



**TOWN OF SYLVA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 5:30 PM
Board Room, 83 Allen Street Sylva, North Carolina

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

All items listed and adopted are for discussion or possible action

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- [1.](#) February 13, 2025 Consent Agenda

PUBLIC COMMENTS

REPORTS

2. Mayor's Report
3. Commissioner's Report
4. Manager's Report

NEW BUSINESS

- [5.](#) Resolution of Support--Jackson County Recreational Master Plan--Skate Park
6. Mountain Projects Board Appointment

ADJOURNMENT

Town of Sylva
CONSENT AGENDA
February 13, 2025

1- APPROVE MINUTES: January 9, 2025, **Regular Board Meeting;** January 23, 2025, **Regular Board Meeting**

2- BUDGET AMENDMENT:

#15 10-531-0300 FD OT	\$ 10,000	C
10-351-0100 FD Wages/Salaries Aux	10,000	D

REF: To appropriate from the Fire Department OT to their Auxiliary line.

#16 21-399-0200 GF CRF Fund Balance Appropriation	\$ 259,502	C
21-415-0000 GF CRF Transfer to GF	259,502	D
10-392-0000 GF Transfer In	259,502	C
10-580-7400 Sanitation Dept Capital	259,502	D

REF: To appropriate from GF Capital Reserve Fund to allow for the purchase of a new garbage truck with an estimated delivery date of August 2025.

4- REPORTS:

- 1- Business Registration Permit as of **January 2025**
- 2- Vehicle Tax Report as of **December 31, 2024**
- 3- Ad Valorem Tax Report as of **December 31, 2024**
- 4- Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, Changes in Fund Balance as of **December 31, 2024**
- 5- Quarterly Finance Report as of **December 31, 2024**
- 6- Quarterly Special Revenue/Capital and Grant Project **December 31, 2024**

JACKSON COUNTY ACTIVITY TOTALS REPORT
ACTIVITY FROM 12/01/24 THRU 12/31/24

Tax Year 2022	Levy	Penalty	Subtotal	Charges	Interest
SGR Sylva Gross Receipts			0.00	696.17	
Totals For Year 2022			0.00	696.17	

Grand Totals	Levy	Penalty	Subtotal	Charges	Interest
			0.00	696.17	

Tax Summary
as of December 31, 2024

(10-301-XX)	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	Total	Current Year	TOTALS
Starting Balances	48668.17	20666.09	11217.88	9177.7	6102.32	5377	4626.93	2726.05	1747.04	1275.7	111,584.88	\$2,176,717.75	10-281-0000
July	-855.67	-202.88					-6.55				-1,065.10		-1,065.10
August	-833.26	-470.15	-760.85			-50.85					-2,115.11		-2,115.11
September	-4286.56	-232.91				-120.18					-4,639.65	-265,742.26	-270,381.91
October	-97.91	-197.31				-128.49					-423.71	-135,849.18	-136,272.89
November	-897.29	-1279.83				-73.13					-2,250.25	-328,991.79	-331,242.04
December	-2461	-216.56	-49.81								-2,727.37	-1,130,306.05	-1,133,033.42
January											0.00		0.00
February											0.00		0.00
March											0.00		0.00
April											0.00		0.00
May											0.00		0.00
June											0.00		0.00
July - June Totals	-9431.69	-2599.64	-810.66	0	0	-372.65	-6.55	0	0	0	-13,221.19	-1,860,889.28	-1,874,110.47
Releases											0.00		-3,413.82
Add to Original Levy											0.00	102,803.24	102,803.24
Under Appeal											0.00		0.00
Bankruptcy											0.00		0.00
Refund/Adj											0.00		0.00
Subtotals	-9,431.69	-2,599.64	-810.66	0.00	0.00	-372.65	-6.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	-13,221.19	-1,761,499.86	-1,774,721.05
EOY Adjustment													
(10-110-XX) Balance	\$39,236.48	\$18,066.45	\$10,407.22	\$9,177.70	\$6,102.32	\$5,004.35	\$4,620.38	\$2,726.05	\$1,747.04	\$1,275.70	98,363.69	\$415,217.89	\$513,581.58
Interest	25.09	5.08	13.04	50.00		118.40	0.05				148.62		148.62
August	60.48	105.57				70.15					299.24		299.24
September	388.54	10.50				4.82					353.86		353.86
October	34.12	1.48	120.00			1.51					157.11		157.11
November	119.37	230.19		51.32		0.55					401.43		401.43
December	270.79	37.92	94.19								402.90	86.37	489.27
January													
February													
March													
April													
May													
June													
Interest Collected	\$848.39	\$390.74	\$227.23	\$50.00	\$51.32	\$195.43	\$0.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,763.16	\$86.37	\$1,849.53
Submitted by: Amanda Murajda, Tax Collector													Collection Rate
													81.7849%

Top 10 Delinquent Accounts (2023 & prior)

Name	Balance 12/31/2024
JTS Transport	\$ 8,349.05
Dorothy Worley	\$ 5,752.58
Joe Wilson	\$ 5,606.71
Marjorie Herbert Smith	\$ 4,805.96
Kelly Robinson	\$ 4,763.47
David George Howell	\$ 4,541.97
Joyce Straton	\$ 4,196.96
Nantahala Brewing Company	\$ 3,409.83
My Ray Wilson	\$ 3,308.01
Bryson	\$ 2,718.75

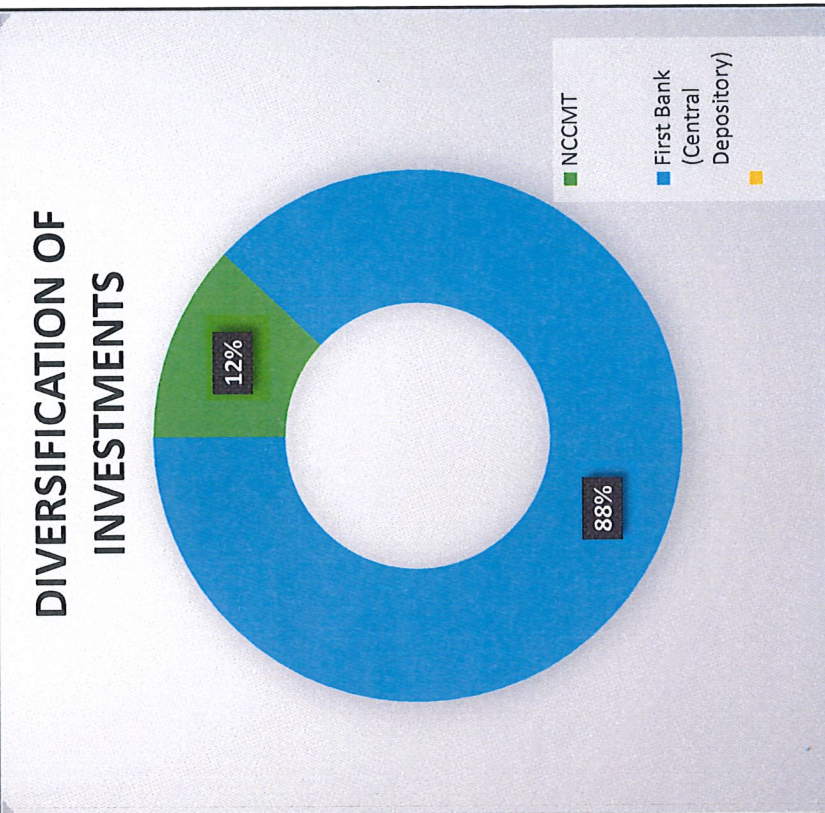
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General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
12/31/2024

	General Fund				2024-2025 Budget Balance	Actual to Budget Percent	Statement Period 6	Variance
	2024-2025	Previously	2024-2025	Current				
	Budgeted	Reported	YTD Actual	Month				
Revenues:								
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 2,309,930	\$ 787,935.30	\$ 1,933,211.52	\$ 1,145,276.22	\$ 376,718.48	83.69%	50.00%	33.69%
Other taxes and licenses	\$ 6,200	5,225.00	5,325.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 875.00	85.89%	50.00%	35.89%
Unrestricted intergovernmental	\$ 2,853,147	976,883.81	1,260,275.90	\$ 283,392.09	\$ 1,592,871.10	44.17%	50.00%	-5.83% *
Permits and Fees	\$ 18,000	5,979.45	7,025.80	\$ 1,046.35	\$ 10,974.20	39.03%	50.00%	-10.97% *
Restricted intergovernmental	\$ 188,542	94,016.31	137,925.02	\$ 43,908.71	\$ 50,616.98	73.15%	50.00%	23.15%
Investment earnings	\$ 74,750	133,694.31	157,480.34	\$ 23,786.03	\$ (82,730.34)	210.68%	50.00%	160.68%
Other revenues	\$ 46,625	7,325.65	(45,595.25)	\$ (54,672.45)	\$ 92,220.25	-97.79%	50.00%	-147.79% **
Total revenues	\$ 5,497,194	2,011,059.83	3,455,648.33	1,442,836.95	\$ 2,041,545.67	62.86%	50.00%	12.86%
Expenditures:								
General Government	\$ 987,227	377,742.85	448,044.53	48,625.55	539,182.47	45.38%	50.00%	- 4.62%
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 424,460	180,332.26	208,535.77	32,587.75				
Capital outlay	\$ -	-	-	-				
All other expenditures	\$ 562,767	197,410.59	239,508.76	16,037.80				
Public Safety	\$ 3,803,896	1,166,030.13	1,492,141.78	260,412.50	2,311,754.22	39.23%	50.00%	10.77%
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 1,687,326	596,098.98	773,389.32	126,435.85				
Capital outlay	\$ 749,977	84,801.92	112,184.43	3,767.04				
All other expenditures	\$ 1,325,073	28,773.70	28,773.70	130,209.61				
Culture and Recreation	\$ 127,650	28,605.58	32,056.33	3,450.75	95,593.67	25.11%	50.00%	24.89%
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 36,050	9,549.37	11,293.24	1,743.87				
Capital outlay	\$ -	-	-	-				
All other expenditures	\$ 91,600	19,056.21	20,763.09	1,706.88				
Transportation	\$ 863,475	311,119.99	357,366.59	46,216.60	506,108.41	41.39%	50.00%	8.61%
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 367,910	111,987.34	163,524.34	24,772.29				
Capital outlay	\$ 85,500	8,499.00	8,499.00	-				
All other expenditures	\$ 410,065	190,633.65	185,343.25	21,444.31				
Economic and Physical Development	\$ -	-	-	-	-	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Salaries & Benefits								
Capital outlay								
All other expenditures	\$ -	-	-	-				
Environmental Protection	\$ 221,630	75,732.37	104,052.68	12,469.53	117,577.32	46.95%	50.00%	3.05% **
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 96,150	40,098.75	46,392.08	6,293.33				
Capital outlay	\$ -	-	-	-				
All other expenditures	\$ 125,480	35,633.62	57,660.60	6,176.20				
Total expenditures	\$ 6,003,878	1,959,230.92	2,433,661.91	371,174.93	3,570,216.09	40.53%	50.00%	9.47%
Revenues over expenditures	\$ (506,684)	51,828.91	1,021,986.42	1,071,662.02	(1,528,670.42)	-25.46%		
Other financing sources (uses):								
Transfers in	\$ 592,756	548,006.00	495,300.00	-	-			
Appropriated fund balance	\$ 836,200	-	-	-	-			
Transfers to other depts	\$ 369,511	369,511.00	-	-	-			
PB Appropriated fund balance	\$ 32,000	-	-	-	-			
Fund Balance rollover	\$ 228	-	-	-	-			
Contributed Capital	\$ -	-	-	-	-			
Sale of Assets	\$ -	-	-	-	-			
Loan Proceeds	\$ -	-	-	-	-			
	\$ 1,830,695	917,517.00	495,300.00	-	-			
Transfers to other funds:								
Contributed to GF fund balance	\$ -	-	-	-	-			
Transfers out	\$ 494,511	-	-	-	-			
Transfer to Capital Reserve	\$ 829,500	-	-	-	-			
	\$ 1,324,011	-	-	-	-			
Total other financing sources (uses)	\$ 506,684	-	-	-	-			
Revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	\$ -	51,828.91	1,021,986.42	1,071,662.02	(1,528,670.42)			

Analysis:
* Timing of revenues received
** Accounting adjustment

INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO:		3 Month Avg
BANK		INTEREST
NCCMT	INVESTMENTS	4.60%
First Bank (Central Depository)	\$1,912,609	4.59%
	\$13,978,039	
	\$15,890,648	



STATE REVENUE ANALYSIS: (31% Budget)		
	Revenue	% Collected
Telecommunication	\$11,850	54.86%
Natural Gas	\$3,726	46.57%
Video Programming	\$4,736	52.63%
Franchise on Power	\$171,742	58.22%
Total 1ST QTR (Avg should be 50%)	\$192,054	
Article 40 (.50 % pooled - per capita)	\$103,554	49.31%
Article 42 (.50% point of sale)	\$111,288	50.13%
Article 39 (1% point of sale)	\$224,467	52.82%
Hold Harmless (related to county medicaid)	\$90,389	47.57%
Total 5 Months (Avg should be 41.65%)	\$529,698	

FUND BALANCE ANALYSIS:		
Unassigned - 6/30/2024	\$5,305,808	
Subsequent appropriation/rollover	\$0	
Appropriated/rollover after 7/1/23	-\$228	
Transfer Slope Stabilization (Over Goal)	-\$829,500	
ARPA related funds	-\$121,552	
Available Fund Balance	\$4,354,528	Goal
	72.95%	73.00%

What does 1 cent = **\$49,410** **Estimated**

# ARPA Related Approp	0	ARPA Related:	\$121,552
# GF Approp. after 7/1	1	Balance	\$27,000
# Contingency Approp.	0		
# GF Rollovers after 7/1	1		

Note: Board policy states that Fund Balance will not drop below 40% and the goal is to have Fund Balance at 73% of expenditures.

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS:

General Fund		Fire Department	
GF Res 6/30/2024	\$1,080,694	FD Res. 6/30/2024	\$728,813
Transfer In GF (Over Goal)	\$0	FD DOI Earmarked	\$8,149
Interest/Sales Tax	\$47,515	Subsequent Approp.	-\$40,706
Closeout Allen Street Project	\$338,593	Interest	\$13,449
Appropriation 7/1/2024	\$0	Appropriation 7/1/24	-\$507,300
GF Available Funds	\$1,466,802	FD Available Funds	\$202,404

REVOLVING LOAN FUND:

RLF Balance 6/30/24	\$108,621
Interest	\$1,225
Investment in Real Estate	-\$52,435
Subsequent Year Approp.	-\$6,000
RLF Available Funds	\$51,411

FISHER CREEK ANALYSIS:

Bank Investments	Current Invested	FY Interest as of 12/31/2024	Current Interest Rate	Total Interest starting 10/2007	Fisher Creek Funds Available
NCCMT	\$8,794	\$217.72	4.47%	\$177,966	3,257,241
Entegra/Select Bank/First Bank	\$3,248,267	\$31,260.00	4.25%	\$172,008	-103,560
Community 1st/Dogwood Bank	\$0	\$31,129.21	3.10%	\$153,369	-1,319,189
UICB	\$0			\$71,236	62,823
HomeTrust	\$0			\$55,723	-22,961
Wachovia	\$0			\$66,937	\$1,874,354
1st Citizen	\$0			\$13,844	121,552
	\$3,257,061	\$62,606.93		\$711,083	\$121,552

Note: \$3,500,000 received from Clean Water Management Trust Grant 10/2007. The grant requires that \$1,400,000 (40%) be spent on water quality. Currently \$182,141 has been expended towards this purpose leaving \$1,217,859 remaining.

PROPERTY TAX ANALYSIS (5.1% Budget)

Budgeted	\$2,167,530	Loan	P/I	Loan Payoff Year	Annual Debt
Original Billing	\$2,247,006				\$0
Est. 97.54% Collection	\$2,223,445				\$0
Collection/Releases	-\$1,864,303				\$0
Discovery/Penalties	\$32,515				
Appeals (Total)	\$0				
Outstanding	\$415,218				
Collection % Rate	81.79%				
Prior Year Collection % Rate	78.69%				

Total H2O Quality Interest \$104,204

Submitted by: Lynn Bryant, Finance Officer

Town of Sylva
Special Revenue Funds/Capital and Grant Project Quarterly Report
 December 31, 2024

Item 1.

Public Art Fund (Fund 23) - Special Revenue Fund:

Original Ordinance (2017-01)		0
Fund Balance (6/30/2024)		4,216
Revenue - Donations/ Interest		103
Fund Balance Appropriation (Operating Budget)		-2,000
Expenditures		0.00
Balance to Date		\$2,319

Sidewalk SRF (Fund 27) - Special Revenue Fund:

Original Ordinance (2017-02) Note: Amended from RLF		103,713
Budget Amendment #1 (Skyland Drive 7/11/19)		174,687
Budget Amendment #2 (Skyland Drive 3/12/20 - Note: Reapproved on 2/10/22)		2,800
GF Transfer In from GF (Hwy 107) - (Prepaid 40,131.38)		159,869
Budget Amendment #3 (Skyland Drive 11/12/22)		100,000
Revenue/Interest		50,143
Expenditures (Skyland Drive)		-114,974
Highway 107 Prepaid NCDOT		40,131
Encumbrances Remaining DOT Contract Skyland Drive	295,400	Subsequent -300,000
Balance to Date		\$216,369

Allen Street Landslide (Fund 22) - Capital Project Fund:

Project Closed	7/31/2024
Total Costs	\$1,728,743
Town	\$978,743
DOT	\$750,000

Bryson Park/Playground (Fund 31) - SCIF Grant Capital Project Fund:

Original Ordinance (SCIF Grant 11612) (2/24/22)		3,000,000
Expenditures		-2,544,444
Encumbrances (CDC Contract 7/28/2022) Contract Balance		-1,251
Encumbrances (Wurster Contract)		
Encumbrances (Kessel Contract)		0
Encumbrances (Bliss Products - Playground Equipment and Rubber)		0
Encumbrances (Odell)		-525
Encumbrances (Bliss Products - Site Furnishings and Shade)		-118,423
Encumbrance Bartlett		-289,990
Amendment - Sales Tax Refund (11-14-2024)		13,510
Amendment -Interest thru (9/30/2024)(11-14-2024)		115,643
Sales Tax Refund	(13,510-13,510)	\$0
Interest	(123,969-115,643)	\$8,326
Balance to Date		\$174,519

Town of Sylva
Special Revenue Funds/Capital and Grant Project Quarterly Report
December 31, 2024

Item 1.

Poteet Park Restroom Project (Fund 34) - Grant Project Fund:

Original Ordinance (8/8/2024) Closeout of Allen Street Capital Project Fund	200,000
Expenditures	0
Interest	\$3,995
	\$200,000

Scotts Creek Slope Project (Fund 35) - Grant Project Fund:

Original Ordinance (8/8/2024) Closeout of Allen Street Capital Project Fund	125,000
Transfer In GF Year End (6/30/2024)	829,500
Expenditures	
Interest	\$5,491
	\$954,500



TOWN OF SYLVA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 5:30 PM
Board Room, 83 Allen Street Sylva, North Carolina

MINUTES

PRESENT: Jonathan Brown, Commissioner
Blitz Estridge, Commissioner
Mary Gelbaugh, Mayor Pro-Tem
Mark Jones, Commissioner
Johnny Phillips, Mayor

Amanda Murajda, Town Clerk
Eric Ridenour, Town Attorney

ABSENT: Brad Waldrop, Commissioner
Paige Dowling, Town Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Phillips called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT: Robbie Carter (Assistant Police Chief) and Chris Hatton (Police Chief).

VISITORS: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Phillips mentioned the impending snow storm for the area. Town departments will be working to keep roads safe. He reminded the board of the budget work session on January 30, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner Gelbaugh inquired about an email received regarding a skate park. She would like to see commissioners reach out to the county recreation department and offer their support in having a skate park added to the recreational master plan for Jackson County. Mayor Phillips mentioned creating a resolution of support from the Town. Commissioner Estridge noted that Sylva had a great 2024 economically and 2025 will hopefully be the same. Commissioner Brown added that there is interest of county officials in a skate park. Brown participated in a recent Fire Department meeting and discussed their training an upcoming need for a new fire truck.

MANAGER'S REPORT: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Gelbaugh made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:39 p.m. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Johnny Phillips
Mayor

Amanda W. Murajda
Town Clerk



TOWN OF SYLVA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION

Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 9:00 AM
Board Room, 83 Allen Street Sylva, North Carolina

MINUTES

PRESENT: Jonathan Brown, Commissioner
Blitz Estridge, Commissioner
Mary Gelbaugh, Mayor Pro-Tem
Mark Jones, Commissioner
Johnny Phillips, Mayor
Brad Waldrop, Commissioner
Amanda Murajda, Town Clerk
Eric Ridenour, Town Attorney

ABSENT: Paige Dowling, Town Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Phillips 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), Tammy Pavey (Police), Aimee Sumner (Police), Josh Geiger (Police), Brandon Flesch (Police), Galadriel Lavere (Police), Robbie Carter (Assistant Police Chief) and Chris Hatton (Police Chief).

VISITORS: Cyndy Caravelis

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Phillips reported that Commissioner Jones was absent due to sickness. He reminded everyone of the budget meeting rescheduled for February 13, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. Phillips also commended staff on their work during the recent snowstorm.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Gelbaugh encouraged everyone to read an article in the Sylva Herald regarding a skate park. She attended a county meeting with Jon Brown regarding the skate park and there were several residents who spoke. Commissioner Waldrop noted the extreme cold and thanked all town departments for their work during the cold and snow. Commissioner Estridge announced he would be stepping down from the Pinnacle Park Board and Commissioner Jonathan Brown would replace him. Commissioner Brown also commented on the county meeting and skate park.

MANAGER'S REPORT: None.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Jake Scott reported the following:
- Scott gave an update on snow removal and thanked Jackson County and NCDOT for their partnership.
 - The new public restrooms are open.
 - Scott gave an update on Bryson Park renovations.
 - The town received an RTP grant to add two loop trails at Pinnacle Park. More information will be forthcoming.
 - Scott will meet with FEMA on February 4, 2025, for the first official site visit for wall repairs.
 - Two new employees will begin soon—Camren Powell and Dason Farmer

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chris Hatton, Police Chief, reported the following:

- Officers Kirkland and McFalls have completed field training.
- NC Impact will air on PBS on 2/21/25 at 7:30 p.m. on the Community Care Program.
- Planning has begun for GUTM.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Mike Beck, Fire Chief, reported the following:

- The contract for a new fire truck has been signed. The truck will be delivered in 2026.
- Calls for service have increased.

MAIN STREET REPORT: Bernadette Peters reported the following:

- GUTM applications are being accepted, and spots are almost full.
- An ADA study on the downtown area was completed by Jennifer Hinton. Peters and Jake Scott will review.
- Façade grants are almost complete.

NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEMS

SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST: WARD’S PLUMBING EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION EVENT—ALCOHOL REQUEST: Ward Plumbing is requesting to have Innovation Brewing serve beer at their employee appreciation event May 7, 2025 at Bridge Park which needs board approval. *Commissioner Waldrop recused himself from voting. Commissioner Gelbaugh made a motion to approve the request. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.*

SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST: INNOVATION BREWING—BEER GARDEN AT GREENING UP THE MOUNTAINS: Innovation Brewing is working with the MSSA to sponsor the Beer Garden at Greening Up the Mountains in April 2025. *Commissioner Estridge made a motion to approve the application to hold a Beer Garden at the 2025 Greening Up the Mountains festival. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.*

SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST—CONCERTS ON THE CREEK —REQUEST FOR ALCOHOL: MSSA has requested to have alcohol sold at all events for Concerts on the Creek through Innovation Brewing and Balsam Falls Brewing. *Commissioner Waldrop made a motion to approve the request from MSSA. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.*

COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM PRESENTATION: Chris Hatton, Galadriel Lavere and Cyndy Caravelis gave an update to the board on the Community Care Program.

ADJOURNMENT: *Commissioner Waldrop made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.*

Johnny Phillips
Mayor

Amanda W. Murajda
Town Clerk

Resolution of Support
Skate Park
Jackson County Recreation Master Plan

Whereas, the Town of Sylva supports skate parks, skating and other related recreational activities; and

Whereas, skateboarders do not have a skate park in the Town of Sylva; and

Whereas, the Town of Sylva's skate ramp was damaged beyond repair during Hurricane Helene and it was not covered by insurance due to the location in the floodplain and the value was below the Town's deductible; and

Whereas, the community's demographics, trends, and recreational interests have evolved and skateboarding has become an extremely popular activity for many Town of Sylva and Jackson County residents; and

Whereas, the Town of Sylva believes this would improve the quality of life for Town of Sylva and Jackson County residents by creating new recreational facilities, and

Whereas, The Town of Sylva would like to request that Jackson County include a skate park facility in the county's recreation master plan; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, by the Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners that the Town supports the concept of a skate park to be developed by Jackson County and included in their recreational master plan.

Approved this the 13th day of February, 2025.

Johnny Phillips, Mayor

Amanda W. Murajda, Town Clerk