

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

Visitors present were Justin Felgar (Punxsy Spirit), Monica Walker (Assistant Secretary), Brian Williams (Crew Foreman), and Earl Campbell (Police).

VISITORS CONCERNS:

No visitor concerns.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve November 18, 2024, Council minutes was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by President ProTem Nate Alvetro. Motion carried.

A motion to renew the extended listing in the membership directory for \$40 presented by PSAB was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by President ProTem Nate Alvetro. Motion carried.

Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito informed Council that five bank proposals were received for the loan needed on the upcoming stormwater project(s). Secretary Neale will email/give copies to all Council Members to review. Further discussion will take place at the next Council Meeting (12/16).

A motion was made by Vice President Elaine Fike and seconded by Councilman Don Reid to accept and approve the proposed 2025 Borough General Fund budget. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by President ProTem Nate Alvetro to accept and approve the proposed 2025 Water Fund budget. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Vice President Elaine Fike to accept and approve the proposed 2025 Sewer Fund budget. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilman Don Reid to accept and approve the proposed 2025 Liquid Fuels Fund budget. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Reid and seconded by Councilman Morris to approve and adopt an ordinance on recreational vehicle siting and/or storage (Ordinance No. 12-02-2024) "*AN ORDINANCE DEFINING AND REGULATING THE SITING OF, USAGE OF, AND STORAGE OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF BOROUGH OF SYKESVILLE JEFFERSON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA*". Motion carried.

CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

Foreman Williams updated Council that the replacement of tiles in the Borough Library is almost completed. Roughly 14 boxes of tile need to be ordered to finish the project.

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works:

Secretary Neale and Walker requested that the Borough/Authority eliminate new customers paying a security deposit and instead have new customers pay a one-time non-refundable fee for both water and sewer. This would earn extra income for the water and sewer accounts and also eliminate refunding customers after three years. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Reid and seconded by Councilman Morris to have new customers pay a one-time non-refundable fee of \$50 (for each service) rather than a \$100 security deposit (for each service) pending on what the Water and Sewer Authority decide. Motion carried. Any customer that has already paid a deposit will still be refunded.

Finance/Personnel:

A motion was made by Councilman Reid and seconded by Councilman Morris to reimburse Maureen Kovalchick \$35 for a Tax Collecting training meeting that she attended on November 21st. Motion carried.

A motion was made by President ProTem Alvetro and seconded by Councilman Morris to accept and pay J&M Accounting & Tax Services Inc. \$1,218.30 for their monthly retainer for November 2024. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Morris and seconded by Councilman Reid to approve Jaysa Neale's paid time off for November 22nd and December 9th-December 13th. Motion carried.

President Yamrick and Vice President Fike stated that real estate taxes have not been raised in three years and suggested to consider raising taxes starting at ½ mil for next years' budget.

Foreman Williams asked Council to reconsider adding an additional monthly fee designated for the stormwater (the Authority approved adding \$1). Solicitor Gianvito informed that a frequently asked question by the banks when applying for the loan for the stormwater project(s) was whether the Borough will be raising rates. After further discussion, Council decided to invite the members of the Water and Sewer Authority to the next Council Meeting to further discuss this matter.

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

Utilities:

Councilman Reid asked if the pole lights not working were turned in to Penelec to be repaired (discussed last meeting). Secretary Neale informed that Penelec was called November 20th with a list of lights not working.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Mayor Gail Cunningham asked if the Park Committee was planning on decorating Stahl Park this year. Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky informed that the park will most likely not be decorated this year due to lack of help.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

Attached is the October 2024 Police Summary Report.

Solicitor Gianvito:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into executive session to discuss personnel matters at 7:38 P.M.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council reconvened from executive session at 8:06 P.M.

A motion was made by Councilman Morris and seconded by Councilwoman Pruzinsky to gift all Borough employees a \$100 gift card to Wal Mart as a Christmas bonus. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Vice President Elaine Fike and seconded by Councilman Don Reid. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Jaysa Neale
Borough Secretary/Treasurer

Sykesville Borough Monthly Police Summary November 2024

Incidents Handled	10
Traffic Citations Issued	7
Criminal Citations Issued	0
Borough Ordinance Violations/Warnings	1
Written Warnings Issued	24
Parking Tickets Issued/Warnings Issued	0
Summary Offenses	7
Misdemeanor Offenses	0
Felony Offenses	0
Charges Filed at Magistrates	7
EMS/Police/Fire/Assist	3
Court Hearings	0
Miles Patrolled	408

