigating. Commissioner McPherson asked why NCDOT did not fix sidewalk approaches in the save vicinity as one they did fix at Hall Tire. He would like to be included in the final design decision for the Sylva welcome sign. Commissioner Hamilton thanked the police department for their work and mentioned a Women's Self Defense class that will be taught at the Methodist church.

MANAGERS REPORT: Manager Dowling reported the following:

- The Asheville Design Center meeting on 107 is Monday, January 14th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at the library. This is the community input meeting that was cancelled in December. The next meeting with ADC is January 29th at 4:00 p.m. at the library. That meeting will be a workshop with the volunteer traffic engineers from ADC, the Town, and NCDOT. The third meeting has not been scheduled yet.
- Kim Osborne-Evans is leaving the Police Department to take a job in Macon County.
- The first budget planning work session is January 24th after the regular board meeting.
- The Main Street Program Assessment/annual report has been completed and submitted to the NC Commerce Department.
- The municipal grant application to the County has been submitted for an entrance sign and electricity at Bridge Park.
- The Town has contracted with Kendra Hamm again to plan Greening Up the Mountains. Applications are available on the GUTM website. The first festival planning meeting is Wednesday, Jan. 15th at 3:00 p.m.

MAIN STREET REPORT: Kelly Brown reported that the Christmas festivities sponsored by the committee were a success and netted revenue. The children in the 1st Explorers program will be participating in Love Our Locals by designing posters to go in Town businesses. A Brew Hop will be on April 6, 2019.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: None.

NEW BUSINESS

CWMTF BLACKROCK GRANT RESOLUTION: Manager Dowling explained that the board would need to approve the resolution execute a contract and accept funding with the Clean Water Management Trust Fund for the pending purchase of the Blackrock Creek property. *Commissioner Gelbaugh made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT: Manager Dowling reported that the committee would like to add another member so that there is an odd number of members. If the position is approved the committee will amend their bi-laws. Commissioner McPherson made a motion to add one member to the Public Art Committee. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.

BLUE ZONE PRESENTATION: Sallie Taylor of Highlands presented to the board about Blue Zones which are places where people live measurably longer, happier lives with lower rates of chronic diseases and a higher quality of life.

CLOSED SESSION: *Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to enter closed session pursuant to NCGS. 143-318-11(a)(3) to consult with the town attorney about a nuisance abatement on Ridgeway Street at 6:09 p.m. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

Commissioner McPherson made a motion to come out of closed session. The motion carries with a unanimous vote and the Board entered into regular session at 6:26 p.m. No action was taken during closed session.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT FROM CLOSED SESSION: Commissioner Nestler made a motion to proceed with tax foreclosure or nuisance abatement, whichever Attorney Ridenour finds necessary, on property located on Ridgeway Street.

ADJOURNMENT: *Commissioner Hensley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

Lynda Sossamon
Mayor

Amanda W. Murajda
Town Clerk