

Borough of Sykesville Reorganization and Council Meeting January 5, 2026

The reorganization and regularly scheduled meeting of the Sykesville Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Kyle Pisarcik. In attendance were Michele Yamrick, Elaine Fike, Nate Alvetro, Don Reid, Colton Gearhart; Mayor Kyle Pisarcik; Absent were Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito and Councilman Ron Morris.

Visitors were John Sedor, Earl Campbell (Sykesville Police), Monica Walker (Assistant Secretary).

A motion to approve December 15, 2025, Council minutes was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Councilwoman Michele Yamrick. Motion carried.

ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Kyle Pisarcik opened with nominations for Council President. Councilwoman Elaine Fike nominated Michele Yamrick. Mayor Pisarcik then proceeded with a roll call vote to nominate Michele Yamrick as President. Councilwoman Yamrick voted yes, Councilman Alvetro voted yes, Councilman Reid voted yes, Councilman Gearhart voted yes, and Councilwoman Fike voted yes. Motion carried to make Michele Yamrick President.

President Michele Yamrick takes over meeting.

President Yamrick entertained a roll call vote for Vice President. Councilman Alvetro nominated Elaine Fike, Councilman Alvetro voted yes, Councilman Reid voted yes, Councilman Gearhart voted yes, Councilwoman Fike voted yes, and President Yamrick voted yes. Motion carried to make Elaine Fike Vice President.

President Yamrick entertained a roll call vote for President ProTem. Vice President Fike nominated Councilman Alvetro. Councilman Alvetro voted yes, Councilman Reid voted yes, Councilman Gearhart voted yes, Vice President Fike voted yes, and President Yamrick voted yes. Motion carried to make Nathan Alvetro President ProTem.

A motion was made by Councilman Reid and seconded by Vice President Fike to retain Brian Mowrey as Vacancy Board Chair. Motion carried.

A motion was made by President ProTem Alvetro and seconded by Councilman Reid to retain PennSafe as the Building Codes Inspector. Councilman Gearhart

voted yes, President ProTem Alvetro voted yes, Councilman Reid voted no, Vice President Fike voted yes, and President Yamrick voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Reid and seconded by President Pro Tem Alvetro to retain JHA Companies as the Borough's Engineering Firm. Motion carried.

A motion was made by President ProTem Alvetro and seconded by Vice President Fike to retain Nicholas Gianvito as Solicitor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Reid and seconded by President ProTem Alvetro to retain Sharkey, Piccirillo, Keen, & Hanzely LLP as auditor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Vice President Fike and seconded by President ProTem Alvetro to retain Farmer's National Bank and InFirst Bank as Sykesville Borough's Banks with the three signatories remaining the same, President Michele Yamrick, Vice President Elaine Fike, and President ProTem Nathan Alvetro. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Gearhart and seconded by President ProTem Alvetro to retain Eric Mehok as the EMS/EMA Coordinator. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Reid and seconded by Councilman Gearhart to retain J&M Accounting as the accounting firm. Motion carried.

DATES AND TIMES FOR 2026 COUNCIL MEETINGS:

A motion was made by Councilman Reid and seconded by Vice President Fike to hold and advertise the regular Borough Council meetings the first and third Monday at 7:00 P.M. located at the Borough Office for the 2026 year. If the meeting day falls on a holiday, then the meeting day will be on the following day (Tuesday). Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter of resignation was presented to Council from Jaysa Neale informing that her last day of work will be on Friday, January 2, 2026. A motion was made by Councilman Reid and seconded by Vice President Fike to accept Jaysa Neale's letter of resignation. Motion carried.

President Yamrick presented to Council a complaint form from Gene Young (55 Grant Street) regarding snow plowing. He informed that when plowing they are piling snow/anti-skid in his yard. On 1/3/2026 they smashed/broke 5 reflectors and he would like this to stop. President ProTem Alvetro stated that he will talk to the guys to slow down and pay attention.

A motion was made by Councilman Reid and seconded by Councilman Gearhart for the Run/Walk for Someone Special to be held on April 12, 2026 with a rain date of April 26,2026. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Damage to the fence at the water tank on Fugate Street is not that bad. Council has decided to table this until spring.

CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

President ProTem Alvetro spoke with JHA Travis Long (Engineer) regarding the sewer plant. There have been no issues. Mr. Long will be up to train Mr. Gamble on a few things

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works:

Nothing to report.

Finance/Personnel:

A motion was made by Councilman Reid and seconded by Vice President Fike to pay J&M Accounting Retainer fee \$1,212.52 (December). Motion carried.

A motion was made by President ProTem Alvetro and seconded by Vice President Elaine Fike to approve Jaysa Neale's leave of absence of 12/22/2025 (8 hours) due to Doctor's appointment.

A motion was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Councilman Gearhart to reimburse Jaysa Neale \$21 (total of 30 miles) for mileage. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Vice President Fike and seconded by Councilman Reid to reimburse Monica Walker \$7.70 (total of 11 miles) for mileage. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Gearhart and seconded by Councilman Reid to change the rate of \$.70 cents to be calculated by utilizing the established Internal Revenue Service business mileage rate, which is implemented on January 1st of each calendar year. Which for 2026 is \$.72.5 per mile.

It was brought to our attention that our outside building sign has not been on at night. Call Dave Simmons to check on it.

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

Utilities:

Nothing to report.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Nothing to report.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

Nothing to report.

Solicitor Gianvito:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Councilman Reid and seconded by Councilman Gearhart to advertise for a Vacant seat on the Borough Council (2year term). Motion carried. Council suggested to advertise in just the Courier Express due to having to be a borough resident.

President ProTem Alvetro informed Council that there was a water leak detected on Van Ness Street. He also informed Council that Michael Gamble contacted Cory Yohe without permission from Council. President ProTem Alvetro had Mr. Gamble call and cancel since it was not approved. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Councilman Reid and seconded by Councilman Gearhart to contact Dave Roman as his equipment is already here.

Cory Yohe was going to charge \$80 per hour plus use the Boroughs equipment.
Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into an executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters at 7:40 P.M.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council reconvened from executive session at 8:38 P.M.

A motion was made by Councilman Reid and seconded by Councilman Gearhart to promote Monica Walker as the full time Secretary/Treasurer position with a starting wage of \$17 per hour, 2 weeks paid vacation and eligible for benefits. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Reid and seconded by President ProTem Alvetro. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Monica Walker
Borough Secretary/Treasurer

