

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners
March 28, 2019

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on March 28, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room of Municipal Hall, 83 Allen Street, Sylva, N.C.

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

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

ABSENT:

Mayor Sossamon called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT: Rick Bryson (Asst. Police Chief), Tammy Hooper (Police Chief) and Jake Scott (Public Works Director).

VISITORS: David Ginn, Holly Kays, Kevin Morden, Melissa Orr, Dave Russell and Julie Spiro.

AGENDA: *Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to add a proclamation to the agenda supporting April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. 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 Nestler made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner Gelbaugh reported that she had received requests from residents for a speed bump on Caldwell and Keener Streets. She also asked if animal waste bags were available near the fountain on Main Street. Commissioner McPherson thanked the Police Department for their work on regulating crosswalks and speed in town. Commissioner Hamilton added that she was glad to see new businesses in town such as Creekside Oyster who recently broke ground on a new location.

MANAGERS REPORT: Manager Dowling reported the following:

- The final Asheville Design Center meeting is April 17, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the library.
- Greening up the Mountains vendor spaces are now full. GUTM is Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
- The Public Art Committee meeting for March is cancelled due to lack of quorum. The next meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.
- Construction on the bridge between Sylva and Dillsboro is supposed to begin April 16, 2019. Construction on the Skyland Drive sidewalk is expected to begin April 23, 2019. The ROW date on R-5600 has moved from 12/20/19 to 1/6/2020.
- Kristy Carter with Friction Shift will be conducting a site visit April 2, 2019 for our zoning ordinance review and land use map.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: Jake Scott reported that the department is busy preparing for spring. They are completing various spring-cleaning items on flower beds, applying fertilizer and weed control. The roof on the Highway Patrol building will be painted in the next two weeks.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Tammy Hooper reviewed the monthly statistics report. She reported that the department will be participating in Pinwheels & Popcorn on April 1st for Child Abuse Prevention month. The Assault on Blackrock race was a success. The department's Citizens Police Academy will begin in April.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT: The Planning Board attended the NC Highway 107 construction meeting on March 21, 2019 as their March meeting.

TWSA BOARD REPORT: Commissioner Nestler reported that the March workshops were cancelled.

NEW BUSINESS

SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST—INNOVATION BREWING & OTHERS-ALCOHOL AT THE ANNUAL HOOK, LINE AND DRINKER FESTIVAL: Julie Spiro reported that there will be 25 vendors at the festival located at Bridge Park. Food trucks will be in the paved lot next to the pavilion. *Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to approve alcohol and the Hook, Line and Drinker Festival. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

PROCLAMATION: APRIL AS SEXUAL ASSUALT AWARENESS MONTH: Melissa Orr, from REACH of Macon County, addressed the board and discuss the purpose behind April being sexual assault awareness month. She thanked the board for supporting the cause. *Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to approve the proclamation. 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) to consult with the town attorney about a hazard abatement on at 9:15 a.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 9:38 a.m. No action was taken during closed session.

ADJOURNMENT: *Commissioner Hensley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 a.m. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

Lynda Sossamon
Mayor

Amanda W. Murajda
Town Clerk