

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners
December 3, 2015

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on December 3, 2015 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, Barbara Hamilton, Harold Hensley, Mary Gelbaugh, and Lynda Sossamon.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Danny Allen.

STAFF PRESENT: Paige Dowling (Town Manager), Amanda Murajda (Town Clerk), Lynn Bryant (Finance Officer), Davis Woodard (Police Chief), Dan Schaeffer (Public Works Director) and Eric Ridenour (Town Attorney).

VISITORS PRESENT: Lucy Wofford, Ryan Pettit, Fern Hensley, Glenda Hensley, Greg McPherson, David Nestler, Susanne Saucier, Marne Harris, Russ Harris, Silas McPherson, Ivy McPherson, Kary McGoldrick, Joe Hamilton, Jenny McPherson.

CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Moody called the meeting to order at 5:31 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 Sossamon made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Moody noted that he had enjoyed his tenure as commissioner and mayor for the past 18 years in the Town of Sylva.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner Gelbaugh reminded everyone to shop local during the holidays. She welcomed the two new commissioners to the Board. Commissioner Hensley told Mayor Moody he would be missed. Commissioner Hamilton welcomed the two new commissioners and thanked David Nestler for cutting out the sleigh for the Christmas Parade float and hopes the turnout for the parade is good.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Dowling reminded everyone that the Christmas Parade is Saturday, December 5th at 3:00 p.m. The staff holiday lunch will be Thursday, December 17th at 12:00 p.m. and all board members are invited. The Town should hear in the next two weeks from ARC on the comprehensive plan grant. Manager Dowling will be attending the County's comprehensive plan meeting this afternoon to discuss infrastructure and broadband.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT: The Planning Board met on November 19th and continued their review of the zoning ordinances. The Board will be presenting an amendment to hanging signs in January.

NEW BUSINESS

PLAQUE PRESENTATION: Manager Dowling presented Mayor Moody a plaque in recognition of his years of service to the Town of Sylva as a commissioner and Mayor. She also noted that a plaque would be sent to Commissioner Danny Allen, who was not present, for his years of service as a commissioner.

SWEARING IN OF NEW MAYOR: Judge Alan Thornburg swore in Lynda Sossamon as Mayor.

SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS: Judge Alan Thornburg swore in Harold Hensley, Greg McPherson, and David Nestler as Commissioners.

Mayor Sossamon thanked everyone for attending the meeting, as well as Judge Thornburg. She thanked outgoing Mayor Maurice Moody and Commissioner Danny Allen for their service to the Town of Sylva and welcomed the new and current board members.

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

Lynda Sossamon
Mayor

Amanda W. Murajda
Town Clerk