

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, and Don Reid; Mayor Gail Cunningham; Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito. Absent was Councilman Butch Sweka.

Visitors present were Pete Erickson, Jason & Elaine Cowan, Dale Kessler, Doug Kessler, Donnie Simon, Sue Knar, Don Zimmerman, John Sedor, Rick Fike, Dave Reiter, Matt Hugill, Ed Hugill, Brian Williams (Crew Foreman), Earl Campbell (OIC) and Monica Walker (Assistant Secretary).

VISITORS CONCERNS:

Matt and Ed Hugill presented a garbage contract to the Council between Sykesville Borough and Hugill Sanitation Inc. as Hugill Sanitation took over ARC Disposal. The contract remains the same as when ARC had ownership (Solicitor Gianvito reviewed & approved the contract). Councilman Don Reid informed that not all residents received a garbage can. Matt Hugill informed that they will provide to the ones that haven't received one yet. Councilman Reid asked if it is okay for residents to have a bag of garbage by the dumpster cans/instead of (to heavy for some residents). Matt Hugill stated that it would be fine if the bag amount is in reason. Councilman Reid also asked if the dumpster at the Assumption Church could get a bigger size as it gets full quickly. Mr. Hugill responded yes.

An extra garbage dumpster may be purchased through Hugill Sanitation Inc. at a fee of \$30.

President ProTem Nate Alvetro updated the Water and Sewer Authority about the discussion of getting a new line/individual meters installed on Hepburn Road (discussed last meeting). After a brief discussion it was decided that the easiest way would be for the residents of Hepburn Road to dig their own private line (Travis recommended two inches) and the Borough would install individual meters to each home. Foreman Willaims stated that the Borough will need an agreement to have permission/access to the meter when needed. The Borough will also need in the agreement what the homeowners and the Borough are responsible for. Solicitor Gianvito informed that he will need everyone's name and address (tax parcel number) to draw up an agreement for each person on the new line. Once the agreements are signed, the line can be installed any time. Since the line is a personal line, Sykesville does not have to inspect.

Foreman Williams informed the residents that a bacteria test will need to be done before the line is covered (Pace Lab).

The Water and Sewer Authority decided to approve Foreman Brian Williams, President ProTem Nate Alvetro, and Engineer Travis Long to coordinate all details/work with the residents of Hepburn Road.

Elaine Cowan asked if an individual did not want to be on the water line, could they dig a well. President ProTem Alvetro read an email from DEP stating that an individual could drill a well if they did not want to be on a water line, but they could not share the well and also cannot have city water and well due to cross contamination.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve February 5, 2024, minutes was made by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky and seconded by Councilman Don Reid. Motion carried.

President Michele Yamrick presented two estimates to upgrade the Borough building's electrical work. They are as followed:

1. Stuart Electric and Plumbing LLC at an estimated cost of \$8,499.96. This includes removal of existing pushmatic electrical panels, replace panels with cutler hammer panels of the appropriate amperage, replace all breakers with appropriate amperage ones, disposal of all removed panels, and coordinate inspection of electrical work with inspection agency. The price includes all materials, labor, and taxes. Any unforeseen work or additional work will be billed accordingly.
2. Bloom Electric at an estimated cost of \$11,521 (valid for 30 days). This includes installation of new 200A service conduit and conductors to meter socket, installation of new 200A 1-Ph disconnect in closet, installation of new panel board in hallway closet with new circuit breaker panels, installation of new wire from disconnects in closet to new panel, and installation of new panel board in garage. Supply and installation of square D equipment, supply and installation of EMT conduit and fittings, supply and installation of electrical hardware, devices, wiring/cable as needed, miscellaneous hardware and materials, labor with a one-year workmanship warranty, job site cleanup, and electrical inspection is included.

After a brief discussion, Council instructed Secretary Neale to call Jewell's Electric to get an estimate. Tabled.

Solicitor Gianvito informed Council that he reviewed all deeds relating to the unnamed alley (discussed last meeting) and determined that they all reference an alley. The Borough does not know if the alley way has ever been properly vacated/abandoned or even is owned by Sykesville. One of the residents, Dave Frantz, would like to pave the alley and install catch basins but doesn't want to do so if it is owned by Sykesville. After a brief discussion, Solicitor Gianvito recommended that Mr. Frantz petitions to vacate the alley. He informed that the homeowners would have the right to object for a certain amount of time.

President Yamrick informed that she will attend the board meeting for the Sykesville Library this week to discuss the donation.

President Yamrick informed Council that Secretary Neale is registered to attend the Boroughs Association Kick-Off Meeting held this Wednesday (\$20). A motion by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky to approve Secretary Neale to attend this meeting for a total cost of \$20. Motion ratified.

Council discussed nominations of the Sykesville Citizen of the Year award. There were two nominations made. Council will officially decide the month of April and present the award in June.

CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

Nothing to report.

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works:

Nothing to report.

Finance/Personnel:

An invoice for \$7,419.43 was presented from JHA Companies for the upcoming stormwater project. A motion was made by Vice President Elaine Fike and seconded by Councilman Don Reid to transfer \$7,419.43 from the Sludge Removal Account to the General Fund Account and pay that amount to JHA Companies from the General Fund. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by President ProTem Nate Alvetro to approve Jaysa Neale's paid time off for February 16th. Motion carried.

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

Utilities:

Nothing to report.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Vice President Elaine Fike informed that the Legion would like to rent the park Memorial Day weekend. They would like to invite the entire town and media to help celebrate their 100th year. Secretary Walker stated that they would like to know if they would be able to set up tents the day before. Council decided to let the Legion rent the park for two days (day before and day of event). Council also decided to waive the park rental fee for the Legion.

Council discussed who will be opening/closing the park for rentals this year. A motion was made by Councilman Reid and seconded by Councilman Morris to give Secretaries Monica and Jaysa a one hour paid call out for every time the park is opened/closed. Motion carried.

President Yamrick informed Council that the Boy Scouts donated their remaining funds of \$711.64 to the Town Square.

After a brief discussion about mowing of the parks this year, a motion was made by Councilman Morris and seconded by Vice President Fike to advertise for bidding of mowing the Stahl and Highland Park. Motion carried.

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 and legal matters at 8:28 P.M.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council reconvened from executive session at 8:36 P.M.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilman Don Reid. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Jaysa Neale
Borough Secretary/Treasurer

