

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; Nate Alvetro, President ProTem; Council Members: Sherry Pruzinsky, Don Reid, and Councilman Gabriel "Butch" Sweka; Mayor Gail Cunningham; Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito. Absent were Vice President Elaine Fike and Councilman Ron Morris.

Visitors present were John Sedor, Thomas Shade, and Brian Williams (Foreman).

VISITORS CONCERNS:

John Sedor raised questions on whether the new fee for Winslow Township and Troutville Borough for the sewage has gone into effect. Secretary Neale and Solicitor Gianvito stated that the Borough needs a recommendation letter from the engineer before doing so. Secretary Neale will contact the engineer tomorrow.

Mr. Sedor requested the Borough Crew to reverse their plowing method on Long Alley.

Mr. Sedor stated that Sykesville's water rates are most likely to increase from the City of DuBois and would like the Water and Sewer Authority to be a part of that discussion. President Michele Yamrick informed that the Borough has not received any correspondence regarding this and if it happens, the Authority will be included in negotiation. Mr. Sedor also stated that the Authority would like to be notified/involved in major spending/projects that is being funded by water and sewer monies. Council stated that they will include the Authority in major projects/spending.

Thomas Shade informed Council that the Knights of Columbus is putting together a book about the history of the surrounding areas (Sykesville, Falls Creek, DuBois, Troutville, Pennfield, etc.) for their 125th anniversary. Sykesville will be mentioned but Mr. Shade wanted to know if Council would like a full page for the history of Sykesville. He requested a \$200 fee to help fund (if full page). This book is \$35 a book to publish and will be published this summer. The Borough will receive a free copy for their contribution and will probably be published online for all Councils.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nominations for second Vice President was presented to Council from the PSAB. The form outlining all the details will be located at the Borough Office if interested. Nominations are due April 1, 2025.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve February 3, 2025, Council minutes was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky. Motion carried.

Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito informed he has not received any updates on whether a letter was sent from PennDot to the Post Office regarding the stormwater project route (discussed a few meetings ago). The bid opening for this project is scheduled for Tuesday, February 25th at 11:30 AM.

Secretary Neale requested clarification on the advertisement accepting bids for contracts for refuse/solid waste collection services (dates, etc.). The Borough's current contract is set to expire on January 31, 2026. After a brief discussion, Council decided to wait on advertising until a later date. Secretary Neale will have this matter on the June/July agenda.

President Yamrick presented the letter proposal from Kuharchik Construction, Inc. (discussed last meeting). Foreman Williams informed that he spoke with a gentleman from Kuharchik and was told that signing the agreement will just "lock the rates" for the Borough if any maintenance needed to be done. A motion was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by President ProTem Nate Alvetro to accept and sign the proposal agreement from Kuharchik Construction, Inc. Motion carried.

The certificate of insurance for the Run/Walk for Someone Special event was presented to Council by Pat Mowrey. A motion was made by Councilman Butch Sweka and seconded by Councilman Don Reid to close London Street from West Main Street to Liberty Street, Paradise Road from West Main Street until the road terminates, and South Park Street from the traffic light to Liberty Street for the Run/Walk event on April 13th (alternative date May 11th). Motion carried.

CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

Foreman Brian Williams asked if the Borough Crew are to maintain abandon alleys. He stated that there are a few residents that are requesting maintenance, and the alleys are abandoned. Solicitor Gianvito informed that if

an alley is abandoned, typically, the homeowner on each side takes to the center line (also keeps up with any maintenance).

A question was asked on if the Borough would lose any Liquid Fuels money if the crew maintained any abandon alleyways. Foreman Williams stated that we would not lose any money, however, if we wanted the alleyways on the maps for Liquid Fuels, the alley would have to be up to code with PennDot specs.

President ProTem Alvetro stated that if someone calls with an issue, the Borough Crew will do what they can and do their best to address and resolve the problem.

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works:

Nothing to report.

Finance/Personnel:

January 2025 financial reports were presented to all members from J&M Accounting (emailed and distributed 2/12). No questions or comments were made.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by President ProTem Alvetro to accept and pay J&M Accounting & Tax Services Inc. \$1,208.40 for their monthly retainer for January 2025. Motion carried.

An invoice for \$31,162.95 was presented from JHA Companies for the upcoming stormwater project. A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by Councilman Reid to transfer \$31,162.95 from the Sludge Removal Account to the General Fund Account and pay that amount to JHA Companies from the General Fund. Motion carried.

Mo Kovalchick presented an invoice from RAK Computer Associates, Inc. for \$383.72 for the TMS annual lease fee (tax collection software). A motion was made by Councilman Reid and seconded by President ProTem Alvetro to pay the invoice from RAK Computer of \$383.72. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by Councilwoman Pruzinsky to approve Brian Williams paid time off for January 31st. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by Councilwoman Pruzinsky to approve Michael Gamble's paid time off for February 7th (4 hours). Motion carried.

President Michele Yamrick requested an executive session later for personnel matters.

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:

Nothing to report

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into executive session to discuss personnel matters at 7:33 P.M.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

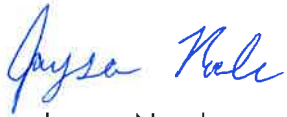
Council reconvened from executive session at 8:06 P.M.

There was no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Butch Sweka and seconded by President ProTem Nate Alvetro. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Jaysa Neale
Borough Secretary/Treasurer

