

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners
December 12, 2019

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on December 12, 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
Harold Hensley, Commissioner
Mary Gelbaugh, 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: Lynn Bryant (Finance Officer), Chris Hatton (Police Chief) and Jake Scott (Public Works Director).

VISITORS: Quintin Ellison, Sarah Thompson, Glenda Hensley, Luther Jones, Livingston Kelley, Linda Kelley, Boyd Sossamon, Brenda Oliver, Bronwyn Burlison, Dan Schaeffer, Jenny McPherson, Dave Russell, Ethan Confer, Vickie Nestler and Ben Guiney.

AGENDA: *Commissioner Gelbaugh made a motion to approve the agenda. 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 asked the board to be thinking about dates for a board planning retreat.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner Nestler reported that TWSA was in the process of interviewing candidates for the Director position. Commissioner Hensley expressed his appreciation for serving on the board. Commissioner Hamilton thanked everyone that helped with the Christmas weekend festivities and tree lighting for the Town of Sylva.

MANAGERS REPORT:

- The 2019 Christmas Parade had 54 participants. The 2020 Christmas Parade will be Sunday, December 6th at 3:00 p.m.
- 154 people attended the meeting on the NC 107/R-5600 right-of-way on December 9, 2019.
- The lease and right of first refusal have been sent to First Baptist Church for the parking lot next to Humanite.
- The Town will be working with CWMTF to see if equestrian use can be added so that the uses would be the same as Pinnacle Park.
- There are two vacancies on the Planning Board, Joe Bill Matthews and Ben Guiney. Interested parties can find the application on the town's website under forms.
- The Town needs to appoint a replacement to the Jackson Neighbors in Need board. Commissioner Hensley's seat needs to be replaced.
- Sylva Art & Design Committee is having their winter pop-up art show Friday, December 13, 2019 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. in Victoria Shufelt's space next to Jackson General.
- The Town's Christmas holidays are December 24, 25, and 26. The Christmas day trash route will run Friday, December 27th. The New Years' day trash route will run Thursday, Jan. 2nd.

MAIN STREET REPORT: The Main Street Committee will meet Monday, December 16, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: None.

NEW BUSINESS

AUDIT REPORT: Bronwyn Burleson of Burleson and Earley, PA presented the financial statements and auditor's report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. An unmodified opinion was given with no findings. Burleson encouraged the board to review the report and to read the management discussion.

SCHEDULE STAFF CHRISTMAS LUNCH: *Commissioner Gelbaugh made a motion to schedule the Town of Sylva staff Christmas lunch for Friday, December 20, 2019. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.*

PRESENTATION OF APPRECIATION: Mayor Sossamon presented Commissioner Hensley with a plaque of appreciation for his years of service on the Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners.

SWEARING –IN CEREMONY: The Honorable Monica Leslie performed the ceremony and administered the oath of office to the elected commissioners.

Ben Guiney, Commissioner
Greg McPherson, Commissioner
David Nestler, Commissioner

ADJOURNMENT: *Commissioner Nestler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 p.m. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

Lynda Sossamon
Mayor

Amanda W. Murajda
Town Clerk