

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: Kurt Kister and Gabriel "Butch" Sweka. Absent were Councilman Ron Morris, Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky, Mayor Gail Cunningham, and Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito.

Visitors present were Rick August, Robert Krajewski, Mary Greeley, Craig Cramer, and Nicholas Yamrick (Borough Crew).

VISITORS CONCERNS:

Bob Krajewski questioned the penalties on the Winslow Township water bill. He informed that the township's lawyer said that there should be no penalties being charged to them per the contract. Secretary Neale informed that Winslow Township is allotted 15,000 gallons per day and was informed by Foreman Williams and Engineer Travis Long that they should be charged a penalty due to overages for their water use. Foreman Brian Williams and Travis Long will research this further.

Craig Cramer was present on behalf of Leo and Mona Cramer located at 136 Coolspring Avenue. He informed that his parents are elderly and stated that if need be, an emergency vehicle would not make it up the road. He requested that there be some kind of maintenance done on the road.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President Yamrick informed Council that the Pension Audit for the years 2018-2022 are completed. Both Uniformed and Non-Uniformed were satisfactory for those years.

A motion was made by Councilman Kurt Kister and seconded Councilman Butch Sweka to approve and sign the 2024 financial requirement and MMO budget for the Uniformed Pension Plan (\$18,065) and the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan (\$5,210). Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve August 7, 2023 minutes was made by President ProTem Nate Alvetro and seconded by Councilman Kurt Kister. Motion carried.

President Yamrick informed Council that Jay Bressler (bid on renovating Borough building) informed her that his bid of \$9,550 is his labor and what he THINKS the materials will be. The Borough, however, will have to purchase the materials. Council decided to table this until other prices are researched.

After Council had a brief discussion on Jay Bressler's bid of \$1,000 to repair the salt shed, a motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by Councilman Kister to accept and pay Mr. Bressler \$1,000 for his labor to repair the salt shed. Motion carried. The Borough already has the supplies to repair the shed.

CREW FOREMAN REPORT: Nick Yamrick spoke on behalf of Foreman Williams.

Bids were presented for a new dump truck:

1. 2024 F-350 Chassis 4x4 SD Regular Cab 145" WB DRW XL (F3H) which also includes 9' SS DUM body & under tailgate spreader and plow priced at \$100,670 quoted from Tri Star. This truck would have to be ordered and the date is not guaranteed.
2. 2023 Chevrolet Silverado 3500HD CC (CK31003) 4WD Reg. Cab 146" WB, 60" CA Work Truck priced at \$90,120 quoted from Dave Hallman Chevrolet. Plow and spreader is not included with this price, however, the truck is prepped to include both. This truck is ready to be driven off the lot (no wait time).

Mr. Yamrick informed Council that a guy will be down next week to price a "trade-in" value. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Vice President Fike and seconded by Councilman Sweka to allow Councilman Kister, President ProTem Alvetro, and Foreman Williams to discuss and order the best truck option. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by President ProTem Alvetro to advertise flushing of hydrants from September 11th to October 6th. Motion carried.

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works:

President ProTem Alvetro informed Council that the Borough purchased Sandy Township's roller at a total cost of \$6,000 (split General, Water, Sewer). A motion was made by Councilman Kister and seconded by Councilman Sweka to ratify approval of the purchase of the roller from Sandy Township of \$6,000. Motion carried.

Finance/Personnel:

The June financial reports were emailed to all members produced by Tuning Accounting. No questions or comments were made.

President Yamrick informed Council that the former bank building is officially Mr. Bussard's. She stated that Council agreed to return the remaining donation money to the Symmco Foundation (\$9,318.88). President ProTem Alvetro recommended to return half of the donated money which would be \$10,000. A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by Vice President Fike to return \$10,000 to the Symmco Foundation and close the Bank Building Account (xxxxx7838) at Farmers National Bank. Motion carried.

An invoice for \$1,339.85 was presented from JHA Companies for the upcoming stormwater project. A motion was made by Councilman Kister and seconded by Councilman Sweka to transfer \$1,339.85 from the Sludge Removal Account to the General Fund Account and pay that amount to JHA Companies from the General Fund. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by Councilman Kister to transfer \$50,000 from the Sewer Account to the Sludge Removal Account and to also transfer \$50,000 from the Water Account to the Water Capital Improvement Account. 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 7th. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by Councilman Kister to approve Jaysa Neale's leave of absence for one hour on August 21st, pay not requested. Motion carried.

Vice President Fike requested an executive session for personnel.

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

Utilities:

President Yamrick informed Council that there wasn't a huge turnout for having clean-up day on a Saturday. She also informed that Council should be thinking of other dates to have a dumpster clean-up day (two separate dates).

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Councilman Kister presented quotes to resurface the tennis courts. He recommended if this is to be done, it should be done in the spring. The quotes were passed around the table for Council's review (\$20,000-\$45,000).

A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by President ProTem Alvetro to close Liberty Street from South Park Street to the Dollar General and to post "Road Closed" signs at the alley by the Legion, the intersection of London and Liberty, and Long Alley on September 9th, 2023 from 7:00 AM-8:00 PM. Motion carried.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

President ProTem Alvetro asked Council if they would like him to call Jeremy Snyder of PennDot to ask for the portable electronic speed signs to try out (free) before purchasing. Council agreed to ask for two portable signs to try out and place them at the car wash and North Park Street.

Solicitor Gianvito:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

President ProTem Alvetro informed Council that he spoke with Solicitor Gianvito regarding the road leading up to the water tank and he has submitted a request on the deed and is still waiting to hear back.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into executive session to discuss personnel matters at 8:40 P.M.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council reconvened from executive session at 8:57 P.M.

After review and recommendation from the Personnel Committee, a motion was made by Vice President Fike and seconded by Councilman Sweka to give Michael Gamble a .25 cent raise effective immediately due to his employee evaluation. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Butch Sweka and seconded by Councilman Kurt Kister. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Jaysa Neale
Secretary/Treasurer

