

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; Council Members: Kurt Kister, and Don Zimmerman; Mayor Gail Cunningham; Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito. Absent were Councilman Nate Alvetro and Councilman Ron Park.

Visitors present was Brian Williams (Crew Foreman).

VISITORS CONCERNS:

No visitors.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President Michele Yamrick presented a letter of interest for the vacant council member position from Ron Morris. A roll call vote was made to appoint Mr. Morris: Elaine Fike-yes, Kurt Kister-yes, Michele Yamrick-yes, and Don Zimmerman-yes. Motion made. Ron Morris will be contacted tomorrow.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve March 15, 2021 minutes was made by Councilman Don Zimmerman and seconded by Councilman Kurt Kister. Motion carried.

President Yamrick presented dumpster prices for spring cleanup. For a 30-yard (6 tons) dumpster from Iron City is priced at \$675 plus a one-time delivery fee of \$100 and also \$55 for each ton after six tons, Waste Management (formally known as Advanced Disposal) is priced at \$500 for a 40-yard dumpster, and Hugills is priced at \$600 for a 30-yard dumpster. A motion was made by Vice President Elaine Fike and seconded by Councilman Don Zimmerman to purchase two dumpsters from Waste Management for a total of \$1,000 for the dates of May 11 and May 12. Motion carried.

President Yamrick presented a proposal from Pest Management on spraying unwanted vegetation/weeds (discussed last meeting) for a total of \$2,525. This price includes areas that were done last year by Erlich plus Stahl Park. A motion was made by Councilman Zimmerman and seconded by Vice President Fike to accept and approve Pest Management's proposal of \$2,525. Motion carried.

Council decided to table the 2021 CDBG Application due to waiting on project estimates. Application is due on May 28, 2021.

President Yamrick presented a letter from Bill Cuba requesting Council the approval of the Run/Walk in September and also a draft letter that has the Borough taking responsibility of the event. Although an additional insured is not necessary because the Borough has Government Immunity, Solicitor Gianvito recommends it. Council decided to table this until prices are obtained for the additional insured on the Borough's policy.

Councilman Zimmerman inquired about increasing the local earned income tax (discussed last meeting). After a brief discussion a motion was made by Councilman Zimmerman and seconded by Vice President Fike to have Solicitor Gianvito draft and advertise an ordinance to increase the local earned income tax by 1%. Motion carried. This will generate \$90,000 and go towards roads/sidewalks/infrastructure reasons.

Councilman Zimmerman stated that residents have been complaining about the millage increase this year. Residents are also stating that they did not know of the tax increase. Secretary Neale stated that the ordinance was both advertised and displayed in the lobby window for public review. A proof of publication will be sent to all Council Members.

CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

Foreman Brian Williams informed Council that Karl and Mike are registered for the water operator certification training program. The classes are every Wednesday for 12 weeks starting May 12 and are also free. The Borough would have to pay for the certification exam at the end of the program which is on August 11.

Foreman Williams informed Council that the Crew will resume installing meters (weather permitting) next week.

Foreman Williams stated that he needs 45 tons more of mulch for the parks. He stated that the Crew laid 24 tons today at Stahl Park and will need a few more tons to finish and the Crew didn't start Highland Park. A motion was made by Councilman Kurt Kister and seconded by Vice President Elaine Fike to allow Foreman Williams to purchase an extra 45 tons of mulch (split between park and Borough). Motion carried.

A proposal was presented to Council from Kessler Fencing for \$5,569.77. Last week a tree fell and damaged the entire fence around the chlorine station.

Secretary Neale stated that there is already a claim filed with our insurance. President Yamrick informed that the proposal will be sent to EMC Insurance.

Foreman Williams informed Council that a guy has been piling up wood chips by the fence at the chlorine station. President Yamrick stated that he needs to be told not to do so.

Two quotes were presented from John Deere (\$92,383.65 and \$94,859.11) for a new backhoe. Foreman Williams stated that John Deere is Co-Star approved and also informed that the Borough can file for County Aid money (\$10,000). He stated that the backhoe that is more can be here in 2 weeks while the other will be here in September/November. Foreman Williams also suggested to place the Borough's current backhoe on Municipal Bid for \$20,000. Councilman Kister also informed that the Borough will be getting \$110,000 from the County (CARES Act). There is no information on what this money can be used for yet. A motion was made by Councilman Kister and seconded by Councilman Zimmerman to accept the John Deere backhoe priced at \$94,859.11. Motion carried. This will be split between the General, Sewer, Water, and Liquid Fuels Accounts.

Foreman Williams presented road estimates of \$79,929 from Marc Skarbek (PennDot). The estimates include paving and milling Dr. Fugate Drive, top coat One Marys Alley to VanNess Street, and paving and milling VanNess to the Fire Department (full estimate located at the Borough Office). A motion was made by Councilman Kister and seconded by Councilman Zimmerman to advertise for bid of the above road work. Motion carried.

Foreman Williams stated that the Borough streets should (hopefully) be swept next week. He also informed that the Borough's alert system is down so signs have been posted to inform the residents.

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works:

Nothing to report.

Finance/Personnel:

A motion was made by Vice President Fike and seconded by Councilman Kister to accept and pay Tuning Accounting their monthly (March) retainer fee of \$1,034.93. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Kister and seconded by Vice President Fike to approve Jaysa Neale's paid time off for March 16. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Vice President Fike and seconded by Councilman Zimmerman to approve Karl McCracken's paid time off for March 26 (3 hrs.) and March 29 (8 hrs.). Motion carried.

An invoice for \$1,328.01 was presented from JHA Companies for the upcoming stormwater project. A motion was made by Councilman Kister and seconded by Vice President Fike to transfer \$1,328.01 from the Sludge Removal Account to the General Fund Account and pay that amount to JHA Companies from the General Fund. Motion carried.

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

Utilities:

Nothing to report.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Councilman Kister stated that because of the storm drain project, Foreman Williams suggested to hold off on putting in concrete at the park (discussed last meeting). Councilman Kister also stated that he will get prices for placing patio pavers in that spot.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

Attached is the March 2021 monthly police summary report.

Mayor Cunningham inquired "if Ron Morris was to be a write in for the May ballot, would he be on the ballot for the general election?" Solicitor Gianvito stated that he will find out the information.

Solicitor Gianvito:

Solicitor Gianvito informed Council that he will be emailing Bill Cuba about the Run/Walk and will also be reviewing OIC Campbell's notes on the junk vehicle ordinances.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into executive session to discuss legal matters at 8:15 P.M.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council reconvened from executive session at 8:27 P.M.

A motion was made by Vice President Fike and seconded by Councilman Kister to have Secretary Neale contact the customer in question as noted on the complaint/request form. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Vice President Elaine Fike and seconded by Councilman Don Zimmerman. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Jaysa Neale
Borough Secretary/Treasurer

Sykesville Borough Monthly Police Summary March 2021

Incidents Handled	8
Traffic Citations Issued	5
Criminal Citations Issued	0
Borough Ordinance Violations/Warning	2
Written Warnings Issued	10
Parking Tickets Issued/Warnings Issued	0
Summary Offenses	5
Misdemeanor Offenses	0
Felony Offenses	0
Charges Filed at Magistrates	5
EMS/Police/Fire/Assist	3
Court Hearings	2
Miles Patrolled	368