

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 Brian Williams (Foreman) and Ben Destefan (Courier Express).

VISITORS CONCERNS:

No visitor concerns.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Brookville Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting an Eggs and Issues on February 20th with an update on the Jefferson County Tourism Plan. Council can register for the meeting at the Borough Office.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve December 16, 2024, Council minutes was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris. Motion carried.

Solicitor Gianvito informed Council that there may be an issue with the Postal Service easement. He is waiting to hear back from the Postal Service's engineer.

The advertisement for bids for the upcoming stormwater project(s) is scheduled for tomorrow, January 7th and January 14th.

Council reviewed all (5) bank proposals for the stormwater project(s) loan. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris to request a term sheet from two banks of their choice, S&T Bank and InFirst Bank. Motion carried. Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito will notify JHA of this decision and will also reach out to the banks.

President Michele Yamrick presented two quotes from Carlson Technologies for cameras at the traffic light:

1. Verkada LPR Camera priced at \$9,906.75 (5-year license).

2. Verkada 180 Camera priced at \$6,689.87 (5-year license). Councilman Nate Alvetro informed that the LPR camera is specific in showing vehicle license plate (the 180 does not) but also informed without catching a clear picture of the driver would making citing difficult as you couldn't prove who was driving the vehicle. He stated that there may be grant money for this system but is waiting to hear back about the specifics. Council decided to revisit this topic when information about the grants is obtained.

Solicitor Gianvito informed Council that there is a lot of verbiage regarding the winter parking situation for Shaffer Street to put on signs (Ordinance #6-6-2022). He asked what Council specifically wanted on the signs. After a brief discussion, Council decided not to move forward with purchasing signs on Shaffer Street.

CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

Foreman Brian Williams informed that the hydraulic hoses need replaced in the Borough trucks.

There have been no complaints about snow removal/plowing.

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works:

President ProTem Alvetro thanked the Borough Crew for all the snow removal and stated to keep up the good work.

President ProTem Alvetro informed Council that the library ceiling is finished and informed that there are extra tiles to replace the lobby area and the hallway leading to Earl's office.

Finance/Personnel:

Three quotes were presented for purchasing company cell phones and plans:

1. Straight Talk with pricing from \$39.88-\$179 per phone. The yearly plan (unlimited) per phone is \$495.
2. Cricket which is \$90/month for two lines (unlimited). The Borough would receive two free phones.
3. T-Mobile priced at \$168/month.

After a brief discussion, Council decided to purchase a company phone for Foreman Brian Williams and Office Earl Campbell. A motion was made by President ProTem Alvetro and seconded by Councilman Morris to spend up to \$100 per phone (purchasing two phones) and purchase two yearly plans (\$495/each) from Straight Talk. Motion carried.

An invoice for \$5,161.16 was presented from JHA Companies for the upcoming stormwater project. A motion was made by Councilman Morris and seconded by Councilman Reid to transfer \$5,161.16 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 Councilman Morris and seconded by Councilman Reid to accept and pay J&M Accounting & Tax Services Inc. \$1,197.60 for their monthly retainer for December 2024. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pruzinsky and seconded by Vice President Fike to approve Michael Gamble's paid time off for December 26th. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Vice President Fike and seconded by Councilwoman Pruzinsky to approve Brian Williams paid time off for December 17th. Motion carried.

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

Utilities:

Nothing to report.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Nothing to report.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

Attached is the December 2024 Police Summary Report.

Solicitor Gianvito:

Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito informed Council that he will draft a resolution dissolving the \$100 water and \$100 sewer security deposit(s) and adopting payment of a \$50 water and \$50 sewer one time nonrefundable payment(s) for changing customer names on the utility bill(s). Council decided to make this resolution effective March 1st per approval from Authority and Council.

Secretary Walker informed that the office has been in contact with the unclaimed property and they are requesting the total interest accumulated on this account before reporting.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Yamrick informed that the 2025 Council Board Committees will stay the same as 2024.

The Run/Walk for Someone Special will be held April 13th with an alternative date of May 11th. A motion was made by Councilman Morris and seconded by Councilman Reid to approve the mentioned dates. Motion carried. Once the needed permits are received, Council will make a motion to close the necessary roads.

No executive session took place.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Vice President Elaine Fike and seconded by President ProTem Nate Alvetro. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Monica Walker
Assistant Borough Secretary/Treasurer

Sykesville Borough Monthly Police Summary December 2024

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| Incidents Handled | 11 |
| Traffic Citations Issued | 7 |
| Criminal Citations Issued | 0 |
| Borough Ordinance Violations/Warnings | 0 |
| Written Warnings Issued | 17 |
| Parking Tickets Issued/Warnings Issued | 1 |
| Summary Offenses | 7 |
| Misdemeanor Offenses | 0 |
| Felony Offenses | 0 |
| Charges Filed at Magistrates | 7 |
| EMS/Police/Fire/Assist | 2 |
| Court Hearings | 0 |
| Miles Patrolled | 408 |

