

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners
May 21, 2009

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled meeting on May 21, 2009 at 9:15 a.m. in the Board Room of Municipal Hall, 83 Allen Street, Sylva, N.C.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Brenda Oliver and Commissioners Sarah Graham, Harold Hensley, Ray Lewis, Maurice Moody and Stacy Knotts

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Brandi Henson King (Town Clerk), Eric Ridenour (Town Attorney), Jeff Jamison (Police Chief) and Chris Carter (Interim Town Manager) and Adrienne Isenhower (Town Manager)

VISITORS PRESENT: Sheryl Rudd, Lucy Wofford, Julie Sylvester, Avram Friedman, Lydia Aydlett, Stephanie Salmons, Jean Miller, Lula Swann, Ron Aups, Dieter Kuhn, Kerri Rayburn and Jim McCarthy

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Avram Friedman stated that public notice was not formally given concerning a text amendment for building height limitations in the I-1 District that was approved at the April 16th meeting. Friedman stated the notices were not detailed enough and asked the Board to rescind the ordinance modification and go through the public hearing process again. Another concerned citizen would like to know about Jackson Paper's air pollution controls and the health impact on Jackson County citizens.

Jean Miller stated her house was flooded on Bartlett Street. Miller asked the Board to require storm drains and catch basins for future building to help prevent her house being flooded again.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Oliver reported that the loan for the Fire Department Expansion project was approved with the Local Government Commission. Mountain Projects has received stimulus monies to help with GED and nutrition classes, vouchers to purchase produce, continue support of local food banks, held with the Good Samaritan Clinic and Neighbors in need as well as other programs. CRASH resource guides have been printed and teens will be attending the Tennessee Teen Institute to help them with their development and leadership skills concerning drugs and alcohol. Oliver also extended her sympathies to Officer Curtis Lambert and his family with the loss of his mother.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner Moody reported that the Public Safety Committee will be meeting next Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Isenhower reported that she and Chief Jamison met with the USDA representative to talk about the Police Department Renovation project. They will now meet with the architect to get a quote of what the renovations will cost.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Schaeffer reported there was flooding and slides over the weekend. The rock work has been completed on the Bridge Park project. Schaeffer has not received two of the rights of entry for the Dillsboro to Sylva Sidewalk project so the Board may want to get involved to try to obtain those. Public Works will be having their Spring Cleanup on May 29th.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Jamison reported on statistics for the previous month. Jamison also stated they have been participating in the Governor's Highway Safety Campaign by setting up four seatbelt checks. There were no violations at the last underage drinking campaign.

DSA REPORT: Sylvester thanked the Town for their support in the Greening Up the Mountains Festival. Taste of Downtown Sylva will be June 13th from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Sylvester also provided the Board with a spreadsheet that listed their eight annual events, the number of participants, volunteer hours and donations.

FARMERS MARKET DISCUSSION: Susannah Patty of the Farmers Market was not present at the meeting. Commissioner Graham stated the Farmers Market would like to take over two pods in the Town's parking lot in order to showcase local plants. They would also like to post permanent signs in the pods.

JACKSON COUNTY SOLID WASTE RESOLUTION: *Commissioner Hensley made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

RECONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR INDUSTRIAL ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT: Commissioner Graham stated she appreciated the Canary Coalitions work on this matter and would find it reasonable for representatives from Jackson Paper to come to Town Hall for a public information session. *Commissioner Graham made a motion to invite representatives from Jackson Paper to come for a public information session. The motion carries with a three to two vote. Commissioners Hensley and Lewis were opposed.*

Mayor Oliver stated this would be strictly voluntary for Jackson Paper Manufacturing.

The reconsideration of the public hearing for industrial zoning text amendment dies for lack of a motion.

REVOLVING LOAN FUND BOARD APPOINTMENT: *Commissioner Knotts made a motion to appoint Barry Buchanan to the Revolving Loan Committee. The motion*

carries with a unanimous vote. Commissioner Graham made a motion to appoint Hank Shuler to the Revolving Loan Committee. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.

Mayor Oliver stated there will need to be a meeting in the near future to look over the fund application to make it more user friendly.

ADJOURNMENT: *Commissioner Hensley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.*

Brenda A. Oliver
Mayor

Brandi H. King
Town Clerk