

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners
March 19, 2015

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on February 19, 2015 at 9:15 a.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: Amanda Murajda (Town Clerk), Davis Woodard (Police Chief), Dan Schaeffer (Public Works Director), Mike Beck (Fire Chief).

VISITORS PRESENT: Benji Reece & Aaron Kimmel (N.C. Forest Service), Charles Pringle, Jeff Goss.

CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Moody called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor Moody requested that two items be added to the agenda: request from Boy Scouts and change in time of April budget meeting. *Commissioner Sossamon made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Moody reported that he may have missed incoming emails due to computer failure.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner Gelbaugh thanked the Public Works department for their prompt attention on installing a street light on Evalina Street. Commissioner Hamilton noted that progress was being made in renovating the Stearns building.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Dowling was absent while attending the Main Street Conference in Morganton, NC.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Dan Schaeffer is working with Katherine Montgomery and the Garden Club installing stairs and landscaping on Mill Street.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: None.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Mike Beck asked the Board for permission to discuss the purchase of land for a sub-station with the Town of Dillsboro. According to Beck, if the land

was purchased by the Town of Dillsboro, they would own the property and building and would consider a 100-year lease. *By consensus, the Board agreed to grant Beck permission to further discussions with the Town of Dillsboro.*

ARBOR DAY PRESENTATION: Benji Reece and Aaron Kimmel, on behalf of the N.C. Forrest Service, Tree City USA, and the Arbor Day Foundation, presented the Town with a plaque in recognition of 10 years as a Tree City. They also noted that the Town of Sylva is the western-most city in North Carolina with this recognition.

CHANGE OF TIME FOR APRIL BUDGET MEETING: Manager Dowling has requested that the starting time for the budget meeting scheduled for April 30th be changed to 8:30 a.m so that she can attend another meeting. *Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to approve the change as requested. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

REQUEST FROM BOY SCOUTS: The local chapter of Boy Scouts has requested to use an area of the town near the Community Table for an overnight campout while participating in community service and learning about homeless issues. Dan Schaeffer recommends that the Boy Scouts use the parking lot behind Town Hall as their campout area. *Commissioner Sossamon made a motion to grant permission, with Dan Schaeffer and Manager Dowling overseeing the details. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

ADJOURNMENT: *Commissioner Hensley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 a.m. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

Maurice Moody
Mayor

Amanda W. Murajda
Town Clerk