

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners
February 4, 2010

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held a regularly scheduled meeting on February 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of Municipal Hall, 83 Allen Street, Sylva, N.C.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Maurice Moody and Commissioners Sarah Graham, Danny Allen, Ray Lewis, Christina Matheson and Stacy Knotts

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Brandi King (Town Clerk) and Eric Ridenour (Town Attorney)

VISITORS PRESENT: Nick Breedlove and Eric Moore

CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Moody called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: *Commissioner Knotts made a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended and the motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Moody stated there has been some concern regarding the Town's Committee Meetings. Moody distributed handouts that explained special meetings. Moody stated that anyone can attend and participate in special meetings since they are open to the public. Moody has also asked Isenhower to verify this with the School of Government.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: None

MANAGER'S REPORT: None

PLANNING BOARD REPORT: None

PUBLIC HEARING (GI & I-1 SIGN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT): The public hearing was called to order at 7:06 p.m. Mayor Moody stated the purpose of the sign ordinance amendment is to adopt the B-3 sign regulations for the GI and I-1 districts. There was no public input. The public hearing was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION: *Commissioner Knotts made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (3) regarding privileged information. The motion carries and the Board entered into closed session at 7:07 p.m.*

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to come out of closed session. The motion carries and the Board entered into regular session at 7:37 p.m.

SIGN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR GI AND I-1 DISTRICTS: *Commissioner Graham made a motion to apply the B-3 sign regulations to the GI and I-1 Districts. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

FRANK LAY'S LEASE FOR OLD CHAMBER BUILDING: *Commissioner Knotts made a motion to have Town Attorney Ridenour draft a letter to Frank Lay regarding his delinquent status. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

TOWN ATTORNEY APPOINTMENT DISCUSSION: Ridenour's four year term has expired and has recommended the Board bid out the Town Attorney position. Commissioner Graham stated they should not choose the Town Attorney based on the lowest bid. Commissioner Matheson stated they should accept proposals from others to see their qualifications. Matheson will work with Adrienne to get the appropriate advertisement together. The ad will run for two weeks and all interested parties should submit their credentials, recommendations and rates to the Board so they can make a decision at the March 18th meeting.

HAZARD ABATEMENT ISSUES: Ridenour served Robert S. Brooks of Rhodes Cove with an order of abatement but has received no response. *Commissioner Lewis made a motion to have Ridenour contact Mr. Brooks personally to try to resolve the abatement order and then take legal action to enforce the order of abatement if talking to him personally is unsuccessful. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

BOARD RETREAT DISCUSSION: The Board Retreat was scheduled for Monday, February 22nd at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room. Mayor Moody and Isenhower will get the agenda together.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT: Commissioner Lewis stated the Public Works Committee met February 2nd and discussed installing trash receptacles on Mill Street. The Public Works Committee recommendation is to purchase three trash receptacles for Mill Street. *Commissioner Lewis made a motion to purchase three trash receptacles for Mill Street for \$3,059. The funds will be used from the Sanitation Fund Balance. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

ADJOURNMENT: *Commissioner Graham made a motion to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.*

Maurice Moody
Mayor

Brandi H. King
Town Clerk