

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: Don Reid, Ron Morris, Colton Gearhart, Michael Sackash; Mayor Kyle Pisarcik; Absent was Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito.

Visitors were John Sedor, Darlene & Don Shurman, Richard Shank, Michael Herrlich, Shari & Mike Grasso, OIC Earl Campbell.

VISITORS CONCERNS:

Darlene & Don Shurman-No comments today.

Mr. Shank, Mr. Herrlich, Mr. & Mrs. Grasso would like to discuss the parking issue and snow removal on Edith Street. Mayor Kyle Pisarcik stated the property in question belongs to the Assumption Church and that they have decided to not let anyone park there anymore and have put No Parking Signs up. Vice President Elaine Fike has informed them that during the week Monday-Friday you are able to use the church parking lot, but you have to be out by Saturday. As for street parking, if there is no sign you are able to park anywhere you want as long as you are not blocking any driveway and all four wheels are on the street.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President Michele Yamrick read an invitation from Ashley Allshouse, EMA Dept. Clerk. Jefferson County Dept of Emergency Services 911/EMA (JCDE) that will be held on February 24, 2026 at 6:30P.M. Jefferson Place, 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room, 155 Main Street, Brookville, PA 15825.

President Michele Yamrick read an invitation from PA Rural Water Association for the 2026 Annual Conference coming up on March 23-26, 2026, at Penn Stater Hotel & Conference Center, 215 Innovation Boulevard, State College. Fee will be Full Conference Member is \$425. Single Day Member is \$210. Spouse Attendee is \$350.00. Council thought that is would be a good idea for Michael Gamble to attend.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris to approve the minutes from February 2, 2026 meeting. Motion carried.

PennVest Stormwater update is coming along good. President ProTem Nathan Alvetro received a call that while working on Grant Street, Roman Excavating had run into a lead line that is still in working condition. Nick Yamrick states that there is probably another one at the next house up. President ProTem Nathan Alvetro spoke with JHA Engineer Travis Long, it will save us money since we are already there to have Roman's replace that service line.

Councilman Don Reid informed Council about the mud that is up on Highland Street and Fike Ally. It gets very slippery. Councilman Don Reid called Dave Roman about running the broom there to alleviate this concern.

Councilman Don Reid asked Council if we still had the Auto Dialer? Sykesville did have that, but a few years ago it had died. No reason it just stopped working. When Secretary Neale tried calling was told that it is no longer in existence anymore. We will place a call to Carlson's Technology for assistance with.

#### MAYOR:

Mayor Kyle Pisarcik asked Council for ideas about parking on Shaffer Street and Edith Street and more narrow roadways. Not being able to get emergency vehicles through. Council members will discuss their ideas at future meetings.

#### CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

Michael Gamble informed Council that they are starting to work on snow removal off the streets.

#### COMITTEE REPORTS:

##### Public Works:

President ProTem Nathan Alvetro informed Council that the guys were coming in early to start removing snow from the streets. The guys were also cleaning snow on Fugate Drive so that cars parking for church could park closer to the curb. They were going to work on Shaffer Street, however with the warmer weather and the snow melting they are holding off on that.

A complaint was made on Station Street with snow. The crew guys took care of that.

President ProTem Nathan Alvetro informed Council that there was a flat tire on the blue dump truck. It was taken to Good Tire Service and has been repaired.

President ProTem Nathan Alvetro informed Council that we had a plow cylinder on the white pickup truck that went bad. They had gone to Jewels Auto and purchased a new one and back up and working.

President ProTem Nathan Alvetro informed Council that on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> Crewman Michael Gamble called and the grinder pump at the sewage plant had quit working. Once it was taken to the shop and torn apart, pictures were taken and sent to Travis Long (JHA). This was a used pump given to us within the last 5 years or so from Mahaffy. Mr. Long states that pump today would cost around \$30,000. With Mr. Long's connections he was able to find a pump in Perry Township had a brand new still in the crate for \$15,000. With John Sedors (Water and Sewer Authority) approval Crewman Michael Gamble drove to purchase this and will be installed on Tuesday.

Councilman Colton Gearhart wanted to give a shout out to Crewman Michael Gamble and Crewman James Sweka for their help with a recent fire in our area, stating that they did not have to be there, but were there working and doing what was asked of them. Just wanted to acknowledge them for going above and beyond.

#### Finance/Personnel:

A motion was made by Vice President Elaine Fike and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris to pay January's JHA Stormwater Projects invoice \$14,538.72. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Vice President Elaine Fike and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris to reimburse Monica Walker's mileage for the month of January 2026 \$73.95. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris to pay Kendall's Kreation's for Mo Kovalchick's (Tax Collectors) envelopes with stamps \$426.50. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilman Don Reid to pay RAK Computer Associated for Mo Kovalchick's (Tax Collector) annual lease fee and her computer update \$383.72. Motion carried

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Councilman Don Reid passed the floor to Councilman Mike Sackash to talk about safety issues in the Borough. Councilman Mike Sackash is proposing that we have a Community Smoke Detector initiative. With the recent deaths in our area, we the Borough should demonstrate some proactive government here and initiate in partnership with the Sykesville Volunteer Fire Department. I would like a motion to start a small committee with the purpose to improve the life, safety and reduce the fatalities and injuries and possibly provide some financial aid and or systems for our residents that need it. A motion was made by Councilman Colton Gearhart and seconded by Councilman Don Reid to start this process.

Utilities:

Nothing to report.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Nothing to report.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

Councilman Ron Morris questioned with the fire hydrants getting out of control again with people parking to close to them. Do we have to paint the yellow lines before we can enforce the parking code. Mayor Kyle Pisarcik states that a fire hydrant is a state law. So that can be enforced at any time.

John Sedor questioned if there is a time frame and length of time for fire hydrant flushing. A lot of water is used to flush the hydrants. Is there a way to monitor the flow of water that day. President Michele Yamrick suggested going to the meter pit and getting the readings before they start. President ProTem Nathan Alevtro will look into this.

Solicitor Gianvito:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into an executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters at 8:20 P.M.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council reconvened from executive session at 8:28 P.M.

There will be no motions at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Vice President Elaine Fike and seconded by President ProTem Nathan Alvetro. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Monica Walker  
Borough Secretary/Treasurer