

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 (7:45 P.M.); Council Members: Sherry Pruzinsky and Gabriel "Butch" Sweka; Mayor Gail Cunningham. Absent were Councilman Kurt Kister, Councilman Ron Morris, and Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito.

Visitors present were Earl Campbell (Sykesville Police), Monica Walker (Assistant Secretary), and Brian Williams (Crew Foreman).

VISITORS CONCERNS:

No visitor concerns.

CORRESPONDENCE:

An email was presented from Nicholas Gianvito, read as follows:

"The election office in Brookville confirmed the 4 declared winners for Sykesville Council:

Nathan Alvetro, Ron Morris, Rachel Ward and Don Reid [as declared by write in as a winner].

They will all need to have their Affidavits of residency prepared and be sworn in in order to be seated as council members. As Mayor, Gail can swear them in, but their paperwork will need to be notarized and signed as well.

Assuming Rachel does not appear to be seated [which I was told she does not intend to take the seat], there will be a vacancy. I think the Borough typically advertises the vacancy and allows a certain time to submit letters of interest. Technically, the person has 10 days after reorganization to be sworn in and take the seat, so the time period for the vacancy would not start until 1/12/2024, allowing more time for council to fill the vacancy. However, they can advertise it any time after 1/2/24, assuming the seat is vacant then, and then pick someone in February."

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve December 4, 2023, minutes was made by Vice President Elaine Fike and seconded by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky. Motion carried.

President Michele Yamrick presented a new design and quote for the Borough/Police/Library sign for a total cost of \$4,600 (electrical work not included). President Yamrick informed that Shannon would like to buy/pay for the sign at that price. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky and seconded by Councilman Butch Sweka to sign and accept the quote from

Neon Exposure of \$4,600. Motion carried. Vice President Elaine Fike will present Shannon with all the information.

Council decided to table discussion of the gambling/gaming ordinance until Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito is present.

President Yamrick informed Council that a bid was received from Stuart Electric and Plumbing LLC. She stated that the Borough is still waiting on an estimate/quote from Bloom's Electric, once that is received the bids will be open at a public meeting.

A motion was made President ProTem Nate Alvetro and seconded by Councilman Butch Sweka to accept and approve the proposed 2024 General Fund Budget. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky and seconded by Councilman Butch Sweka to accept and approve the proposed 2024 Water Fund Budget. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Vice President Elaine Fike and seconded by Councilman Butch Sweka to accept and approve the proposed 2024 Sewer Fund Budget. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Butch Sweka and seconded by President ProTem Nate Alvetro to accept and approve the proposed 2024 Liquid Fuels Fund Budget. Motion carried.

#### CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

Foreman Brian Williams presented a quote for a new 2024 Gehl V275 skid loader for a total of \$60,892 from Superior Energy Resources (CoStars). The trade in value for the Borough's 2015 skid loader is \$27,625 making the total price for the Borough to pay \$33,267. The Borough's current skid loader is leaking antifreeze/oil and other issues. A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by Vice President Fike to accept and approve Superior Energy Resources quote for a new skid loader. Motion carried. The skid loader's expected delivery date will be April/May of 2024.

#### COMITTEE REPORTS:

##### Public Works:

Nothing to report.

Finance/Personnel:

An invoice for \$12,381.15 was presented from JHA Companies for the upcoming stormwater project. A motion was made by Councilwoman Pruzinsky and seconded by Councilman Sweka to transfer \$12,381.15 from the Sludge Removal Account to the General Fund Account and pay that amount to JHA Companies from the General Fund. 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:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by Vice President Fike to advertise for the reorganizational Council meeting to be held on January 2, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. located at the Borough Office. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into executive session to discuss personnel matters at 7:55 P.M.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council reconvened from executive session at 8:08 P.M.

There was no outcome.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Butch Sweka and seconded by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Jaysa Neale  
Secretary/Treasurer