

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; Council Members: Kurt Kister, Ron Morris, and Sherry Pruzinsky; Mayor Gail Cunningham; Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito. Absent were Vice President Elaine Fike, President ProTem Nate Alvetro, and Councilman Gabriel "Butch" Sweka.

Visitors present were Susan Slezak, Jason Shilala, Tom Kundrich, John Sedor, Don Zimmerman, Ron Park, Monica Walker (PT Secretary), Brian Williams (Foreman), Earl Campbell (Sykesville Police), Alex Nelson (Courier Express), and Justin Flegor (Punxsy Spirit).

VISITORS CONCERNS:

President Michele Yamrick addressed the general public in regards to being respectful to the Borough Employees. She stated that the employees do not and should not have to take anyone yelling and swearing at them and it is not tolerated by the Borough.

Jason and Susan asked/requested about tapping in to the Borough's water line. He also stated that his neighbor may be interested as well. Foreman Brian Williams stated that Travis Long (Engineer) informed him that Mr. Shilala will be able to tap in to the Borough's line but he will have to pump it due to pressure and he would have to get easements and also PennDot permits. He also stated that Brady Township's water line is not located where he is at so they would not have to be informed. Mr. Williams also informed that there would be a \$2,000 tap fee that would go along with moving forward with the project.

Tom, Don, and Ron were present to present a quarterly update (full report is located at the Borough Office). The Committee has been communicating with Beth Krise, CEO of Symmco, in regards to their efforts, communicating with Ben White about funding options, communicating with Zak Ankeny at Cris Dush's office and Tracy Clark at Brian Smith's office about funding options and grant writing. A grant request was submitted to Lowes but was not accepted because it exceeded their limit of \$150,000. A grant request was submitted to T-Mobile for upgrades to the Town Hall (max grant is \$48,000). The Committee is waiting for Kubota to open their grant program again (\$50,000 max.) for park upgrades. The Committee will also try again with the Varischetti Foundation since they missed applying last year.

Tom Kundrich stated that Council agreed to take over North West Bank Building when it was donated back in 2016 with the intention to renovate the building into the new Borough/Municipal Building. He stated that a presentation was made to Frank Roberts and John Beane of the Symmco Foundation and a \$20,000 grant was donated in good faith toward the renovation costs. He stated that renovation costs and maintenance costs are different and stated that the damage (s) done to the building should not come out of that donated money. Mr. Kundrich stated to the Council that they are obligated to report to Symmco and the IRS how the money was spent, which he states that the funds were spent incorrectly on maintaining the building. He informed that the Committee has a bank account now and requests that the remaining funds should be given to the Committee.

President Michele Yamrick presented the two check stubs (\$10,000 each) from Symmco and they state "Sykesville Borough 2018 Donation" and "Sykesville Acquisition/Planning of New Facility". She asked if there was a written agreement stating that the donation was only supposed to be meant for renovations and not maintenance. Don Zimmerman insisted that the donation money is supposed to be used for strictly renovations and not maintenance. Foreman Williams informed Council that the dehumidifiers are running currently and the building is being checked weekly. He also stated that the water is not shut off at the curb because the Crew cannot locate them.

John Sedor stated that he contacted Marc Skarbek regarding speeding signs, jake breaks, and the traffic light in town. He presented a number to President Yamrick of a guy who would change the light. Mr. Sedor stated "if you change the light, people will be forced to stop".

John stated that if speeding/traffic control is not being taken care of, he will start a petition for the town and send it into the state that nothing has been done about traffic control.

He also informed that he gave Foreman Williams a number of a guy who would fix a tear in the one sewer pond. He stated that it is below water making it much easier to fix. He also stated the road where his neighbor's driveway is located has sunk due to water settling. He said he asked Nate Alvetro to have the Crew fill the area in with millings. Foreman Williams and Council will look into that.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

President Michele Yamrick presented an invitation from JCDC to Council inviting them to breakfast at the Punxsutawney Country Club. They will also offer golfing at a rate of \$35 per golfer or \$140 per team. RSVPs must be submitted by September 1<sup>st</sup>. JCDC also invited Council to a Grand Opening and Ribbon

Cutting in Brookville on August 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. Invitations are located at the Borough Office.

President Yamrick presented three letters of interest for the Water and Sewer Authority. The Authority currently needs one more member. The letters were from Butch Sweka, Tom Kundrich, and Don Reid. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky and seconded by Councilman Kurt Kister to appoint Butch Sweka onto the Water and Sewer Authority. Motion carried.

An invoice was presented to Council from JCSWA for \$700 (2022 recycling contribution). It was confirmed that the carpet and furniture was removed from the recycling center. Don Zimmerman stated that if there is ever an issue with that, JCSWA will need to be called and will remove the items at no charge. A motion was made by Councilman Kurt Kister and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris to pay JCSWA \$700 for the 2022 recycling contribution. Motion carried.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve July 5, 2022 minutes was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilman Kurt Kister. Motion carried.

There wasn't a hearing today on 232 West Main Street as discussed last meeting. Solicitor Gianvito was waiting on the title search and some information. He stated that the hearing can be scheduled before next Borough Council Meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Morris and seconded by Councilwoman Pruzinsky to schedule a hearing on September 6, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. regarding the unsafe structure of 232 West Main Street. Motion carried.

President Yamrick informed Council at the last meeting it was voted to advertise to cut the flood project. The Borough did not receive any new bids. The only bid that was received was from B&H Brushhogging, Inc. for a total of \$5,800. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Councilwoman Pruzinsky and seconded by Councilman Kister to accept B&H Brushhogging's proposal of \$5,800. Motion carried.

Secretary Neale informed Council that there were no applications received for the cleaning position. President Yamrick asked if Council wanted to re-advertise. After a brief discussion, Council decided to table this matter.

Secretary Neale informed Council that there were no applications received for a Code Enforcement Officer.

President Yamrick informed Council that the Water and Sewer Authority has accepted the Borough's letter requesting that the water bill be forgiven for the Bank Building. She thanked and showed appreciation to the Authority.

Secretary Neale informed Council that she gave the current water and sewer bills to OIC Campbell for 63 Cleveland Street. He will begin the process at filing charges per last meeting.

President Yamrick presented to Council a proposal for the garbage collection from Waste Management. Also presented was a statement of work proposal for an "At Your Door Special Collection". In reviewing the materials, Council would like to discuss and review with someone from Waste Management before making any decisions. Secretary Neale will reach out and ask if someone would attend a Council Meeting in September.

#### CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

Foreman Brian Williams informed Council that if they wanted signs on North Park Street and Main Street (discussed last meeting), they will have to make a motion to do so and then PennDot has to place them. A motion was made by Councilman Kister and seconded by Councilwoman Pruzinsky to approve the placement of disability signs and speed limit signs on North Park Street and Main Street. Motion carried.

#### COMITTEE REPORTS:

##### Public Works:

Nothing to report.

##### Finance/Personnel:

A request was presented from Tom Kundrich asking for reimbursement of \$81.84 from the Bank Building Account. This money was used to purchase 5 Bank Building Project Books, 5 SCBA Books, and report covers. Councilwoman Pruzinsky raised questions on if this was a renovation cost due to earlier discussion. Mr. Zimmerman stated this is part of the renovation process. A motion was made by Councilman Morris and seconded by Councilman Kister to reimburse Mr. Kundrich \$81.84 from the Bank Building Account. Motion carried.

The June 2022 financial reports from Tuning Accounting were emailed to all board members for their review. There were no comments/questions addressed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pruzinsky and seconded by Councilman Morris to accept and pay Tuning Accounting \$1,166.28 for the July retainer fee. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pruzinsky and seconded by Councilman Kister to approve Brian Williams time off for July 27. Motion carried.

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

Utilities:

Nothing to report.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Councilman Kurt Kister informed Council that Brooke Chewing stated that she will be working on the park this week for improvements. Alexis at 814 Hardware has taken pictures and submitted them to the grant company and remains working on that. Brian Williams asked if High School kids could do community service in helping with the park improvements. Council agreed that they could.

Councilman Kister informed Council that there was an issue two weekends ago with renting the park. Melinda Fillheart had payed for the park and someone else showed up on that day and had their reunion. The gentlemen (did not book with the office or pay) who showed up stated that he was promised previously to always have that date. Due to this error, Council decided to give a full refund of her \$150. A motion was made by Councilwoman Pruzinsky and seconded by Councilman Kister to reimburse Melinda Fillheart in full (\$150) due to this error. Motion ratified.

Councilwoman Pruzinsky suggested in having someone volunteer their time in making a sign stating "Rental on a first come first serve basis", show the price, and also show the Borough number to schedule all reservations.

Councilwoman Pruzinsky also informed Council that she knows one of the kids' who got in trouble for "breaking in" to the concession stands at the park and their parents'. She informed that she spoke with the mother and she stated that the Police Officer had told her there was no damage done/attempt of breaking in. She also stated that they haven't received any citations (happened in April/May). Because there have been no citations issued, Council cannot ban or push community service on the individuals.

Councilwoman Pruzinsky stated that the gates are always left open to the baseball field and there are no signs stating not to be on the field. She informed that someone stated the baseball field is private. She questioned if there was an agreement with the Little League stating this. President Yamrick stated that Nate Alvetro should know.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

Attached is the July Police Summary report.

A motion was made by Councilman Morris and seconded by Councilman Kister to close Liberty Street from Long Alley to South Park Street on August 26<sup>th</sup>-August 27<sup>th</sup> due to the Gun Bash. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pruzinsky and seconded by Councilman Kister to replenish the cash drawer \$23.55 (OIC Campbell sent out certified letters). Motion carried. A motion was made by Councilman Morris and seconded by Councilman Kister to always have the cash drawer hold \$100 for certified mailings. Motion carried.

Mayor Cunningham asked if the Council would consider hiring a Part Time Police Officer. This will further be discussed in executive session.

Solicitor Gianvito:

All taxes (School, County, and Borough) for the Bank Building has been exonerated. Solicitor Gianvito informed that this process will have to be done every year until the building is utilized.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nothing to report

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters at 8:27 P.M.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council reconvened from executive session at 9:03 P.M.

A motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilman Kurt Kister to advertise for a Part Time Police Officer. This officer must have their Act 120 and their own Police Number. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Kurt Kister and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Jaysa Neale  
Borough Secretary/Treasurer

# Sykesville Borough Monthly Police Summary July 2022

Incidents Handled	11
Traffic Citations Issued	8
Criminal Citations Issued	0
Borough Ordinance Violations/Warning	6
Written Warnings Issued	16
Parking Tickets Issued/Warnings Issued	0
Summary Offenses	8
Misdemeanor Offenses	0
Felony Offenses	0
Charges Filed at Magistrates	8
EMS/Police/Fire/Assist	3
Court Hearings	3
Miles Patrolled	421