

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Sykesville Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance by Vice President Elaine Fike. In attendance were Elaine Fike, Vice President; Nathan Alvetro, President ProTem; Council Members: Kurt Kister, Gabriel Sweka, and Don Zimmerman; Mayor Gail Cunningham; Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito. Absent were President Michele Yamrick and Councilman Ron Morris.

Visitors present were Kermit Tuning & Michelle Moore (Tuning Accounting), Alex Nelson (Courier Express), and Brian Williams (Crew Foreman).

VISITORS CONCERNS:

No visitor concerns.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Don Reid presented Secretary Neale a receipt from 1977 for 354 North Park Street security deposit. He is requesting a refund. Mayor Cunningham stated that there may be a time limit on security deposit refunds and also stated that his history of payment needs to be reviewed to see if he is in good standing with the Borough. A motion was made by Councilman Gabriel Sweka and seconded by President ProTem Nate Alvetro to table Mr. Reid's request until Secretary Neale returns to answer these questions. Motion carried.

A motion was made by President ProTem Alvetro and seconded by Councilman Sweka to approve the 2022 Pennsylvania State Mayors' Association renewal for a total of \$60. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve November 15, 2021 minutes was made by Councilman Kurt Kister and seconded by President ProTem Nate Alvetro. Motion carried.

Vice President Elaine Fike presented the revised 2022 General budget to Council to review for any changes. She informed that a part time secretary was factored into the budget as it was a question before. The proposed budget has a deficit of \$33,107.50 but is adequately covered by the bank account balance projected to be forwarded as of December 31, 2021. A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by Councilman Kister to advertise the proposed 2022 General Fund budget. Councilman Zimmerman opposed. Motion carried.

## CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

Foreman Williams presented Michael Gamble's background check for obtaining his water licenses. He requested that he be refunded \$22. A motion was made by President ProTem Nate Alvetro and seconded by Councilman Kurt Kister to refund Michael \$22. Motion carried.

Foreman Williams presented an estimate from Cummins Sales and Service for maintenance on the generators for a total of \$2,455.26. A motion was made by Councilman Don Zimmerman and seconded by Councilman Gabriel Sweka to approve Cummins estimate of \$2,455.26. Motion carried.

Foreman Williams informed Council that the Army Corps. Of Engineers performed their inspection and presented a report from them. He stated that there needs to be some work done before it's satisfactory to them. He stated that they will be back in two years. A copy of the full report will be located at the Borough Office.

Foreman Williams informed Council that there are some garbage (only) customers that has not been up to date with paying their garbage bills. He asked Council what should be done about this issue. Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito will draft and send letters to individuals once the information is obtained by Secretary Neale.

Foreman Williams informed Council that there will be another DEP inspection tomorrow morning.

The main meter at the meter pit in DuBois is going bad and needs replaced. The Borough Crew and Nick Yamrick has done everything they could in trying to repair/fix the meter. A quote was presented from LB Water for \$4,912.40. A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by President ProTem Alvetro to accept LB's quote of \$4,912.40 in getting a 6-inch meter. Motion carried.

## COMITTEE REPORTS:

### Public Works:

President ProTem Alvetro informed Council that last week when there was a scheduled power outage, Penelec had asked him if he could have guys patrolling traffic because the traffic light was out. President ProTem Alvetro informed Council that he spoke with Marc Skarbek (PennDot) about this and was told that anytime Penelec has a scheduled outage, they are responsible for traffic control.

Finance/Personnel:

An invoice for \$1,216.25 was presented from JHA Companies for the upcoming stormwater project. A motion was made by President ProTem Nate Alvetro and seconded by Councilman Kurt Kister to transfer \$1,216.25 from the Sludge Removal Fund to the General Fund in order to pay JHA Companies. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by Councilman Kister to approve Earl Campbell's paid time off for December 10<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Don Zimmerman and seconded by Councilman Gabriel Sweka to give all full time employees (Earl Campbell, Michael Gamble, Jaysa Neale, and Brian Williams) a \$100/each Walmart gift card as a Christmas bonus. Motion carried.

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

Utilities:

Nothing to report.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Councilman Kister stated that the SCIA is not interested in just decorating the Park, they wanted to take over the finances, rentals, etc. Solicitor Gianvito stated that he doesn't think that this would be an issue with handing everything over to the SCIA as long as there would be a written agreement. Council will discuss this further next meeting.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

Mayor Cunningham suggested that Sykesville does a tree lighting ceremony in the near future as a community activity.

Solicitor Gianvito:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mo Kovalchick requested a refund of \$35 for a Tax Collecting Training Meeting she attended. A motion was made by Councilman Zimmerman and seconded by Councilman Kister to pay \$35 to Mo Kovalchick for attending the training. Motion carried.

A letter was presented from Symmco notifying the Borough that they are applying for a DEP facility-wide Air Quality State Only operating permit to continue operating its facility located in Sykesville Borough. A copy of the letter will be located at the Borough Office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No executive session took place.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Don Zimmerman and seconded by Councilman Kurt Kister. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Jaysa Neale  
Borough Secretary/Treasurer

