

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: Ron Morris, Sherry Pruzinsky and Don Reid; Mayor Gail Cunningham; Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito. Absent was Councilman Gabriel "Butch" Sweka.

Visitors present were Justin Felgar (Punxsy Spirit), Ben Destefan (Courier Express), Monica Walker (Assistant Secretary), Brian Williams (Foreman) and Earl Campbell (Sykesville PD).

VISITORS CONCERNS:

No visitor concerns.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Kuharchick Construction Inc. presented a letter to Council informing that their company has taken over Tel-Power's signal customer base. They will now be the maintenance for the traffic signal. Attached to the letter is a proposal of rates/fees with a signature line for the Borough. Council decided to table this matter until more information is gathered.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve January 20, 2025, Council minutes was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Vice President Elaine Fike and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris to accept and adopt "A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SYKESVILLE CLARIFYING AND REVISING RESOLUTION NO 12-16-2024, INCREASING THE RATE FOR WATER CONSUMPTION." Motion carried.

President Michele Yamrick presented the updated Storm Sewer Project Schedule: Bid deadline/opening will be held February 18th at 11 AM (open at 11:30 AM), issue of bid tabulation and recommendation will be after 2/18 (before 3/2), board votes to award 3/3 (PennVest approval), settlement call #2 is pending (2 week after bids are received), issue notice of award will be after settlement call #2, executed contract, bonds, insurance to PennVest along with settlement documents are due 3/17, settlement call #3 is TBD, settlement call #4

will be 4/10, issue notice to proceed is TBD (second week of April), construction starts 5/5 (tentative), substantial completion will be 2/3 with final completion will be 6/4.

A motion was made by President ProTem Nate Alvetro and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris to accept and sign the proposal provided by JHA Companies for professional design, bidding, and construction administration services specific to the Sykesville Borough London Street and Highland Avenue Stormwater Replacement Project. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Ron Morris to adopt "A RESOLUTION OF SYKESVILLE BOROUGH ELIMINATING REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT FEES ON WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS AND REPLACING THEM WITH A ONE-TIME NON-REFUNDABLE FEE." Motion carried. This Resolution was also approved by the Water and Sewer Authority on January 20, 2025, by motion.

CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

Nothing to report.

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works:

Nothing to report.

Finance/Personnel:

An invoice was presented by Mo Kovalchick (Tax Collector) from Kendall's Kreation for envelopes and stamps. A motion was made by Councilman Reid and seconded by Councilman Morris to pay \$399.25 to Kendall's Kreation for envelopes and postage. Motion carried.

United Concordia Dental presented renewal rates for the period of 4/1/2025-3/31/2026, there were no changes. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris to retain/renew United Concordia as the dental provider.

Vice President Elaine Fike requested an executive session later for personnel matters.

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

Utilities:

Secretary Neale informed Council that the garbage contract with Hugill's (original with ARC Disposal) is set to expire January 31st, 2026. A motion was made by Councilman Reid and seconded by Vice President Fike to advertise for bids for trash removal service within Sykesville Borough. Motion carried.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Nothing to report.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

Attached is the January 2025 Police Summary Report.

Solicitor Gianvito:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vice President Fike stated that it was requested from an individual for the Borough to activate a Facebook (minutes). Secretary Neale informed that all the approved minutes can be located online at sykesboro.org.

Councilman Reid asked when the curbing will be replaced on East Main Street. Foreman Williams stated that he will call and find out the schedule.

Foreman Williams informed that he had a complaint about the Borough not plowing an alley. He stated that the alley has never been maintained by the Borough since he has been her. Solicitor Gianvito informed that the alley does not need to be plowed by the Borough if it is not on the Liquid Fuels list.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into executive session to discuss personnel matters at 7:28 P.M.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council reconvened from executive session at 7:46 P.M.

There was no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by President ProTem Nate Alvetro and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jaysa Neale". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jaysa Neale
Borough Secretary/Treasurer

Sykesville Borough Monthly Police Summary January 2025

Incidents Handled	10
Traffic Citations Issued	8
Criminal Citations Issued	0
Borough Ordinance Violations/Warnings	2
Written Warnings Issued	15
Parking Tickets Issued/Warnings Issued	1
Summary Offenses	8
Misdemeanor Offenses	1
Felony Offenses	0
Charges Filed at Magistrates	9
EMS/Police/Fire/Assist	3
Court Hearings	0
Miles Patrolled	408

