

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners  
January 23, 2020

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on January 23, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room of Municipal Hall, 83 Allen Street, Sylva, N.C.

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Lynda Sossamon, Mayor	Paige Dowling, Town Manager
	Barbara Hamilton, Vice-Mayor	Amanda Murajda, Town Clerk
	Mary Gelbaugh, Commissioner	Eric Ridenour, Town Attorney
	Ben Guiney, Commissioner	
	Greg McPherson, Commissioner	
	David Nestler, Commissioner	

**ABSENT:**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Rick Bryson (Asst. Police Chief), Chris Hatton (Police Chief) and Jake Scott (Public Works Director).

**VISITORS:** Marie Leatherwood, Erin McCully, Gene Tunnell, Peter Tay, Mary Brown, Holly Kays, Dave Russell, Melissa Madrona, Donna Dillard, Jason Dillard, Dakota Dillard, Holly Dillard, Luke Hopkins and David Monteith.

**AGENDA:** *Commissioner Gelbaugh made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

**CONSENT AGENDA:** *Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Marie Leatherwood expressed her concerns about the Highway 107 (R5600) construction project and the effects on the community. Peter Tay addressed the board about advocating for bike trails at Pinnacle Park and Black Rock Creek.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** None.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:** Commissioner Nestler advised the board that he was scheduling lunch meetings with Nantahala Health Foundation and Dogwood Health Trust to discuss grant funding. Commissioner Guiney requested would like to have future discussions about multi-use trails at Pinnacle Park and Black Rock Creek. Commissioner Hamilton expressed her concerns about traffic speeding in Town.

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

- Employment Updates:
  - Mallory Caraway began her employment as the fire coordinator January 21, 2020.
  - Jacob Waldroup has been hired as a police officer. He is from Andrews and has just completed BLET. He will begin January 27, 2020.
- Manager Dowling will be attending the NC City & County Manager's winter seminar in Winston-Salem February 4-7, 2020.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:** Jake Scott reported the following:

- The 2020 Community Waste & Reduction grant has been submitted.
- The 2020 Dogwood Trust grant has been submitted for equipment for trails.
- A new storm drain has been installed on Wilkes Crescent.
- The department has painted the Police Department.
- There will be a Scotts Creek clean-up day on January 25, 2020 with Trout Unlimited

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Chris Hatton reviewed the department’s annual statistics report and discussed the department’s plan for traffic control on Main and Mill Streets.

**PLANNING BOARD REPORT:** The Planning Board met on January 16, 2020 and reviewed the current Food Truck ordinance. The board will present proposed changes at the February 13, 2020 meeting.

**TWSA BOARD REPORT:** Commissioner Nestler reported that TWSA is still searching for a new director.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT—CENTER FOR DOMESTIC PEACE AND REACH SERVICES:**

*Commissioner Nestler made a motion to approve the resolution of support for the Center for Domestic Peace. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT—ENERGY INNOVATION AND CARDON DIVIDEND ACT:** Commissioner Guiney expressed his concerns about the resolution. Erin McCully and Gene Tunnell spoke on behalf of the group requesting support. Commissioner McPherson stated that working toward a green environment had been a focus of his. Commissioner Hamilton sated that being proactive was a step in the right direction. *Commissioner Nestler made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion carries with a 4-1 vote. Voting in the affirmative was Commissioners Gelbaugh, Nestler, McPherson and Hamilton. Voting against the resolution was Commissioner Guiney.*

**RETIREMENT RECOGNITION:** Manager Dowling presented Tim Dillard with a plaque of appreciation for his nearly 15 years with the Town of Sylva. Dillard retires from the Town February 1, 2020.

**ADJOURNMENT:** *Commissioner Guiney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m. The motion carries with a unanimous vote. A reception honoring the retirement of Tim Dillard was held following the meeting.*

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Lynda Sossamon  
Mayor

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Amanda W. Murajda  
Town Clerk