

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; Ron Park, President ProTem; Council Members: Nate Alvetro, Timothy Brown, Kurt Kister, and Don Zimmerman; Mayor Gail Cunningham. Absent was Solicitor CJ Zwick.

Visitors present were Thomas Kundrich, Nick Gianvito, Brian Williams (Crew Foreman), and Earl Campbell (Sykesville Police).

VISITORS CONCERNS:

Mr. Kundrich stated to Council about considering different options for billing systems (water & sewer). He also informed that when Tim Shick was here, Tom and him looked into another system based out of Bloomsburg. He stated that a cost analysis should be done in comparing systems. President Yamrick informed Mr. Kundrich that our software includes backups, ransomware, unlimited tech support, and yearly billing. Secretary Neale has a direct contact who takes care of any concerns/issues immediately. Vice President Fike stated that this should be brought to the Water and Sewer Authority before moving forward with this.

Nick Gianvito introduced himself to Council (interested attorney). He is a Solicitor for Punxsutawney (4 years), Worthville, and Timblin. His office is located in Punxsutawney. Mr. Gianvito will be able to attend/be available by phone for the Council Meetings. He is not too familiar with the Union Labor Laws as Punxsy Borough uses a separate legal Counsel for that. He is looking to "brush up" on Labor Laws.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter of interest for Borough Solicitor was presented to Council from Joseph D. Ryan. Mr. Ryan requires a retainer fee of \$2,500 and work performed for the Borough outside of the regular meetings would be billed at a rate of \$125 per hour. His billing practice is to break an hour into six-minute increments. A copy of the full letter will be located at the Borough Office. Council decided to table this decision until next meeting.

The Run/Walk for Someone Special event is scheduled for September 19, 2021 with an alternative date of October 3, 2021. Pat Mowrey is working on obtaining the permits with PennDot.

The County of Jefferson is currently conducting an environmental review of three CDBG Program projects. Jefferson County presented Council with a letter requesting review of these projects (30 days to respond). A copy of the letter and project (N. Park St. waterline replacement) will be located at the Borough Office. A motion was made by President ProTem Ron Park and seconded by Councilman Tim Brown to send this to Travis Long (engineer) for review. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve January 18, 2021 minutes was made by Councilman Nate Alvetro and seconded by Councilman Kurt Kister. Motion carried.

Councilman Don Zimmerman stated that the Borough should send a check to the Jefferson County Solid Waste Authority as part of their donation. A motion was made by Councilman Zimmerman and seconded by President ProTem Park to send JCSWA \$350 and send another \$350 after the containers are placed. Motion carried. Councilman Zimmerman informed that the recycling containers will be here once the snow melts.

Councilman Kurt Kister informed Council that he spoke with someone about the railroad gate crossing. The project was scheduled for 2023 but since Councilman Kister inquired about this, the date will be moved up for installing the crossing.

CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

Foreman Williams informed Council that he damaged the new snow plow by hitting a covered storm drain. He stated that he sent the plow to Jewell's to get fixed and it's back. Councilman Nate Alvetro informed Council that it cost roughly \$1,100.

Councilman Zimmerman asked if there have been anymore meters installed. President Yamrick stated that Council put this to a halt due to COVID-19. She stated that the Crew could possibly start installing meters the end of this month if cases keep decreasing.

Councilman Zimmerman also asked Foreman Williams if he was successful at getting in contact with the Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. Williams stated that he contacted Andrea and she stated that they are looking for funding. We also missed the deadline for the "Growing Greener Money". Mr. Williams is waiting to hear back from another contact.

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works:

Councilman Alvetro stated that a meeting should be scheduled with the Council and Water & Sewer Authority about paving Dr. Fugate Drive. He stated that paving the road would roughly be around \$80,000.

Finance/Personnel:

A motion was made by Vice President Elaine Fike and seconded by Councilman Nate Alvetro to renew the PA Rural Water Association 2021 membership for \$499. Motion carried.

A motion was made by President ProTem Ron Park and seconded by Councilman Tim Brown to renew RAK (software for Tax Collector) for \$330.72. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Zimmerman and seconded by President ProTem Park to pay Kendall's Kreation's \$535 for envelopes and stamps for the Sykesville Tax Collector. Motion carried.

Secretary Neale requested from Council to pay the City of DuBois water bill online moving forward. The reason being is because the penalty fees are costly and sometimes the checks mailed do not make the due date on time. A motion was made by President ProTem Park and seconded by Councilman Kister to pay the City of DuBois water bill online moving forward. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Vice President Fike and seconded by Councilman Brown to approve Jaysa Neale's paid time off for January 21 and February 2. Motion carried.

A motion was made by President ProTem Park and seconded by Councilman Brown to approve Michael Gamble's paid time off for January 18. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by President ProTem Park to approve Karl McCracken's paid time off for January 28 (3 hrs.). Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by President ProTem Park to approve Earl Campbell's paid time off for February 4. Motion carried.

A motion was made by President ProTem Park and seconded by Vice President Fike to transfer \$50,000 from the Sewer to the Sludge Removal Fund. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Zimmerman and seconded by President ProTem Park to transfer \$50,000 from the Water to the Water Capital Improvement Fund. Motion carried.

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

Utilities:

Nothing to report.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Secretary Neale informed Council that the park information (check book, etc.) has been received.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

Attached is the January 2021 monthly police summary report.

A motion was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by President ProTem Park to purchase a crime and traffic code book for \$75 from Team DUI Pennsylvania DUI Association. Motion carried.

A memorandum of understanding drafted by Solicitor CJ Zwick was presented to Council regarding the Police Pension. Doug Werley from PSAB noticed some inconsistencies with the bargaining agreement and the PSABMRT joinder agreement. The MOU will make the joinder agreement and bargaining agreement consistent. A motion was made by President ProTem Park and seconded by Councilman Brown to approve and sign the MOU. Motion carried.

Solicitor Zwick:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Zimmerman stated to Council that he has been comparing garbage rates and informed that Sykesville's are really low. President Yamrick stated that rates have not been raised in a while; she also stated that Council should think about this and discuss it more next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No executive session took place.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by President ProTem Ron Park and seconded by Vice President Elaine Fike. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jaysa Neale".

Jaysa Neale
Borough Secretary/Treasurer

Sykesville Borough Monthly Police Summary January 2021

Incidents Handled	6
Traffic Citations Issued	2
Criminal Citations Issued	0
Borough Ordinance Violations/Warning	0
Written Warnings Issued	8
Parking Tickets Issued/Warnings Issued	0
Summary Offenses	0
Misdemeanor Offenses	8
Felony Offenses	8
Charges Filed at Magistrates	18
EMS/Police/Fire/Assist	3
Court Hearings	1
Miles Patrolled	283