

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: Kurt Kister, Ron Morris, Sherry Pruzinsky, and Gabriel "Butch" Sweka; Mayor Gail Cunningham; Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito.

Visitors present were Pete Erickson, Jason & Elaine Cowan, Doug Kessler, Joe Hoare, MaryKay Satterlee, Stephanie Bowser, Kim Stroka, Justin Flegor (Punxsy Spirit), Alex Nelson (Courier Express), Brian Williams (Crew Foreman), Earl Campbell (Sykesville Police), and Monica Walker (PT Secretary).

VISITORS CONCERNS:

Pete Erickson inquired about getting his own water meter located on Hepburn Road. He informed that five houses share a meter and then the cost is divided up equally. Mrs. Cowan informed Council that she believes this line was put in in the 1960s. She stated that there is one main line and the meter is across from Murray Ford area and runs across the length of all of their properties. She informed that the maintenance (water) crew offered them old meters for each individual to have but they did not want to move forward with having old meters instead of new. Foreman Williams informed that he would put in a meter pit with individual meters for the residents however the residents on that line would have to run a line through Murray Ford.

Mr. Erickson raised questions about connecting to his existing well. Travis Long (Sykesville's Engineer) wrote a letter stating once hooked to city water, the line cannot be reconnected to a well due to contamination. He also raised questions about moving the meter pit.

Elaine Cowan also raised questions on if everyone would have to have a meter installed or could they choose not to do so to avoid paying a tap fee. Foreman Brian Williams called Travis Long on the phone to inquire about these questions. Mr. Long informed that he will be present at the next Council Meeting (02/20/2023) to discuss this issue further with the residents. In the meantime, Foreman Williams will do a site tour and take pictures of the area.

Ms. Satterlee and Ms. Bowser raised issues of speeding on Dr. Fugate Drive. They informed that they have a dog grooming business and are worried of someone/dogs getting hit. Officer Campbell stated that he will have more of a police presence there.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A complaint form was presented to Council from Robert Rosman about the snow plow tearing up the edge of his driveway and also complained about potholes not being fixed. President ProTem Nate Alvetro informed that he instructed the guys to patch potholes this week due to the weather being warmer.

President Yamrick presented the United Concordia Dental renewal plan for 4/1/2023-3/31/2025. The rates remained the same as last year. A motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilman Kurt Kister to renew Sykesville Borough's dental plan with United Concordia. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve January 16, 2023 minutes was made by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky and seconded by Councilman Kurt Kister. Motion carried.

President Michele Yamrick opened all proposed bids for the bank building located at 2 East Main Street. They are as follows:

1. Joseph Bussard enclosed a cashier's check for \$7,900 (10% down for \$79,000).
2. Jerry and Kimberly Stroka submitted a bid of \$62,500. There was a check enclose of 10% of that total (\$6,250).
3. Betty D. Hoare submitted a bid of \$51,500. There was a check enclosed of 10% of that total (\$5,150).
4. Peter Kennis submitted a bid of \$112,500. There was a check enclosed of 10% of that total (\$11,250).

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Butch Sweka and seconded by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky to accept and approve Mr. Kennis's total bid of \$112,500. A roll call vote then took place: Pruzinsky (Yes), Alvetro (No), Sweka (Yes), Morris (Yes), Kister (Yes), Fike (No), and Yamrick (Yes). Motion carried. Solicitor Gianvito will notify Mr. Kennis that he is the awarded bidder and that he has 90 days to close the sale of the building.

Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito informed Council that there is a hearing date in March for both Waste Management (damages done by their truck) and Mollie LaBorde (unpaid meter).

President Yamrick asked for thoughts and opinions from the rest of Council to add a stormwater maintenance fee to residents' sewer bills (discussed last meeting). After a brief discussion, Council decided to table this topic until the next meeting.

A quote was presented from Walker & Walker Equipment of \$3,199 for a new jumping jack (discussed last meeting). The expense would be split between the Water/Sewer/Borough/Liquid Fuels Funds. A motion was made by Councilman Kister and seconded by Councilman Sweka to accept Walker & Walker Equipment's quote of \$3,199 for a new jumping jack. Motion carried.

President Yamrick opened discussion to Council for smoke testing the town (requested by Authority). Foreman Williams informed that it has not been done since 2014 and the main reason for doing this is there is a lot of water getting into the sewer systems and to fix broken caps. He informed that the crew would just be testing the main lines and there will be no cost to the residents. Foreman Williams informed that he can move forward with this in the spring/summer.

Secretary Neale informed Council that Mr. Mowrey needs a letter of approval for the Run/Walk so he can move forward with obtaining permits from PennDot. A motion was made by Councilman Kister and seconded by Councilman Morris to approve the Run/Walk event for April 16, 2023 with an alternative date of April 23, 2023. Motion carried.

CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

Foreman Brian Williams presented an annual conference registration form from PA Rural Water for the dates of March 27-30. Travis Long (Engineer) also wrote a letter to Council recommending Foreman Williams to attend as this class/conference will be about new reporting requirements and regulations with DEP (lead & copper lines). A motion was made by Councilman Butch Sweka and seconded by Councilman Kurt Kister to pay for Foreman Williams to attend the above class from March 27-30 at a cost of \$345. Motion carried. Council informed Secretary Neale to book a hotel room for Foreman Williams.

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works:

President ProTem Alvetro informed that the crew will be patching potholes this week.

He also informed that the Chevy dump truck is in need of a hydraulic pump. He stated that the parts are ordered (shipped today).

Finance/Personnel:

An invoice for \$14,448.02 was presented from JHA Companies for the upcoming stormwater project. A motion was made by Councilman Morris and seconded by Councilman Sweka to transfer \$14,448.02 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 Councilwoman Pruzinsky and seconded by Councilman Sweka to approve Michael Gamble's paid time off for January 27 (4 hours). Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Kister and seconded by Councilman Morris to approve Michael Gamble's paid time off for April 24th-28th. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by Councilwoman Pruzinsky to approve Jaysa Neale's paid time off for February 2nd-3rd. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Butch Sweka and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris to accept and pay Tuning Accounting for their monthly (January) retainer fee of \$1,179.00. Motion carried.

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

Utilities:

Councilman Ron Morris raised questions of when the new garbage contract begins and when pickup will be. President Yamrick confirmed that the contract began February 1st and pickup remains the same (Tuesday). PT Secretary informed that all dumpsters are on back order. Councilman Morris stated that all garbage customers should be provided a letter of the updates for the new refuse services. Council also discussed increasing garbage prices for the residents as the price increased for the Borough to \$17.50 per customer.

A motion was made by Councilman Kister and seconded by Councilman Morris to send a letter out to all garbage customers announcing the new refuse company and all services they provide. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Morris and seconded by Councilman Kister to increase the garbage fee for all customers to \$16/month beginning March 1st

(excludes current customers who have paid a year in advance). The price will then increase to \$17.50/month beginning July 1st. Motion carried.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Nothing to report.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

Attached is the January 2023 Police Summary Report.

President ProTem Nate Alvetro presented to Council the 2022 Sykesville Fire Department report. The report will be located at the Borough Office.

Solicitor Gianvito:

Solicitor Gianvito presented to Council a contract for curbside solid waste/recycling commencing February 1, 2023 and terminating on January 31, 2026 between ARC Disposal and the Borough of Sykesville. A motion was made by Councilman Butch Sweka and seconded by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky to accept and sign the contract between ARC Disposal and the Borough of Sykesville. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into executive session to discuss personnel matters at 8:18 P.M.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council reconvened from executive session at 8:23 P.M.

No outcome.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilman Butch Sweka. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Jaysa Neale

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Borough Secretary/Treasurer

Sykesville Borough Monthly Police Summary January 2023

Incidents Handled	9
Traffic Citations Issued	7
Criminal Citations Issued	0
Borough Ordinance Violations/Warnings	0
Written Warnings Issued	20
Parking Tickets Issued/Warnings Issued	0
Summary Offenses	7
Misdemeanor Offenses	0
Felony Offenses	0
Charges Filed at Magistrates	14
EMS/Police/Fire/Assist	2
Court Hearings	0
Miles Patrolled	379

