

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: Kurt Kister, Ron Morris, Sherry Pruzinsky, Gabriel "Butch Sweka; Mayor Gail Cunningham. Absent were President ProTem Nate Alvetro and Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito.

Visitors present were John Sedor, Jim & Kellie Pompeii, Cooper Harris, Gregg Gillaugh, Aviana Gillaugh, Mike Simpson, Mollie Harris, Alex Nelson (Courier Express), Mike Gamble, Nick Yamrick, Monica Walker (PT Secretary), and Earl Campbell (Sykesville Police).

A motion was made by Councilman Kurt Kister and seconded by Vice President Elaine Fike to add to the agenda approval of adopting a resolution that complies with Act 44 of 2009 and the Auditor Generals Recommendations. Motion carried.

VISITORS CONCERNS:

President Michele Yamrick presented Cooper Harris with a "Citizen of the Year" award from the Borough of Sykesville for all of his accomplishments and community service. Greg Gillaugh introduced Mr. Harris to everyone and informed that Mr. Harris has been volunteering with a boxing (recently licensed to train boxers) program for about two years while working two jobs and being a student. Mr. Gillaugh stated that the origination could not be run smoothly without Mr. Harris's help. They are also planning on introducing other programs in the near future.

President Yamrick informed the visitors present that public comment is meant for comment not arguments, debate, or question and answer. She informed that each visitor has three minutes to comment.

John Sedor was present for an update from President ProTem Alvetro (absent) regarding the speed signs that state how fast a person is driving. Mr. Sedor informed that he spoke with an "upper" from PennDot who stated that those signs would not help with speeders. Vice President Elaine Fike informed Mr. Sedor that PennDot will be conducting a survey on the traffic light and will report their findings to the Borough as soon as it is completed. Councilman Ron Morris informed Mr. Sedor that the signs would take data such as times when people are speeding, how many people are speeding, etc. This would help OIC Campbell of times when people speed and where they speed the most.

Mollie Harris thanked Council for having the Borough Crew install a flag pole in front of her house.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President Yamrick presented an invitation to Council from the Jefferson County Development Council's Annual Meeting held on Wednesday, September 6th, 2023 at 7:30 A.M. located at the Pinecrest County Club. Must RSVP by August 23rd. A full copy of the invite will be located at the Borough Office.

President Yamrick also presented the 3rd Annual Sykesville Block Party which will be held September 9th, 2023 at Stahl Park. A meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 18th at 6:00 P.M. to begin planning for the Block Party. The invitation will be located at the Borough Office.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve July 3, 2023 minutes was made by Councilman Kurt Kister and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris. Motion carried.

President Yamrick informed that it was discussed last meeting to have an ordinance set in place that would allow the Borough to charge a meter installation fee before the work is performed. Since Solicitor Gianvito is not present, this will be tabled.

CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

An invoice was presented from The Meter Guy, LLC in the amount of \$10,050 for service, installation, and programming of the RAFA Control System at the main Pump Station (bubbler system). A motion was made by Councilman Kurt Kister and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris to accept and pay The Meter Guys, LLC \$10,050 for their services. Motion carried. The controls needed to be replaced because of it being an older/outdated system.

President Yamrick informed Council that Foreman Williams will be getting estimates on a new dump truck to replace the 350 (10+ years old). She informed that the truck could be put out for bid or even traded in, whatever the best deal would be.

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works:

Nothing to report.

Finance/Personnel:

The June financial reports were emailed to all members produced from Tuning Accounting. There were no questions or comments made.

Vice President Fike informed Council that she had spoken with the Personnel Committee and has decided to "put on hold" of hiring a Code Enforcement Officer due to the situation that happened at the previous meeting with the visitors.

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

Utilities:

Councilman Morris informed Council that he is emailing different companies about the radar signs. He informed that data will be recorded on them of when people are speeding and how many people are speeding in the areas that the signs are set. This would help OIC Campbell with scheduling and the areas that need the most patrolling. President Yamrick stated that PennDot may provide them if they are kept moving around.

President Yamrick informed Council that she had spoken with Daniel Tygert of the traffic division with PennDot regarding the light. She was informed that the traffic division looked at the light three times in the past year and determined that it was fine. Mr. Tygert emailed the process for the Borough to apply (not guaranteed) to modify the traffic light (located at the office) which would be at the Borough's cost. President Yamrick also stated that the Borough cannot just open the traffic light box and change it ourselves as if it is not PennDot approved and there is an accident, the Borough would be held responsible.

Vice President Fike informed Council that she sent Chris Dush an email regarding the traffic light and some residents threatening to sign a petition. She also stated on Friday, Mike from PennDot was surveying and performing a study on the traffic light per Mr. Dush contacting PennDot.

President Yamrick also informed Council that she received an email today from Mr. Tygert informing her that Mike Ashbaugh reviewed the light signal and stated that the signal is properly working. Based on his review his suggestions for helping improve efficiency and safety are 1. South Park Street loop is too close to the center line and moving this while paving may help (Borough's expense). 2. Due to the tractor trailers entering and exiting South Park Street, an 8-10 second delay on the side street is recommended. This would also help traffic moving on

119 as they would not have to make sudden stops. If Council is interested in any of these suggestions, the traffic division unit can easily make the changes.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Councilman Kurt Kister informed Council that Pat Mowrey requested that the tennis courts be resurfaced. Mr. Mowrey is willing to buy new nets and also provide the paint after the resurfacing.

Councilman Ron Morris informed that there were teenagers at the park this past weekend around 11:30 P.M. drinking. OIC Campbell will watch the park more closely.

Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky stated that she was recently informed that the Stahl Park restrooms are being unlocked 24/7. She asked if it is being verified before and after rentals of the condition. Councilman Kister stated 95% of the time. She stated that she was told that garbage bags were not being replaced. Mike Gamble informed that the Crew is placing extra bags in the bottom of the trash cans to try and avoid that problem again. Mr. Gamble also stated if people are worried, suggest taking a picture before and after rental.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

Nothing to report.

Solicitor Gianvito:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Butch Sweka informed Council that there was a Water and Sewer Authority Meeting held tonight. Topics were:

1. The water and sewage rates will remain the same.
2. Chairman Fike requested data of everyone paying their fair share from the other municipalizes (Winslow, Troutville, Sandy) so the Authority can determine whether the rates need increased.
3. It has been brought to the Authority's attention that a leak detector was purchased through the Borough and the device is at Reynoldsville and the Borough Crew is not trained on how to use it. Reynoldsville helps out Sykesville and vice versa if need be (motion was made). President Yamrick informed that all Crew members need trained in using this device.

4. Chairman Fike requested when a bill is being paid through PennVest such as engineering cost, can the money be taken out of the General Fund rather than the Sludge Removal Account. President Yamrick informed that the money is given back and it has always been done that way.
5. Chairman Fike also wanted to know since the smoke test for the town will be performed in September, is the Crew also keeping up on the town's maintenance as in manholes and etc. Foreman Williams takes care of all that maintenance.
6. Chairman Fike also stated that Mr. Gamble is the water operator and should just be handling that. Mr. Gamble stated that there is a leak (15,000-20,000 used per day) near Shannon Shaffer's. He would like to dig up the area to be sure if there is a leak or not but was told not to. Chairman Fike would like Mr. Gamble to do what he thinks is necessary. Mr. Gamble stated that flaggers would not be needed due to being on the side of the road but Nick Yamrick stated that there probably would need to be flaggers as it is by a state road and permits would need to be obtained.
7. Councilman Sweka also stated that John Sedor was questioning the Authority's position. He believes that they should have some authority over the Council with making certain decisions or if the Authority needs to be changed to a Committee. Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito forwarded an email regarding the Authority and their status for Chairman Fike to review.

President Michele Yamrick presented estimates on replacing the building's roof. They are as follows:

1. AJEM Roofing for a total cost of \$34,850 that includes a waterproof roof with fabric-reinforced roofing system with an 85% reflectivity and UL-790 class A fire rating, and a 5-year labor and 20 year non pro-rated material warranty. This is for repairing as is.
2. AJEM Roofing for a total cost of \$43,360 that includes installing a metal roof fastened with lifetime screws, roof being raised, purlins with single bubble under layment installation, metal on front and side walls of built up roof, five 5-year labor warranty with 100% cleanup, and a 40-year warranty.
3. Great Lakes Coatings, LLC for a total cost of \$21,698 that includes a waterproof roof with membrane coating system with an 85% reflectivity and UL-790 class A fire rating, and a 5-year labor and 10-year non pro-rated material warranty. This is for repairing as is.
4. Great Lakes Coatings, LLC for a total cost of \$30,549 that includes a waterproof roof with membrane coating system with an 85% reflectivity and UL-790 class A fire rating, and a 5-year labor and 20-year non pro-rated material warranty. This is for repairing as is.
5. Great Lakes Coatings, LLC for a total cost of \$39,412 that includes mechanically fasten purlins, fasten titanium vapor barrier, mechanically

fasten metal hex head screws, all trim included side wall and end wall, 5-year labor warranty on all work.

Council decided to table the estimates until next meeting on August 7th.

President Yamrick made a statement that under no circumstances should anyone other than a member of Council or Borough Employee enter the Borough Maintenance Building. She stated that the Crew are permitted to ask individuals to leave. OIC Campbell informed that "No trespassing" signs need to be placed at the building (easier for Court case). Signs will be posted there tomorrow.

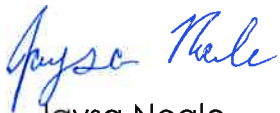
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No executive session took place.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Butch Sweka and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Jaysa Neale
Secretary/Treasurer