

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners
August 6, 2009

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held a regularly scheduled meeting on August 6, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of Municipal Hall, 83 Allen Street, Sylva, N.C.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Sarah Graham

STAFF PRESENT: Adrienne Isenhower (Town Manager), Brandi Henson King (Town Clerk) and Eric Ridenour (Town Attorney)

VISITORS PRESENT: Mike Beck, Mike Bryson, Whitney Knotts, Gibbs Knotts, Thomas Forney, Ellerna Forney, Ray Menze, Amy Ammons, Doreyl Ammons, Chris Johnson, Joan Stearns, Justin Goble and Eric Moore

CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Oliver called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Commissioner Moody made a motion to add a closed session to the agenda and the motion carries with a unanimous vote. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Chris Johnson requested the Board make a petition to the Department of Transportation to have the stop sign on Yellowbird Branch moved closer to the intersection for driver safety. Isenhower will contact DOT.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Oliver stated that Representative Haire sent an email stating that the Town's ABC Revenues will be decreased by \$7,500 to help balance the state budget and the taxes on beer and wine will be increased.

The Mayor also stated the Board needs to get with the Mental Health Board to discuss problems the Police Department is experiencing with commitments.

The revision of the Revolving Loan Fund Application needs to be discussed at the Board Workshop.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner Moody reported the Transportation Secretary was recently at the Region 14 office and discussed that more emphasis will be put on communication at DOT. Their revenue has been decreased by 14% but they still

plan to complete 90% of their scheduled projects. There are no plans to decrease Powell Bill Funds.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Isenhower reported that Jackson County hired Mike Bryson for the full-time position for the Sylva Fire Department. "No Dogs Allowed" signs need to be posted at Poteet Park.

PET STATIONS ON MAIN STREET: Isenhower reported that the pet stations are cheaper than first reported, costing \$69-\$79 per station and approximately \$10 for 1,000 bags. Commissioner Hensley stated the taxpayers should not be responsible for cleaning up after dogs. *Commissioner Knotts made a motion to order two pet stations for Main Street. Commissioners Knotts and Moody were in favor and Commissioners Hensley and Lewis were opposed. With the absence of Commissioner Graham the Mayor voted in favor of purchasing two pet stations and the motion carries.*

MILL STREET LOADING ZONES AND HANDICAP PARKING: Joan Stearns stated the loading zones on Mill Street are not marked with signs. Stearns also stated there should be a crosswalk at the red light between Allen Street and Mill Street and parking on Mill Street should be short-term parking.

The Street Committee will meet on August 17th at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the problems further.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LOCAL CONTROL OF LOCAL ABC BOARDS: *Commissioner Moody made a motion to adopt the resolution and the motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

ARTS COMMITTEE DISCUSSION: *Commissioner Knotts made a motion to table the item until the Board Workshop. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

CATCH THE SPIRIT OF APPALACHIA: ColorFest, an art festival, has been scheduled for October 24th from 10am to 4pm in Downtown Sylva. They are requesting a business license similar to the one the Farmer's Market has. The consensus of the Board is to issue the license they are requesting. Commissioner Moody suggested contacting the Chief of Police to make sure the booths that will be set up will not be restrictive to pedestrian traffic.

REVOLVING LOAN COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT: The Mayor suggested appointing Vicki Green to the Revolving Fund Committee. Oliver will contact Green to see if she would be willing to serve.

JACKSON PLAZA ROAD DISCUSSION: Commissioner Moody stated the road to the post office should meet Powell Bill standards and have sidewalks installed before being dedicated to the Town.

MAYOR'S AWARD: The Mayor would like to start an award program that recognizes local students that contribute to the community and have high academic scores. *Commissioner Knotts made a motion to pass the concept of the award program. The*

motion carries with a unanimous vote. The Board will discuss the guidelines of the program at their August 20th meeting.

SET DATE FOR BOARD WORKSHOP: The Board scheduled a Workshop for Thursday, August 27th at 2:00 pm to discuss their short-range goals, the arts committee, the Revolving Loan Fund Application and the Golden Age Center.

CLOSED SESSION: *Commissioner Hensley made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (3) regarding a pending law suit. The motion carries with a unanimous vote and the Board went into closed session at 7:58 p.m.*

Commissioner Hensley made a motion to come out of closed session. The motion carries with a unanimous vote and the Board returned to regular session at 8:22 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: *Commissioner Moody made a motion to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.*

Brenda A. Oliver
Mayor

Brandi H. King
Town Clerk