

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners
November 6, 2014

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on November 6, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Municipal Hall, 83 Allen Street, Sylva, N.C.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Maurice Moody and Commissioners Danny Allen, Harold Hensley, Mary Gelbaugh, Barbara Hamilton, and Lynda Sossamon.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Paige Dowling (Town Manager), Amanda Murajda (Town Clerk) and Eric Ridenour (Town Attorney)

VISITORS PRESENT: Crystal Cogdill, Beth Dennis, Quintin Ellison, and Jeremy Morrison

CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Moody called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: *Commissioner Hensley made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Beth Dennis of Hollifield Jewelers asked the board to reconsider renovations to the former depot site on Mill Street because of a loss of parking spaces for business owners. She requested a consensus in the area to house both picnic tables and parking spaces.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Moody welcomed Amanda Murajda as the new Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner Allen challenged fellow members and citizens be become more educated on social media. Commissioner Hamilton voiced her disappointment in the turnout for the fundraiser concert held on November 1, 2014 at the Library. The concert was to raise funds for the July fireworks celebration.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Dowling stated the new pumper fire truck was delivered on November 5th. She also stated that clean-up of the Stearns building is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, November 12th and will take approximately 4-6 days to complete. The Christmas parade will be on Saturday, December 6th and the theme for this year is "Memories of a Hometown Christmas". The Sylva Fire Department will be the grand marshal. Dowling attended the CTP meeting on November 5th. A public hearing for the ETJ will be on December 4th. Small business Saturday will Saturday, November 29, 2014.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT: None.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: None

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: None

MAIN STREET REPORT: None

PLANNING BOARD REPORT: The Planning Board met on October 23rd and discussed off-premise signs. They also recommended to the Town Board to re-zone parcels of B-1 from Nationwide Insurance to the house beside the Coffee Shop, also making the Scotts Creek a natural barrier. *Commissioner Sossamon made the motion to proceed by scheduling a public hearing to re-zone those parcels in order to make both sides of the street zoned B-1. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

The Planning Board requested a change in regular meeting times to be 5:30 p.m. instead of 5:00 p.m. *Commissioner Hensley made the motion to accept the change. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.* The next meeting will be on November 20th.

SWEAR IN TOWN CLERK: Mayor Moody administered the oath of office for Town Clerk Amanda Murajda.

SWEAR IN TAX COLLECTOR: Mayor Moody administered the oath of office for Tax Collector Amanda Murajda.

TRAFFIC STUDY: A committee of 7 members including Howard Allman, Beth Dennis, Mike Fitzgerald, Phyllis Foxx, Russ Harris, Bernadette Peters, and Julie Spiro were recommended to serve on the traffic study committee. *Commissioner Hensley made a motion to accept this committee. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

CLOSED SESSION: *Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5) to negotiate a potential contract. The motion carries with a unanimous vote and the Board entered into closed session at 6:14 p.m.*

Commissioner Hensley made a motion to come out of closed session. The motion carries with a unanimous vote and the Board entered into regular session at 6:41 p.m.

CONTRACT ACCEPTANCE: *Commissioner Hensley made a motion to purchase the parking lot owned by Jim Gray on Railraod Avenue adjacent to Bridge Park at a cost of \$255,000. The motion carries with a unanimous vote. Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to fund the purchase of the lot with \$200,000 from Fund Balance and \$55,000 from the Fisher Creek fund. The motion carries with four commissioners in support of the use of funds. Commissioner Allen is opposed to the use of the Fisher Creek funds.*

ADJOURNMENT: *Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45p.m. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

Maurice Moody
Mayor

Amanda W. Murajda
Town Clerk