

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: No visitors present.

VISITORS CONCERNS:

No visitor concerns.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was presented from the Jefferson County Democratic Committee offering their assistance to the Borough to create a safe environment for all citizens and helping restore division of the country due to the events that happened on January 6th.

President Michele Yamrick presented a letter of interest and resume from Nicholas Gianvito (attorney) of Punxsutawney. His hourly rate is \$150. A suggestion was made for Joseph Ryan, Mary Pothoven, and Richard Brown. President Yamrick will draft a letter to the suggested parties and ask for their interests.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve January 4, 2021 minutes was made by President ProTem Ron Park and seconded by Councilman Don Zimmerman. Motion carried.

Discussed last meeting was the COVID-19 Federal Act that expired December 31, 2020. President Yamrick stated that the Act had not extended and wanted to know if Council would like to keep that Act in place for the Borough employees. A motion was made by Councilman Don Zimmerman and seconded by Vice President Elaine Fike to uphold the COVID-19 Federal Act for the Sykesville Borough employees. Motion carried.

Donna Cooper sent a revised contract between JCSWA and the Borough for recycling. Section 3C was changed to the Borough contributing \$700 or more annually. Also stated in the contract is that the Borough will pay \$200 annually

over a three-year period to assist with the purchase of the drop-off containers. President Yamrick informed that Council approved this in December and asked again to all members if everyone would still like to move forward. Council agreed to proceed. President Michele Yamrick signed the contract.

Councilman Zimmerman asked if anyone had found out anything about the railroad crossing. Councilman Nate Alvetro stated that no one has called him back. President Yamrick informed that she will try calling and Councilman Kurt Kister stated that he will stop at the Punxsy office.

CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

A quote was presented by President Yamrick on Foreman Williams behalf for a spot magnetic locator for \$875. The quote also stated that if the Borough were to trade in their old unit, the Borough would be entitled to a \$100 credit. A motion was made by Councilman Zimmerman and seconded by President ProTem Park to accept and approve the quote by Exeter Supply Co, Inc. in the amount of \$875 for a new spot magnetic locator. Motion carried.

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works:

Councilman Alvetro informed Council that last Wednesday a semi-truck damaged pylons around a fire hydrant on the Borough right-of-way located by Symmco and the fire hall. He presented two estimates from Clear Run Construction and Concrete to fix both pillars (\$1,329.70) and from B.K. Asphalt to pave the area (\$800). Councilman Alvetro stated that the Borough will pay to fix the damage and then invoice the trucking company's insurance for reimbursement. A motion was made by President ProTem Ron Park and seconded by Councilman Tim Brown to accept and approve both estimates for a total cost of \$2,129.70. Motion carried. Councilman Alvetro informed that B.K. will pave in the Spring since the asphalt plants are closed now.

Finance/Personnel:

A motion was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by President ProTem Park to accept and pay Tuning Accounting \$1,030.09 for their December monthly retainer fee. Motion carried.

December Financial Reports were sent to all council members. No comments were made.

A motion was made by President ProTem Park and seconded by Councilman Kister to approve Jaysa Neale's paid time off for January 5. 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 14 (2 hrs.) and January 15 (2 hrs.). Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Kister and seconded by President ProTem Park to approve Karl McCracken's paid time off for January 15 (3 hrs.). Motion carried.

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

Utilities:

Nothing to report.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Councilman Kister informed Council that most of the Christmas decorations at the Park have been taken down.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

An invoice was presented from Central Square Technologies for a total of \$1,319.85 for the alert server client software annual maintenance fee (visual alert). A motion was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by Councilman Kister to accept and approve Central Square Technologies invoice of \$1,319.85. This will be paid by the CARES Act grant money. Motion carried.

Solicitor Zwick:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Zimmerman stated that the stump creek (flood control) needs to be dredged. Foreman Williams will contact the Army Corps of Engineers to find out how to proceed.

Councilman Kister asked if the sign at the end of Roosevelt Street could be removed. The sign informs of the grant money the Borough received 2 years ago. Foreman Williams will remove the sign.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters at 7:45 P.M.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

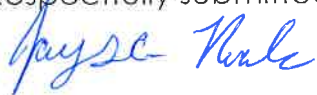
Council reconvened from executive session at 8:01 P.M.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by President ProTem Ron Park and seconded by Councilman Tim Brown. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Jaysa Neale
Borough Secretary/Treasurer