

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: Ron Morris, Sherry Pruzinsky, Don Reid; Mayor Gail Cunningham; Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito. Absent was Councilman Gabriel "Butch" Sweka.

Visitors were Ralph Zoerner (Waste Management), A.J. Coval (JHA), Barb and Larry Forsyth, Mike Sackash, and Brian Williams (Crew Foreman).

VISITORS CONCERNS:

Ralph Zoerner (WM) is here for the opening of the Garbage Bids.

A.J. Coval (JHA) is here with an update on the Storm Sewer Project.

Barb & Larry Forsyth and Mike Sackash are here to observe.

CORRESPONDENCE:

An invitation was presented to Council to attend the Jefferson County Development Council Annual Breakfast on Friday, September 5 at 7:30 A.M. A presentation from Penn West Clarion's Small Business Development Center. Details will be in the Borough Office.

An invitation was presented to Council to attend the Clarion, Forest & Jefferson Counties Boroughs Association Meeting on Wednesday, September 17 at 5:30 P.M. Guest speakers are Grant Writing & Funding Opportunities – Elise Grovanz and Jessica Seary. \$30/person. Details will be in the Borough Office. After a brief discussion, Council will talk with Secretary Neale when she returns regarding grant writing classes.

An invitation was presented to Council to attend the PSAB Fall Leadership Conference on Friday, October 3 to Sunday, October 5. Keynote speaker on Saturday, October 4 will be Alex Weber from Unstoppable Leadership. Details will be in the Borough Office.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve July 21, 2025, Council minutes was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilman Don Reid. Motion carried.

President Michele Yamerick opened the bid package for Residential Waste for our new contract starting February 1, 2026. The Borough only received 1 bid package which was from Waste Management.

Municipal Waste Collection: February 1st, 2026, through January 31st, 2027, \$19.75 Monthly Price for garbage. Optional Curbside Recycling Collection, February 1st, 2026, through January 31st, 2027, \$7.37 Monthly Price.

Municipal Waste Collection: February 1st, 2027, through January 31, 2028, \$21.13 Monthly Price for garbage. Optional Curbside Recycling Collection, \$7.89 Monthly Price.

Municipal Waste Collection: February 1st, 2028, through January 31st, 2029, \$22.61 Monthly Price for garbage. Optional Curbside Recycling Collection, \$8.44 Monthly Price.

Waste Management will provide a 96 Gallon universal cart for curb side garbage. They will still provide free dumpsters for (Borough Office, Borough Maintenance Building, Fire Hall, Park, Two Cemeteries and Ambulance Building). They will also provide four roll-off dumpsters for cleanup throughout the year. A motion was made by Councilwoman Pruzinsky and Seconded by Councilman Reid to approve and accept the bid from Waste Management for the garbage/refuse services, but not to accept their recycling services quote. Motion carried.

A.J. Coval informed the council that the annual lagoon sludge evaluation work was completed, and the results should be next week according to Travis Long.

Mr. Coval informed council that the boring underneath the railroad is complete with the casing of 72' pipe and 60' pipe going through it. They are through the baseball field to West Liberty. They will go along West Liberty to London and head up to Main Street. Everything is going well. Dave Roman is getting an estimate to put in a French drain around the pavilion. President Yamrick asked Mr. Coval to briefly explain about the project as the visitors were here to inquire what was going on. Mr. Coval gave a brief explanation to the visitors and answered any questions that they had.

Mr. Coval presented to council Contractor's Application for Payment #1 to Dave Roman Excavation Inc. in the amount of \$668,192.40. President Yamrick stated that this will be discussed under finance for payout.

After a brief discussion, council agreed to add on a catch basin for Paradise Road and submit this change order to PennVest for approval. It was agreed to have A.J. work up the cost for this.

CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

Forman Brian Williams informed that the green light on the stop light is out. He presented to Council a bid from Kuharchik Construction. Option #1 to supply new, 8", Led retrofit modules for all signal indications at the subject intersection. A total of (9) of each color will be furnished. (8) each to be installed by the Borough and (1) of each color for spares. The cost would be \$1,860.00. Option #2 to furnish labor, materials and equipment necessary to replace the existing incandescent light bubs in the traffic signals at the subject intersection with 8" Led modules. 1 of each color will be furnished as spares. The cost will be \$4,425.00. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and Seconded by Vice President Fike to accept Option #1. Vice President ProTem Nathan Alvetro abstained from Vote. Motion carried.

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works:

B & H Brushhogging will be in August 5th to mow the creek bank.

Foreman Williams to purchase and replace the mirror at the intersection on Main St and Station St due to the old one being taken off.

A motion was made by Councilman Morris and seconded by Councilman Reid to grant President ProTem Alvetro is requesting road closure for the annual Fireman's Gun Bash. Closure will be East Liberty from Long Ally to unnamed ally by Larson's. From August 22nd at noon to be opened by August 24th at noon. Council agreed to have borough guys to put stakes into the ground for fencing.

Finance/Personnel:

A motion was made by President ProTem Alvetro and seconded by Councilman Morris to accept and pay J&M Accounting & Tax Services Inc. \$1,219.01 for their monthly retainer for July 2025. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Vice President Fike and seconded by Councilman Morris to submit to PennVest the bill for National Railroad Safety Services Inc in the amount of \$18,246.25. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Reid and seconded by Councilwoman Pruzinsky to pay the first Storm Sewer payment to Dave Roman Excavating Inc in the amount of \$668,192.40. Motion carried. Mr. Coval will submit payment request to PennVest, President Yamrick will then need to sign a form on docuSign for the release of money.

A motion was made by Vice President Fike and seconded by Councilwoman Pruzinsky to pay Course Vector (Web Partner) in the amount of \$619.20. Motion carried.

A motion was made by President ProTem Nate Alvetro and seconded by Councilman Reid to approve Michael Gamble's paid time off for August 1st. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Morris and seconded by Councilman Reid to approve Jaysa Neale's paid time off for July 24th. Motion carried.

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

Utilities:

Nothing to report.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Nothing to report.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

Nothing to report.

Solicitor Gianvito:

Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito requested an executive session.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into an executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters at 7:56 P.M.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council reconvened from executive session at 8:28 P.M. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by President ProTem Alvetro and seconded by Vice President Fike. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



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Borough Assistant Secretary

