

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners  
April 11, 2019

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on April 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Municipal Hall, 83 Allen Street, Sylva, N.C.

**PRESENT:** Lynda Sossamon, 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:** Barbara Hamilton, Vice-Mayor

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

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**VISITORS:** Cami Couch, Quintin Ellison, Holly Kays, Aimee Watson and Keegan Wiggins

**AGENDA:** *Commissioner Gelbaugh made a motion to approve the amended agenda as presented. 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:** Mayor Sossamon recently attended the NC Association of Municipal Mayors regional meeting. She also attended the Southwest Commission quarterly meeting where Richard Sneed, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Indians, spoke about the Catawba Indian Nation wanting to build a Casino. Sneed is requesting support through a petition against allowing the casino. Sossamon would like to add the petition to the April 25, 2019 agenda.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:** Commissioner Gelbaugh reminded everyone about the Tuckasegee River clean-up. Commissioner Nestler drew attention to the consent agenda item on street lights. He noted that adding street lights to Mill Street was good. Commissioner McPherson also voiced support for the street lights and the Tuckasegee River clean-up. He asked if sidewalks could be added at the end of Main Street from the business End of Main.

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

- The site visit for the zoning ordinance review has been completed and consultants will attend the April 18<sup>th</sup> Planning Board meeting to discuss the zoning ordinance and land uses.
- The survey process on the purchase of property on Blackrock Creek and Shut-In Creek is progressing slowly. There is approximately 60 more days left to complete the survey. This means it is unlikely that the purchase will close on the property until late June or early July.
- The roof on the Fire Department/Highway Patrol has been completed.
- The final Asheville Design Center meeting is Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at the library. ADC will present any further improvements to the design.
- Town employees participated in the wellness fair with the JC Health Department on Friday, April 5, 2019.
- GUTM vendor booths are full. There are approximately 150 vendors registered. The festival is Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- The Police Department has been working very hard with Jackson County Emergency Management on an emergency incident plan for Greening Up the Mountains. This plan can be modified for future festivals.
- MSSA is having a litter cleanup Sunday, April 14, 2109 at 11:00 starting at the intersection of Mill and Main.

**MAIN STREET REPORT:** Manager Dowling reported that the Brew Hop event had a profit of \$2,600.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ABC BOARD APPOINTMENT:** Manager Dowling explained that Marion Jones' appointment was expiring at the end of June 2019. The Town Board voted to remove term limits from the ABC Board in conjunction with the County and because of that, anyone with a term ending must be reappointed to an indefinite term. *Commissioner McPherson made a motion to reappoint Marion Jones to the ABC Board. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

**ABC BOARD CHAIRMAN APPOINTMENT:** The bylaws of the ABC Board require that the chairman position be appointed annually. *Commissioner Gelbaugh motioned to reappoint David Noland as the chairman of the ABC Board for the 2019-2020 year. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

**PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:** The board discussed dissolving the Public Art Committee at the March 28, 2019 budget planning session. It was suggested that the committee should become a part of the Main Street Design Committee. This would allow more opportunity for growth and development of the committee's ideas. Two members of the Public Art Committee would like to see the it moved to the MSSA. Commissioner Nestler added that combining the two would make the MSSA stronger. Commissioner McPherson noted that dissolving the art committee was not ideal. He believes that the committee can build its strengths with the right membership. *Commissioner Gelbaugh motioned to dissolve the Public Art Committee as a formal board of the Town of Sylva and make it a part of the Main Street Sylva Association. The motion carries with a 4 to 1 vote. Voting in the affirmative were Commissioners Gelbaugh, Hensley, and Nestler. Voting against the motion was Commissioner McPherson.*

**PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT:** Not needed because of the previously approved motion to dissolve the Public Art Committee.

**AMEND 2019-2020 BUDGET CALENDAR:** *Commissioner Nestler made a motion to amend the 2019-2020 budget schedule by canceling the April 25, 2019 budget work session and making the tentative May 2, 2019 work session a permanent budget meeting at 3:00 p.m. where the draft budget will be presented. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

**RESCHEDULE MAY 23, 2019 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:** *Commissioner Gelbaugh made a motion to move the May 23, 2019 regular board meeting from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in conjunction with the scheduled public hearing on the 2019-2020 budget. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

**CLOSED SESSION:** *Commissioner Nestler made a motion to enter closed session pursuant to NCGS. 143-318-11(a)(6) regarding personnel at 5:58 p.m.*

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** *Commissioner Hensley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 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