

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; Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito.

Visitors were John Sedor, Dave Carlson (Carlson Technologies), Michael Gamble.

VISITORS CONCERNS:

John Sedor updated Council on his meeting with J&M Accounting. They still have a couple things to work out, but overall the meeting went well.

Mr. Sedor also wanted to make sure that a claim was set to the estate of Dennis Ferut.

Mr. Sedor also requested to have a meeting set up with Travis Long (JHA Companies) in our office before the next Council meeting.

Dave Carlson from Carlson Technologies handed out a quote for internet at the sewage treatment plant at our last meeting (January 19). The quote was for \$208.69 monthly. Council requested that he attend this meeting to detail what that includes. This amount will include internet and installation cost for 3 years. After a brief discussion it is tabled until we can meet with JHA on February 19th.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A motion was made by Vice President Elaine Fike and seconded by Councilman Don Reid to add to the agenda the J&M Accounting monthly retainer for January. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Colton Gearhart and seconded by Vice President Elaine Fike to have Secretary Monica Walker and President Michele Yamrick sign the Sharkey Piccirillo & Keen forms for them to do the audit. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve January 19, 2026, Council minutes was made by President ProTem Nathan Alvetro and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris. Motion carried.

Estimates for the repair/replace the fence at the water tower is still on hold until spring.

PennVest Stormwater update is coming along good. At a standstill with the storm that we have had.

Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito will look into what is needed to sell an old laptop computer as it will not update windows 11.

MAYOR:

Mayor Kyle Pisarcik informed Council that while OIC Earl Campbell was off no vascar lines had gotten painted. We need to get these done as soon as possible.

Councilman Don Reid brought up about the jake brakes on trucks coming in town from Punxsy. We need a bigger sign so that it is more visible.

The subject was also brought up about sidewalk snow removal at vacant properties. OIC Earl Campbell has sent letters out to the residents.

CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

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

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works:

Councilman Don Reid informed council that a question was made by a resident, if they could bring in a dumpster to her business and eliminate her garbage from her bill. After a brief discussion, this was something that we had to look into with matter.

Finance/Personnel:

A motion was made by Vice President Elaine Fike and seconded by Councilman Colton Gearhart to pay the \$70 PSMA Mayor Membership for Mayor Kyle Pisarcik. Motion carried.

President Michele Yamrick brought to Council a suggestion of charging Sykesville residents the minimum fee for their water bill to let them drip their water so their water pipes don't freeze. After a brief discussion it was decided against by Council.

Councilman Don Reid informed Council that when he attended the Water and Sewer Authority Meeting they wanted to increase the late fee on the water and sewer bill from \$5 to \$25. After a brief discussion it was decided to table this until after the work session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into an executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters at 7:40 P.M.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council reconvened from executive session at 8:20 P.M.

A motion was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris to hire a temporary secretary at a rate of \$13 per hour to cover Monica Walker's vacation.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilman Don Reid. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Monica Walker
Borough Secretary/Treasurer

A motion was made by Vice President Elaine Fike and seconded by Councilman Colton Gearhart to pay January's J&M monthly retainer of \$1301.08. Motion carried.

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

Utilities:

Councilman Colton Gearhart has informed Council that there are still street lights out in town. Councilman Colton Gearhart also informed Council that the firemen have gone around and shoveled the fire hydrants out in the Borough.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Nothing to report.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

Nothing to report.

Solicitor Gianvito:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vice President Elaine Fike has brought to Council that she may have a person to help fill in for Monica Walker's vacation. Needs to find out how to handle the procedure. Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito informed Council that she would not need bonded as she will be occasional. The wage is negotiable, but it has to be more than \$7.50 per hour.

A motion was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris to implement the pay 11 months of garbage at \$217.25 and get your July free. Motion carried.