

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners  
May 9, 2019

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on May 9, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Municipal Hall, 83 Allen Street, Sylva, N.C.

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

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

**ABSENT:** Harold Hensley, Commissioner  
Lynda Sossamon, Mayor

Vice-Mayor Hamilton called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Tammy Hooper (Police Chief).

**VISITORS:** Tanner Hall

**AGENDA:** *Commissioner Gelbaugh made a motion to approve the amended agenda as presented. 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:** None.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** None.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:** Commissioner McPherson thanked the Town for painting a sidewalk below the business End of Main. Commissioner Hamilton expressed her acceptance of the Nantahala Brewing construction.

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

- Code Assessment: Dowling, along with John Jeleniewski and Eric Ridenour have been reviewing the draft code assessment the consultants have completed. The Planning Board is meeting Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. to continue to discuss the consultants' recommendations and work on a future land-use map. The map and assessment will be completed by July.
- The Town has advertised the upcoming Police Chief vacancy when Chief Hooper retires at the beginning of August.
- Pinnacle Park: The alternate trail to Blackrock is still progressing. Members of the Public Works crew have been working in the park with Jay Coward a few days the last two weeks. The work is almost complete.
- Reminder: The budget hearing is May 23, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. The morning meeting was moved to 5:30 p.m. since the Public Hearing on the Budget was already scheduled that evening.

**MAIN STREET REPORT:** Manager Dowling reported that the MSSA Design Committee is meeting May 8, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at Black Balsam Outdoors to continue brainstorming public art ideas for Town. They discussed a sculpture tour, monthly art stroll, and showcasing local artwork in downtown businesses during their last meeting.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION: EVENT STREET CLOSURE—JULY 4, 2019:** Due to the growing crowds for the July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities it has become necessary to close Railroad Avenue and Mill Street for safety. Commissioner Nestler made a motion to approve the resolution to close the streets for a festival. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.

**MAIN STREET CONTRACT:** The National Main Street Program requires that the agreement be provided to the governing board each year. It outlines benefits of the program and requirements for participation. *Commissioner McPherson made a motion to approve the contract. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

**FORMAL PRESENTATION OF FY 2019-2020 BUDGET:** Manager Dowling formally presented the FY 2019-2020 budget to the board and reminded them of the public hearing scheduled for May 23, 2019.

**ADJOURNMENT:** *Commissioner Gelbaugh made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

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Barbara Hamilton  
Vice-Mayor

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Amanda W. Murajda  
Town Clerk