

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; Nathan Alvetro, President ProTem; Council Members: Sherry Pruzinsky, Ron Morris, Don Reid, and Gabriel "Butch" Sweka; Mayor Gail Cunningham. Absent was Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito.

Visitors present were Monica Walker (Assistant Secretary), Brian Williams (Foreman), and Ben Destefan (Courier Express).

VISITORS CONCERNS:

No visitor concerns.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve August 5, 2024, minutes was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris. Motion carried.

President Michele Yamrick opened discussion of the estimate presented from Clear Run to fix the two busted curbs on Main Street (discussed last meeting). After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Vice President Elaine Fike and seconded by Councilman Butch Sweka to approve Clear Run Construction & Concrete's estimate of \$4,722.50 for repair of the two curbs located on Main Street. Motion carried. This will be paid out of the General Fund.

President Yamrick updated Council that the concrete in front of the salt shed is finished (approved at the July 1, 2024, Council Meeting).

Secretary Neale informed Council that after money has been moved (per budget), the Major Equipment Fund was able to pay for the full cost of the skid loader and no extra money had to be used from the Water, Sewer, and General Fund Accounts. There is currently \$6,264.55 in the Major Equipment Fund.

Council revisited the quotes/estimates on the inspection and cleaning of the water tank (discussed last meeting). After further review of the prices, a motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilwoman Sherry

Pruzinsky to accept and approve Atlantic Underwater Services Inc.'s (keeps tank online) proposal of \$6,050. Motion carried. Since the Borough will have to provide a lift, Foreman Williams will research prices for rental of a lift. This will be paid out of the Water Capital Improvement Fund (currently \$268,224.26).

Council opened discussion on the quotes that were presented last meeting from Dave Carlson of Carlson Technologies (Borough's Server/IT Department). After further discussion/review, a motion was made by President ProTem Nate Alvetro and seconded by Councilman Butch Sweka to accept and approve the CTI Alerting & Monitoring quote of \$95.52/month. Motion carried.

Byler Brothers begin work on the Borough building's roof on Friday. Foreman Williams informed Council that they cut all the old (unactive) sprinkler system out and he thinks that they started putting up dry wall today. He stated that the roof portion may be started this week if all goes well. Byler is keeping in contact with John Witherite (PennSafe) to ensure that the work is satisfactory.

CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

Foreman Brian Williams presented a rental agreement from Superior Energy Resources for rental of an excavator for a cost of \$5,040 (cost for one month). This would allow the Borough Crew to dredge the creek themselves instead of contracting the project out. He also informed that he received a price of \$4,500 from W&W Equipment for rental of an excavator for one month. He stated that if approved, he could start the project in September and have it finished by the end of the month (uninterrupted). Foreman Williams informed that this is an Army Corps. requirement. After a brief discussion, Council decided to table this issue until next May (2025 budget discussion).

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works:

President ProTem Nate Alvetro informed Council that there was a water leak Thursday at Jess Nichol's residence (317 London Street). The Crew worked until 3 A.M. The leak has been fully fixed today. The road did not have to be cut.

President ProTem Alvetro stated that there are some issues with Sykes Street Alley's drainage. He informed that there was no milling done prior to paving, only binder, which created flooding issues for the residents. He informed that the new road needs cut to install drainage (pipe/catch basin). He stated that HRI performed the work that PennDot suggested. He thinks three catch basins are needed and Foreman Williams will have to obtain permits before starting the work.

Finance/Personnel:

July 2024 financial reports were presented to all members from J&M Accounting (emailed and distributed 8/15). No questions or comments were made.

An invoice for \$8,096.75 was presented from JHA Companies for the upcoming stormwater project. A motion was made by Vice President Fike and seconded by Councilman Sweka to transfer \$8,096.75 from the Sludge Removal Account to the General Fund Account and pay that amount to JHA Companies from the General Fund. Motion carried.

The Financial Requirement and the 2025 MMO for the uniformed and non-uniformed pension plan (s) were presented from Thomas J. Anderson & Associates, Inc. (based on earnings as of June 30, 2024). A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by Councilman Morris to accept, approve, and sign the non-uniform (\$7,010) and uniformed (\$23,714) 2025 MMO's. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by Councilwoman Pruzinsky to approve Jaysa Neale's paid time off for August 9th. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by President ProTem Alvetro to approve Michael Gamble's paid time off for August 16th. Motion carried.

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

Utilities:

Nothing to report.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky reminded Council that the Block Party will be at Stahl Park on Saturday, September 7th.

Councilman Sweka informed that there is a tree down at the park. Foreman Williams informed that he would take care of it as soon as it dries out.

Secretary Walker informed Council that she received many compliments about the park's appearance this year.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

Councilman Don Reid informed that the Police car is fixed and presented an invoice of \$2,557.28 from Sanko's Transmissions. He also stated that the car needs to be inspected and new tires need to be put on (wasn't done because of the issues). A motion was made by Councilman Reid and seconded by Councilman Sweka to pay Sanko's Transmissions \$2,557.28 from the Police Car Fund for their services. Motion carried.

Councilman Reid questioned Mayor Cunningham about why the car goes to West End in Punxsy rather somewhere closer/cheaper. He also asked where the Borough purchases tires. Secretary Neale informed that the tires are purchased through Flynn's Tire as the Borough gets a discount (coming next week).

President ProTem Alvetro stated that Council should think about getting a new police car as the current one is 10 years old.

Solicitor Gianvito:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Yamrick presented to Council an email she received from Matt Milliron who is involved with the Jefferson County CDBG program. He reviewed what was submitted last year (improvements for Sykesville parks) and wanted to see if the Borough was still interested. Council stated that the parks need mulch, playground equipment, the basketball courts need refurbished, and the dead-end walkway needs finished. Councilwoman Pruzinsky stated that the softball fields could use some maintenance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters at 7:53 P.M.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council reconvened from executive session at 8:16 P.M.

A motion was made by Vice President Fike and seconded by Councilwoman Pruzinsky to increase Michael Gamble's wages by .25 cents due to his employee evaluation and recommendation from the Personnel Committee effective August 19, 2024. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Morris and seconded by Councilman Sweka to deny forgiveness of 209 West Main Street's water and sewer bills and to send a letter to Mr. Stewart (7/15/2024 meeting) stating so. Motion carried.

Reminder: Next Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, due to the holiday.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Vice President Elaine Fike and seconded by Councilman Butch Sweka. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Jaysa Neale
Borough Secretary/Treasurer

