

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. Absent was Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito.

Visitors present were Dan & Kelly Knarr, Ed Yahner (Waste Management) Bob & Andrea Beck (ARC Disposal), Tony Hugill (M&T Disposal), Matt Hugill (Hugill's Sanitation), Don Reid, Brian Williams (Crew Foreman), and Earl Campbell (Sykesville Police).

#### VISITORS CONCERNS:

Kelly Knarr introduced herself as the Mayor of Troutville and she also is the director for Fayette Resources (company that bought the Sykesville School). She informed that they provide services to people who have special needs (residential needs and training facilities) and currently reside in five regions (Alleghany, Fayette, Clearfield, Jefferson, and Indiana. Mrs. Knarr stated that they are affiliated with The Little Food Pantry and Fayette Resources would like permission/suggestions of locations to set up a donation box (can be set up outside). Council suggested Town Hall if they would allow. Councilman Kurt Kister (President of SCIA) informed that there is a Town Hall Meeting tomorrow night and invited her to attend.

Don Reid asked if there is an update on changing the traffic light. Secretary Neale informed that the light cannot be changed because Sykesville has a contract with PennDot which has already been engineered studied. Mr. Reid stated that the Secretary needs to write a letter to PennDot to have it changed as that's her job. He also complained about log trucks "flying" down North Park Street. OIC Campbell said that he has not seen any log trucks speeding and he has been pulling vehicles over on that street for speeding.

Don Reid also asked if anyone could update him on the water roll off on Highland Street (water goes in his basement). President ProTem Nate Alvetro stated that there is a wheel rut that the water follows so shaving the bank would not fix the problem. Foreman Williams has One Called the area (there is a current gas line). Mr. Reid thinks that there is a solution and something needs to be done.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve January 3, 2023 minutes was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Vice President Elaine Fike. Motion carried.

President Michele Yamrick opened the following garbage collection bids:

1. Waste Management bid a three-year contract starting with February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 through January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 at \$18.47/monthly per unit with optional curbside recycling priced at \$4.75, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 through January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at \$19.80/monthly per unit with optional curbside recycling priced at \$5.09, and February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 through January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026 at \$21.23/monthly per unit with optional curbside recycling priced at \$5.46.
2. M&T Disposal bid a three-year contract starting with February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 through January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 at \$16.79/monthly per unit with optional curbside recycling priced at \$4.00, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 through January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at \$17.29/monthly per unit with optional curbside recycling priced at \$4.50, and February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 through January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026 at \$17.58/monthly per unit with optional curbside recycling priced at \$5.00. The scheduled pickup for garbage would be on Thursday's and recycling pickup would be every other Wednesday. The bid includes weekly collection, 2-yard dumpster at Borough Office, Maintenance Building, and Fire Hall, 3-yard (2) dumpsters at the park, 2-yards each at the cemeteries (2), free toter at Ambulance Building, and spring and fall clean-up is provided.
3. ARC Disposal bid a three-year contract starting with February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 through January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 at \$17.50/monthly per unit, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 through January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at \$18.00/monthly per unit, and February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 through January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026 at \$18.50/monthly per unit. Curbside recycling collection is not applicable.
4. Hugill Sanitation Inc. bid a three-year contract starting with February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 through January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 at \$18.00/monthly per unit with optional curbside recycling priced at \$5.50, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 through January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at \$20.00/monthly per unit with optional curbside recycling priced at \$5.77, and February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 through January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026 at \$22.00/monthly per unit with optional curbside recycling priced at \$6.05.

President Yamrick opened the floor for suggestions/nominations. A motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris to accept M&T Disposal's bid package. Motion was not seconded. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky to accept ARC Disposal's bid package. Motion was seconded by Councilman Kurt Kister. The motion went into a roll call vote: Fike (Yes), Kister (Yes), Morris (No),

Sweka (Yes), Alvetro (Yes), Pruzinsky (Yes), and Yamrick (Yes). Motion carried to accept ARC Disposal's bid package for garbage collection services. The full bid refuse bid packages are located in the office for inspection.

CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

Nothing to report.

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works:

President Yamrick informed Council that a meeting was held on January 6<sup>th</sup> with PennVest about the upcoming stormwater projects. As of now, the project should go out for bid this fall with a construction date of 2024. She also informed that the project may come in at the 90 percentile of grants. She also stated that charging a stormwater fee for maintenance (some Boroughs/Municipalities already inforce this) was brought up in the meeting. She stated that the fee doesn't have to be a huge amount and that it can be added to the sewer bills. Council decided to discuss this further at the next Council Meeting.

President ProTem Nate Alvetro informed Council that the Borough should purchase a new salt shed as the one we have now is damaged structurally. He informed that he will have prices at the next Council Meeting.

President ProTem Alvetro also informed that the Borough no longer has a jumping jack "wacker" that works, the crew borrowed one from Reynoldsville for the last water leak. He informed that Foreman Williams will have a quote at the next meeting. He recommended to purchase one locally where it can be serviced close.

Finance/Personnel:

The December 2022 financial reports were email to all board members (1/12/23) for their review. No questions or comments were made.

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

Utilities:

Councilman Ron Morris raised questions on who to call for street lights that are out. For all street lights that are out, Penelec is to be called with the pole numbers.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Councilman Kister informed Council that all of the Christmas decorations are taken down. There are a few screws that still need to be removed from trees.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

Mayor Cunningham informed that she contacted John Witherite (PennSafe) about the house on East Main Street and he informed that the house is still within the building codes.

Solicitor Gianvito:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Run/Walk for Someone Special is scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup> with an alternative date of April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Pat Mowrey is in the process of getting all permits.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by Councilman Kister to transfer \$50,000 from the Water General Account to the Water Capital Improvement Account and also transfer \$50,000 from the Sewer General Account to the Sludge Removal Account. Motion carried.

Councilman Sweka informed Council that all water and sewer rates are staying the same per the Authority Meeting that was held tonight at 6:00 PM. He also stated that the Authority would like to request smoke tests be performed on the town. This will be discussed next Council Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into executive session to discuss personnel matters at 8:02 P.M.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council reconvened from executive session at 8:13 P.M.

A motion was made by Vice President Fike and seconded by Councilwoman Pruzinsky to increase Sandra Ballard's wages by .50 cents effective immediately due to her recent employee evaluation. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Butch Sweka and seconded by Vice President Elaine Fike. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Jaysa Neale  
Borough Secretary/Treasurer

