

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners
February 13, 2020

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on February 13, 2020 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
Mary Gelbaugh, Commissioner
Ben Guiney, 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: Chris Hatton (Police Chief) and Jake Scott (Public Works Director).

VISITORS: Delia Costa, Ethan Confer, Alan Brown, Melissa Madrona, Holly Kays and Dave Russell.

AGENDA: *Commissioner Gelbaugh made a motion to approve the agenda. 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 acknowledged a letter from Trout Unlimited thanking the Public Works Department and other volunteers for their help in cleaning up the Scotts Creek area. Sossamon asked the board to send her items of interest for the next NCLM Board of Directors meeting she will be attending.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner Gelbaugh reminded everyone to shop local. Commissioner Nestler reported to the board that he had met with two organizations about possible grant funding. The Nantahala Health Foundation and American Rivers will be sending further information. Commissioner McPherson noted that he had reviewed the Asheville Design Center's report on the R5600 construction project and would like to thank them for their efforts. Commissioner Hamilton announced that Jackson Neighbors in Need will begin work on new small homes in the near future.

MANAGERS REPORT:

- Employment Update: The Public Works Senior Maintenance Technician position was extended to broaden the applicant pool.
- The Skyland Drive sidewalk project has been delayed due to NCDOT's budget shortfall. The contract is now scheduled to be approved in July 2021. Plans are over 75% complete
- Bands have been booked for the entire Concerts on the Creek series. Town sponsored concert nights and bands are May 22 (Eleanor Underhill & Friends), May 29 (SKA CITY), July 24 (Darren and the Buttered Toast), August 21 (The Get Right Band), and September 4 (Daddy Rabbit). The Town is sharing the cost of Shand Meade and the Sound with the Rec. Dept. June 19th since there are so many concerts this summer.
- Dowling attended the County's pedestrian plan steering committee. Part of the community engagement will be a survey of areas throughout the county that need pedestrian facilities.

MAIN STREET REPORT: The 5th annual brew hop will be April 4th from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The Design Committee is having their spring pop-up show April 4th from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Proceeds will be split between the Design Committee and the community garden. Unfortunately, Bernadette Peters resigned from MSSA for family reasons.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: None.

PUBLIC HEARING-ORDINANCE AMENDMENT SECTION 38-50: FOOD TRUCKS: Mayor Sossamon opened the public hearing at 5:41 p.m. *Being no comments, Commissioner Nestler made a motion to close the hearing at 5:41 p.m. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.*

PUBLIC HEARING-ORDINANCE AMENDMENT SECTION 22-15: LICENSE AND BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS: Mayor Sossamon opened the public hearing at 5:42 p.m. *Being no comments, Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to close the hearing at 5:42 p.m. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.*

NEW BUSINESS

SWEAR IN PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS: Mayor Sossamon administered the oath of office for Planning Board members Alan Brown and Melissa Madrona.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT SECTION 38-50: FOOD TRUCKS: *Commissioner Gelbaugh made a motion to approve the ordinance amendment. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.*

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT SECTION 22-15: LICENSE AND BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS: Commissioner Nestler asked for clarification on the amendment. Manager Dowling explained that trash disposal requirements had been changed to only the vendor trash, not patrons, and set-up location had been updated to allow vendors to pay an additional fee to park for the day in a town-owned space. *Commissioner McPherson made a motion to approve the ordinance amendment. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.*

SCHEDULE BOARD WORK SESSION: *Commissioner Gelbaugh made a motion to schedule a board work session prior to the scheduled budget meeting on March 26, 2020. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.*

ADJOURNMENT: *Commissioner Guiney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.*

Lynda Sossamon
Mayor

Amanda W. Murajda
Town Clerk