

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners
March 17, 2016

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on March 17, 2016 at 9:15 a.m. in the Board Room of Municipal Hall, 83 Allen Street, Sylva, N.C.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Lynda Sossamon and Commissioners Barbara Hamilton, Harold Hensley, Mary Gelbaugh, Greg McPherson, and David Nestler.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Amanda Murajda (Town Clerk), Dan Schaeffer (Public Works Director), Davis Woodard (Police Chief), and Jeff Goss (Attorney).

VISITORS PRESENT: Paul Farmer and Quintin Ellison.

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

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Paul Farmer, drawing instructor at WCU, addressed the board about a project his class would like to complete in Sylva. Following artist Brian Mallman, Farmer would like to engage the community by asking them to “draw Sylva.” Throughout the Town of Sylva, residents would find drawing tablets and pencils attached to certain non-movable properties (i.e. lamp posts). As residents or visitors pass by they may stop and sketch a drawing of Sylva. Farmer would like for his class to do this the first two full weeks of April and conclude with a public reception on April 29th. No questions were raised from the Board, therefore Farmer’s class will proceed.

MAYOR’S REPORT: None.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT: Commissioner Gelbaugh told the board that the movie Three Billboards will be using her house as a filming location. Because of confidentiality, she will not be discussing the details about filming. Gelbaugh also noted that Lifeway Church has cleaned up Scotts Creek. Commissioner Nestler is organizing a neighborhood clean-up day in his neighborhood. He also told the board that there would be a fundraiser basketball tournament for the Autism Society coming up. It would be a 3 on 3 tournament. Commissioner McPherson updated the board on the design for a new town logo. He also mentioned that the Garden Club was asking to build a shed near the Farmer’s Market. McPherson offered to work with them and possibly set aside a portion of the new Farmer’s Market shed for them. Commissioner Hamilton would like to schedule her neighborhood clean-up day for May.

MANAGER’S REPORT: Manager Dowling was attending the Main Street Conference.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Dan Schaeffer told the board that a temporary power pole was being installed for use at Greening Up the Mountains. He noted that Arbor Day was tomorrow,

Friday, March 18th and Sylva had been designated a Tree City again this year. At that note, he also told the board that they would be removing the Maple trees on Main Street and replacing them with a more suitable tree for that area. He showed the board a picture of the storm drain at the corner of Landis Street and Main Street where the root system of a maple tree is interrupting drainage. The Hooper building is almost complete on the front face. Bryan Carnes with Blue Ridge Railway has told Schaeffer that they have a replacement plan for tracks on Grindstaff Cove Road, Skyland Drive, Allen Street and Harold Street that will take place in 2016 and 2017. Dan told the board that the county inmates had picked up litter on Chipper Curve Road and would continue their pickup as time allowed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Davis Woodard presented the January and February 2016 statistics report to the board. The department has been investigating numerous incidents of breaking and entering of vehicles and businesses. The Pinnacle Park Race is Saturday, March 19th.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: None.

MAIN STREET REPORT: None.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO AMEND ORDINANCE: *Commissioner Nestler made a motion to approve the resolution of intent to amend ordinance section 4-2 on alcohol. Commissioner Hamilton noted that she wanted the board to look at this issue very carefully and represent all citizens of Sylva. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

ADJOURNMENT: *Commissioner Hensley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 a.m. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

Lynda Sossamon
Mayor

Amanda W. Murajda
Town Clerk