



TOWN OF SYLVA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 9:00 AM
Board Room, 83 Allen Street Sylva, North Carolina

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mary Gelbaugh, Mayor Pro-Tem
Ben Guiney, Commissioner
Greg McPherson, Commissioner
David Nestler, Mayor
Natalie Newman, Commissioner
Brad Waldrop, Commissioner

Paige Dowling, Town Manager
Amanda Murajda, Town Clerk
Eric Ridenour, Town Attorney

ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nestler called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT: Jake Scott (Public Works Director), Bernadette Peters (Main Street Director), Mike Beck (Fire Chief) and Chris Hatton (Police Chief).

VISITORS: Dave Russell.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Gelbaugh made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Nestle reported that he attended Narcan training led by the Jackson County Health Department.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Guiney gave a community Covid-19 update. He also requested the Board sponsor his attendance at the Outdoor Economy conference in September at a cost of \$379. By consensus, the board will sponsor Commissioner Guiney's attendance. Commissioner McPherson thanked the Public Works department for installing the skate park.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Dowling reported the following:

- GUTM planning continues.
- The Allen Street Contract is to be signed in the next week.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT: Jake Scott reported the following:

- The skate ramp construction is almost complete.
- Scott attended the Southwest Commission hazard mitigation training.
- Assault on Blackrock with well.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chris Hatton reported the following:

- Planning for the next event season including Greening Up the Mountains.
- The Police Department has one vacancy.
- Continuing training for department members.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Mike Beck reported on the following:

- Reviewed calls for service for 2023.

MAIN STREET REPORT: Bernadette Peters reported the following:

- Attended the Mainstreet Conference with Laurie Bryson.
- The Mainstreet Board retreat will be April 18-19, 2023, with Sherry Adams.
- Brew Hop is April 1, 2023.
- GUTM planning is going well.

TWSA BOARD REPORT: Mayor Nestler reported that TWSA was currently working on the FY 23-24 budget.

PINNACLE BOARD REPORT:

Mayor Nestler reported that master plan is an ongoing project.

PUBLIC HEARING—ZONING MAP AMENDMENT: TOWN OF SYLVA: Mayor Nestler opened the public hearing at 9:25 a.m. Manager Dowling explained that the Depot site used to be zoned General Business and needs to be the Downtown Business district to comply with the district requirements to construct a downtown restroom. It is recommended the portion be between Allen Street and Grindstaff Cove Rd. *Being no comments, Commissioner Gelbaugh made a motion to close the public hearing at 9:27 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.*

NEW BUSINESS

ZONING MAP AMENDMENT APPLICATION: TOWN OF SYLVA: Manager Dowling reported that the Planning Board unanimously supported the approval of the rezoning request. *Commissioner Newman made a motion to approve the rezoning request which is consistent with the Sylva 2040 Land Use plan and adopt the statement of consistency. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.*

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO CLOSE A PORTION OF PATHFINDER LANE: A request has been received from Robert and Virginia Kinkaid to close a portion of Pathfinder Lane that adjoins their property. The resolution is to notify the intent of closure. Adjoining property owners will be notified and it will be advertised for 4 weeks. The board would vote on the closure on May 11, 2023. If approved, the road reverts to adjoining property owners. *Commissioner McPherson made a motion to approve the resolution of intent. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.*

ADJOURNMENT: *Commissioner Guiney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.*

David Nestler
Mayor

Amanda W. Murajda
Town Clerk