

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners  
February 14, 2019

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on February 14, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Municipal Hall, 83 Allen Street, Sylva, N.C.

**PRESENT:** Lynda Sossamon, Mayor  
Barbara Hamilton, Vice-Mayor  
Mary Gelbaugh, Commissioner  
Harold Hensley, Commissioner  
Greg McPherson, Commissioner  
David Nestler, Commissioner

Amanda Murajda, Town Clerk  
Paige Dowling, Town Manager  
Eric Ridenour, Town Attorney

**ABSENT:**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**VISITORS:** Jeannie Kelley.

**AGENDA:** *Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to add a closed session pursuant to NCGS. 143-318-11(a)(2) to prevent the premature disclosure of an honorary award and 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:** Jeannie Kelley addressed the board about her continued concerns on the Highway 107 construction project. She asked why the board wants this project the way it is currently designed as it doesn't match the feasibility study. She would like the NCDOT and Town of Sylva to be more public with sharing information and asked why the rush of the project

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Sossamon shared a letter from Trout Unlimited thanking the Town for their help with cleaning up the Scotts Creek.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:** Commissioner Gelbaugh thanked the Public Works Department for putting up a sign on Mill and Main Street. Commissioner McPherson thanked the Public Works Department for painting curbs yellow for public safety. He also added that the pedestrian approaches to the bridge at the Coffee Shop are now accessible.

**MANAGERS REPORT:** Manager Dowling reported the following:

- R-5600 65% plans will be available the beginning of June. A utility meeting is scheduled with Asheville Design Center.
- The Town's dates for Concerts on the Creek are May 24, August 2, August 16, August 23 and August 30.
- Public Works assisted with the Trout Unlimited Scotts Creek cleanup January 26. Volunteers removed 6,580 pounds of trash from several upper sections of the creek.
- There is still a vacancy at the Police Department for an officer.
- Department heads are working on their budget worksheets which are due March 1.

**MAIN STREET REPORT:** Planning for Greening Up the Mountains had begun. There are currently 69 vendor applications. The Main Street Committee is working on a "Love Our Locals" campaign for February.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENT:** Manager Dowling reported that the terms of Ben Guiney and Boyd Sossamon would expire February 28, 2019. *Commissioner Nestler made a motion to reappoint Ben Guiney to the Planning Board. The motion carries with a unanimous vote. Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to reappoint Boyd Sossamon to the Planning Board. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

**CLOSED SESSION:** *Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to enter closed session pursuant to NCGS. 143-318-11(a)(2) to prevent the premature disclosure of an honorary award at 5:45p.m. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

*Commissioner Nestler made a motion to come out of closed session. The motion carries with a unanimous vote and the Board entered into regular session at 6:02 p.m. No action was taken during closed session.*

**ADJOURNMENT:** *Commissioner Hensley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 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