

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; Nate Alvetro, President ProTem; Council Members: Ron Morris, Michael Sackash, Colton Gearhart, Don Reid, Mayor Kyle Pisarcik, Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito. Absent was President Michele Yamrick.

A motion was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris to add to the agenda employee evaluation and signing of application #8 of the Contractor's Application for Payment. Motion carried.

Visitors were Cheyenne and Cody Warnick, John Sedor, Dylan Carlson.

VISITORS CONCERNS:

Cheyenne is asking Council about putting a 10x10 utility shed on the pull off where they park their cars on East Main Street. She was told when they moved in that they do not own the property, but that is where they have parked their cars since they moved in about 4 years ago. Council told her that since they do not own it and that the borough does not own it that they should not put one there. When looking it up, it looks like the railroad owns it and she was given the address and phone number for them.

John Sedor asked Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito if he has had a chance to look over the paperwork from JHA Engineer Travis Long, (Borough Council & Sewer/Water Authority joint governance discussion).

Vice President Elaine Fike has appointed Councilman Colton Gearhart to be the liaison between the Council and the Sewer/Water Authority. Councilman Colton Gearhart has accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Vice President Elaine Fike informed Council of the (CDBG) Block Grant deadline to have this application in is July 10th. We need to start thinking of things that we want to do. Passed around for Council to look at.

Vice President Elaine Fike read an invitation to meet Senator Dusch. The deadline for reservations is April 17th.

Vice President Elaine Fike read an invitation for the Region 7 Spring Meeting which will be on May 14th with LB Water.

Council received a letter from the (SCIA) Sykesville Civic Improvement Association regarding a few things.

1. Service Banners. If we could take down the worn and faded banners when we are taking down the Christmas decorations.
2. SCIA is planning to have a 250 Year celebration for our community. The date will be August 8th. We would like to reserve the Town Square along with closing South Park Street from Main Street to Liberty Street. We will be combining our annual block party with the 250 Year celebration, having entertainment, activities along with food. If the Borough would like to donate to this it would be greatly appreciated.

After a brief discussion Council determined that the banners were through the American Legion and that they would be the ones to take them down.

A motion was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Councilman Colton Gearhart to close South Park Street from Main Street to Liberty Street on the 8th of August for their celebration. Motion carried.

Old BUSINESS:

Councilman Mike Sackash brought to Council's attention that there were corrections that need to be made to the minutes from the March 16, 2026 meeting. There was no motion made on those minutes. Corrections will be made.

President ProTem Nathan Alvetro informed Council about the progress with the Stormwater Project update. Finishing up North Park Street and that the Blacktop plants will be opening next week and that we are the first ones on the list for Hawbaker's.

Councilman Mike Sackash is asking, "does anyone from the Borough look at the fiduciary financial oversight of the project? Where it is? Stuck in a bank somewhere that we don't know where it is and I don't know, I am just asking the question, because I do not know. Every meeting I come to the stuff comes in at the last minute and says sign it and that is what we do. I ran pretty big companies and this is not normal". Councilman Don Reid says "that is a good question". Vice President Elaine Fike asked Councilman Don Reid "you have been on Council in the past have they ever followed procedures with all the

grants". She let Councilman Mike Sackash know that she did not have the answer. Councilman Mike Sackash states at last meeting we got 2 months of financials which were a month late and not labeled very well and it was like approve this. I asked a couple questions which didn't make the meeting minutes, but it just last minute that there were engineering charges in there that I would have said, what is this? So its just a question so that at the end of this project Dave Roman comes to us and says oh by the way we had a big oops and you owe another 50 grand that we need, and then what happens. Then who signs it. I want to back off because I don't know. But I don't think that there is any oversight. Vice President Elaine Fike asked Councilman Don Reid in the past has there been anybody that followed the grant clear through. Councilman Don Reid said not anyone from Council. He was asked who did it then? He did not know, probably our Solicitor. It is not the Solicitor's job. Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito say that PennVest reviews this also. Our engineers are reviewing it and the balk of it is PennVest money. John Sedor from the Sewer/Water Authority says our accounting J&M keeps track of that but the trouble is it is everything. If you don't know what the code numbers are you don't know what went where. Councilman Mike Sackash for example from last week is the reason I brought it up, so when I did President Michele Yamrick's answer to me was, well we have never had a problem approving these in the past so do I have a motion and it passed. You have never had a problem in the past is not a good answer, but if everyone is comfortable, I am the newbie, I don't know. Mayor Kyle Pisarcik correct me if I am wrong, you are just checking the system of checks and balances? Councilman Mike Sackash wants some oversight of the project like when AJ is here nobody asks him are we on budget, all anyone wants to know if we are on time. John Sedor states that is why we want someone from Council to come to our meetings. We want to suggest that we open a new account just for these projects. The money will go into that project and the money will go out of the project fund. Instead of transferring from the Sludge fund. Vice President Elaine Fike asked if there was ever any money not paid back. His response was yes, but not with this Council. Vice President Elaine Fike asked if it wasn't taken care of then why something said then. John Sedor replied in the Council rules that we were only rate setters. Now when you read this were correlation with Council for a lot more than just rate setters. Councilman Mike Sackash, for example he has asked me for advise on reading the financial statements because he is not accomplished with that. The Borough is in charge and the Water/Sewer is under the Borough, but wouldn't it be good if when we do the budget what are their longer term concerns for the water/sewer and should that be reflected in budgetary numbers. Right now they are not.

Travis Long from JHA says that there are 3 entities that follow the project, JHA, PennVest and the Borough. As far as the Borough there are 3 ways that it can be done. Borough has access to the PennVest website. JHA submits invoices to the Borough and JHA can do a running summary to the Borough.

After a brief discussion a motion was made by Councilman Colton Gearhart and seconded by Councilman Mike Sackash to get a new credit card through InFirst Bank. Motion carried.

Dylan Carlson with Carlson Technologies pitched a proposal for a call out system. The objective is to provide a simple, reliable way to notify residents about important updates through text messages and automated phone calls and voicemails. Council will discuss this further. Secretary Monica Walker updated Council with WM (Waste Management). Still having to call for garbage not being picked up.

President ProTem Nathan Alvetro informed Council that he reached out to William Cyphert in regards to his father's (Eugene Cyphert) property. Last meeting he had reached out to Council about purchasing the property. President ProTem Nathan Alvetro states that it would be an estimate of between \$10 - \$15 thousand dollars to demolish the burnt building and that does not include filling in the foundation. Mr Cyphert did not have a price in mind. We have not heard anything back from him.

President ProTem Nathan Alvetro updated Council on the fire damage to the 2020 Chevy Truck fire. He informed Council that the truck is not totaled, but having issues between the insurance and Spitzers. President ProTem Nathan Alvetro is still waiting on a call to continue.

MAYOR:

Mayor Kyle Pisarcik would like to publicly thank Brian Woods and Alysa Ferut for volunteering their time to help tear down the Christmas Tree.

CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

President ProTem Nathan Alvetro informed Council about the Stormwater project, the reason we went through the Municipal parking lot is so that we can get it paved. It is in very ruff shape with it being uneven with bricks and stones sticking out of it. Unsafe for residents to walk through and is very hard to plow in the winter and you can't put salt on it. It will turn to mud. Talking with AJ and Travis from JHA, why it was never put in there no one knows. President ProTem Nathan Alvetro got a call from Hawbakas and Romans about what the plans are for the parking lot. They gave him 3 quotes 20x144 \$16,000, 40x144 \$32,000 and 60x144 \$48,000. AJ got back to us and with what got changed on North Park Street and putting a catch basin in behind McDermots, we still have money that we can use for this project. Approximately \$104,284.62 less than the original

amount. A motion was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris to pave the whole lot for \$48,000.

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works:

President ProTem Nathan Alvetro informed Council that Foster F. Wineland Inc. were in on April 6th to do maintenance on the John Deere Backhoe and found a solenoid needs replaced. They have that on order.

President ProTem Nathan Alvetro informed Council that Thursday April 9th Ryan from Cummins is coming to maintenance all the generators.

President ProTem Nathan Alvetro informed Council that Friday April 10th Ethan will be coming in to calibrate the sewage meter.

President ProTem Nathan Alvetro informed Council that starting on Tuesday April 7th and into Wednesday April 8th Crewman Michael Gamble and Crewman James Sweka will be working with Dave Roman on Van Ness Street to put 2 water services in for Sunrise Drilling and the rental house below that. This is to fix a leak that was right before winter.

President ProTem Nathan Alvetro reminded Council the Sunday April 12th is the Run/Walk for Someone Special.

President ProTem Nathan Alvetro informed Council the Jamie from 814 came down with his forklift and lifted the top of the Christman Tree off and Mayor Kyle Pisarcik took it upon himself to do the rest. Thanks to Leo Nedza for allowing us to us his bucket truck, the Christmas lights on Main Street were also taken down.

Finance/Personnel:

A motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilman Colton Gearhart to reimburse Secretary Monica Walker mileage \$82.65. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilman Colton Gearhart to sign Contractor's Application for Payment #8. Motion carried.

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Councilman Don Reid asked about speed bumps by the park. Where do we want them placed. People still are not stopping.

Councilman Mike Sackash wanted to report to Council that they met with the Fire Chief to critique the last project that they had with the Red Cross reviewing the new plan. We pretty much agreed on everything. He got a copy of the quotes for the devices. The Committees and the Fire Department want to do the carbon monoxide one if we can fund it. Our purpose is to get this all funded with donations. Councilman Ron Morris is working with Symmco on that. We agreed on the mail out format within the committee. Fire department agreed on the devices on the distributions and the registrations, keeping logs and all that. Councilman Mike Sachash is asking does the mail out verbiage need approved with Council and the Legal side? Councilman Mike Sackash read the mail out. Nupps quote on the printing and the mailing of \$900 - \$1,000. Councilman Mike Sackash has not reached out to Kevin yet, but would like to make a proposal that we split it between the Borough and the Fire Department. Councilman Mike Sackash has drafted up an agreement between the Borough and the Fire Department. Being passed around. Councilman Mike Sackash also informed Council that we need a new ordinance. Technically it is not up to Pennsylvania Standards so what is the process of amending existing ordinance. Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito states that we will have to be repealed. The Council would have to vote to approve it and it would have to be advertised no less than one week before a meeting that it is adopted at.

Utilities:

Nothing to report.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Councilman Mike Sackash informed Council that the trash at the park was taken care of. Thanked the Borough guys for doing that.

A motion was made by Councilman Mike Sackash and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris to hire someone as an independent contractor to clean the park at \$13.00 per hour with a list of duties to be performed. Motion carried.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

Nothing to report.

Solicitor Gianvito:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris to have the Spring Cleanup Dumpster on May 5th from 8am – 4pm located at Borough Shop on Willow Ally. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Mike Sackash to tar and chip in town. There will be a list in the Borough Office. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into an executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters at 9:20 P.M.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council reconvened from executive session at 9:30 P.M.

Monica Walker's evaluation was agreed upon during the executive session. As she was given a raise when she moved into the full time position there will be no raise at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by President ProTem Nathan Alvetro. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Monica Walker
Borough Secretary/Treasurer