

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; Council Members: Ron Morris, Don Reid, and Gabriel "Butch" Sweka; Mayor Gail Cunningham. Absent were President ProTem Nathan Alvetro, Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky, and Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito.

Visitors present were Ron Stewart and Earl Campbell (Sykesville Police).

VISITORS CONCERNS:

Ron Stewart requested forgiveness of the outstanding water and sewer bills for 209 West Main Street. He informed that his sister, Mona, passed away in October and because of her illness she could not make timely payments. Secretary Neale informed that Ms. Stewart had a bad leak back in 2021 and had gotten behind on payments. There was also a doctor's note given to the Borough stating that Ms. Stewart needed water and sewer because of her illness. Secretary Neale informed Council that Ms. Stewart was always on time with payments before she had gotten sick. Council informed Mr. Stewart that this will further be discussed in executive session. President Michele Yamrick informed Council of the current amounts of \$1,637.75 for the water and \$1,007 for the sewage.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve July 1, 2024, minutes was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris. Motion carried.

President Yamrick presented the new plan for the garage roof on the Borough Building (signed off by John Witherite). The plans include replacing the 2x6 walls with 2x10's. The full plan/drawing will be in the Borough Office. Vice President Fike stated that Mr. Witherite will need to inspect the job before the actual roof gets put on. Sam Byler will be at the office tomorrow to give a quote on how much more this will be. Council will wait to approve any additional money to be spent on the roof until next meeting.

CREW FOREMAN REPORT: Councilman Don Reid spoke on his behalf.

Paving and sealed edges is completed on Kaufman Drive and Sykes Alley. The Borough obtained all the millings.

The traffic mirror came in and will be put up sometime this week by the Borough Crew.

40 ton of hot mix has been ordered so far by Foreman Williams which cost around \$3,200 (\$10,000 is budgeted). Councilman Reid informed that there will be more hot mix ordered.

The Borough Crew is planning to raise two drains by Long Alley (Bonavita). A one call was made.

The Crew started brushing roads that will be tarred and chipped by Russell Standard. Foreman Williams is still waiting to hear from them.

Councilman Reid requested an executive session on personnel matters.

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works:

Nothing to report.

Finance/Personnel:

A motion was made by Councilman Butch Sweka and seconded by Vice President Elaine Fike to accept and pay J&M Accounting & Tax Services Inc. \$1,216.50 for their monthly retainer for June 2024. Motion carried.

June 2024 financial reports were presented to all members from J&M Accounting (emailed and distributed 7/12). No questions or comments were made.

A motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilman Don Reid to accept and pay Jefferson County Solid Waste Authority \$700 for the 2024 recycling contribution (recycling center). Motion carried.

An invoice for \$7,907.00 was presented from JHA Companies for the upcoming stormwater project. A motion was made by Councilman Morris and seconded by Councilman Sweka to transfer \$7,907.00 from the Sludge Removal Account

to the General Fund Account and pay that amount to JHA Companies from the General Fund. Motion carried.

President Yamrick presented a letter of responsibility, resolution, and a HOP permit regarding the storm sewer project (all documents reviewed by Solicitor Gianvito).

A motion was made by Councilman Reid and seconded by Councilman Sweka to accept and approve Resolution No. 2024-07-15, "A RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT A FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION TO PENNVEST FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE CONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION AND/OR EXTENSION OF THE WATER/SEWER SYSTEM." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Vice President Fike and seconded by Councilman Reid to accept and approve the letter of responsibility, "Application for Financial Assistance ("Application") in the amount of \$4,998,867.00 from the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority ("Authority") to Sykesville Borough ("Applicant") for the establishment or improvement for collection and treatment a storm water system in the Borough of Sykesville, Jefferson County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania ("Project"). Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Reid and seconded by Councilman Sweka to approve authorization for JHA Companies to submit the HOP permit on the Borough's behalf (signed). Motion carried.

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

Utilities:

Nothing to report.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Councilman Morris informed Council that the pickleball court has been painted.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

Councilman Reid stated that the "Jakebrake Ordinance" needs to be enforced more especially on Main Street. OIC Campbell stated that he has pulled over a lot of trucks for "jakebraking". Councilman Reid also stated that the sign in Brookville says, "Truck Alert: Use of engine retarder limited". He has requested these signs from the state.

Councilman Reid informed that the speed monitors will be put back in town.

Mayor Gail Cunningham asked when the Flood Control Project will be cut. Typically, it gets cut in early/mid-August (Army Corps. Inspection is scheduled for September).

Solicitor Gianvito:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

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 7:56 P.M.

Council would like further data/information on the 209 West Main Street water and sewer bills (when was the leak, how long, how much, etc.). Secretary Neale will have the information for next Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilman Don Reid. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Jaysa Neale
Borough Secretary/Treasurer