

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners
February 27, 2020

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on February 27, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room of Municipal Hall, 83 Allen Street, Sylva, N.C.

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

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

ABSENT: Lynda Sossamon, Mayor

Vice-Mayor Hamilton called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT: Chris Hatton (Police Chief) and Jake Scott (Public Works Director).

VISITORS: Dave Russell and Gail Lazarus

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner Nestler asked if the board would consider a resolution for Medicaid expansion on a future agenda. A majority of the board would like to add the resolution to a future agenda. Commissioner Guiney reported that the use of mountain bikes on the Pinnacle Park and Blackrock Creek trails needs to be addressed. He requested that Manager Dowling research the use of bikes and correspond with Mainspring and Clean Water Management and report back. Commissioner McPherson would like a follow-up report from Manager Dowling and NCDOT upon completion of their meeting to discuss ADC R5600 recommendations. Commissioner Hamilton reported that WCU students are working with Main Street businesses on their partnership with WCU.

MANAGERS REPORT: Manager Dowling reported the following:

- Budget Update: Budget requests due March 2, 2020. The next budget work session is March 26, 2020 after the regular meeting.
- March 12th meeting: There will be a board of adjustment meeting at 5:30 p.m. on March 12, 2020 for a conditional use permit request for multi-family housing.
- Blackrock Creek: Grant paperwork is still in process. Mainspring and the Conservation Fund will be assisting in the completion of the grant paperwork.
- 107 Business Summit. The business summit is an opportunity for business owners impacted by the Highway 107 construction project to network for the transitional time.
- Plans are well under way for Greening Up the Mountains. The festival is April 25, 2020 from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: Jake Scott reported that a new central heat and air unit had been installed at Town Hall and the boiler at the Fire Department was being repaired. Scott recently attended training for local government officials. The department is working on preparing Pinnacle Park for the Assault on Blackrock event.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chris Hatton reported that the department would be fully staffed the first week in March. The department has been conducting an aggressive driving campaign the month of February and it has

resulted in numerous citations, warnings and arrests. In the near future the department will be displaying a new logo and image.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT: The Planning Board met on February 20, 2020 and reviewed a conditional use permit application from Southern Properties and Development LLC for a multi-unit family housing complex on Savannah Drive.

TWSA BOARD REPORT: Commissioner Nestler reported that Daniel Manring has been hired as the new director of TWSA. The TWSA Board is in the process of scheduling meetings for policy review.

NEW BUSINESS

AMERICAN RIVERS BRIDGE PARK PROJECT PROPOSAL: Gail Lazarus from American Rivers addressed the board and presented their proposal for Bridge Park improvements according to a watershed study performed by Equinox. She also discussed funding opportunities available through grants.

ADJOURNMENT: *Commissioner Guiney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 a.m. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

Lynda Sossamon
Mayor

Amanda W. Murajda
Town Clerk