

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

Visitors present were Ben Destefan (Courier Express) and Earl Campbell (Police).

VISITORS CONCERNS:

No visitor concerns.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President Michele Yamrick presented a letter from Robert Rosman thanking the Borough Crew for the work they had done on Sykes Street Alley.

President Yamrick presented a thank you card from Denise Dixon (and others) thanking the Council for donating Stahl Park for their event (Dogs for Dogs).

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve October 7, 2024, minutes was made by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky and seconded by Councilman Don Reid. Motion carried.

President Yamrick opened discussion for the library ceiling repair estimates (previous meeting). Secretary Neale informed that Byler quoted a price of \$4,800 just to replace the tiles and they will not do any of the lighting. After a brief discussion, Council decided to table the estimates as they would like P.D.M Repair to provide a quote that also includes the materials.

President Yamrick presented an estimate from P.D.M. Repair & Remodel, LLC of \$2,745.49 for renovating the office (floor, ceiling tiles, and paint). She informed that renovating the office has been mentioned in the past.

Secretary Neale presented to all board members a cost breakdown/estimate from GD&F (County Engineers-CDBG) for the Stahl Park improvements (discussed in previous meetings). Copy attached. A contribution for this project will be considered in discussion of the 2025 budget (meeting with Personnel Committee and J&M Accounting will be October 30th).

CREW FOREMAN REPORT: President Yamrick presented on Foreman Williams behalf.

Foreman Brian Williams requested that the dumpsters be removed from the Stahl Park until next spring as the park is now winterized and closed. A motion was made by President ProTem Nate Alvetro and seconded by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky to remove the dumpsters at Stahl Park until next spring/needed. Motion carried.

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works:

Nothing to report.

Finance/Personnel:

September 2024 financial reports were presented to all members from J&M Accounting (emailed and distributed 10/17). No questions or comments were made.

President Yamrick informed Council that the PENNVEST Board of Directors has approved the projected loan amount (stormwater projects) of \$3,661,000. Brendan Linton, Project Specialist, wrote in an email *"Due to a statutory limitation, we were not able to provide the Borough the full requested amount of \$4,998,867.00. The below PENNVEST offer is a grant offer in the amount of \$3,661,000.00 but requires the Borough to borrow additional funds from another agency or entity to receive that PENNVEST grant funding. The Borough cannot, under any circumstances, solely take the offer as-is without additional funding and/or scope adjustment."* The options that were presented: 1. Consult with local lenders or other financing options to determine if a loan can be obtained for the balance of the total \$4,998,867.00 project. 2. Reduce the project scope, however, a minimum amount of debt service will be required similar to option one. 3. Reject the current offer and reapply (cut off date is October 30, 2024) to PENNVEST for a smaller project scope up to the statutorily provided maximum funding amount of \$3,661,000.

Council called engineer Travis Long to discuss these options and the project. Mr. Long informed Council that him and his team are trying to arrange a meeting with Brendan to further discuss this project and suggested not to make any motions/do anything until that meeting is held. Tabled until more information is obtained.

An invoice for \$1,597.75 was presented from JHA Companies for the upcoming stormwater project. A motion was made by President ProTem Nate Alvetro and seconded by Vice President Elaine Fike to transfer \$1,597.75 from the Sludge Removal Account to the General Fund Account and pay that amount to JHA Companies from the General Fund. Motion carried.

President Yamrick presented the Borough employee's health insurance renewal (increased by 11.1%). The plan automatically renews November 1, 2024, unless further action is taken. After a brief discussion, President ProTem Alvetro requested to go in immediate executive session to further discuss the plan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into executive session to discuss personnel and financial matters at 7:47 P.M.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council reconvened from executive session at 8:00 P.M.

A motion was made by Vice President Fike and seconded by Councilwoman Pruzinsky to renew the current UPMC Health Plan, however, due to the increase Council has decided to increase the employee contribution from 15% per month to 20% per month. Motion carried.

Finance/Personnel:

A motion was made by Councilman Reid and seconded by Councilwoman Pruzinsky to renew the PA Borough Councils Association and the membership dues at a total cost of \$242. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Vice President Fike and seconded by Councilwoman Pruzinsky to renew the PA Association of Mayors for a total cost of \$60. Motion carried.

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

Utilities:

Nothing to report.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Nothing to report.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

Councilman Reid informed OIC Campbell that someone ran the traffic light as it was red and caused an accident last week. President Yamrick stated that there was a "near miss" with a tractor trailer and an SUV as well. Councilman Reid stated that the mornings are when vehicles go through the light the most. OIC Campbell stated that he only caught one vehicle running a red light the five hours that he watched the area.

Mayor Gail Cunningham informed Council that OIC Campbell will be working this weekend (10/26 & 10/27).

Vice President Fike stated that there is a vehicle parked far enough out in the street on Shaffer Street. OIC Campbell will investigate.

Solicitor Gianvito:

Secretary Neale informed the board that a copy of a proposed ordinance, "Recreational Vehicle Siting and/or Storage Ordinance", was distributed/mailed to all for review before the next Council Meeting, November 4th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by President ProTem Nate Alvetro. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Jaysa Neale
Borough Secretary/Treasurer