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: Michael Sackash, Ron Morris, Don Reid, Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito. Absent was Councilman Colton Gearhart.

Visitors were Sarah Johnson (J&M Accounting), Michelle Moore (J&M Accounting), Mark Gilga, Kimmy Ferut, A.J. Coval (JHA), Thomas Kundrich, John Sedor.

VISITORS CONCERNS:

Tom Kundrich was here about the 2026 CDBG Block Grant. Applying for a grant from Jefferson County. The deadline is July 10, 2026. Councilman Mike Sachash agreed to meet with Tom to move forward with this.

Mark Gilga addressed Council regarding the Pennsylvania Supreme Court about skill game machines. They are ruling that games offering players cash, prizes, tickets, rewards, or anything of value are illegal unless they are licensed by the state. That ruling doesn't just affect skill games. It makes many games commonly found in arcades, family entertainment centers, restaurants, bars illegal. Mark is asking if Council is going to be pro-active with this as you the Council will be losing money for the Borough. President Michele Yamrick let him know that they have information and will discuss this further.

Kimmy Ferut has questions about the garbage, paying 11 months and getting one month free. Why is it in the middle of the year when the contract date is February 1st. The amount changes at contract time yearly and the residents get a discount or if the amount goes up, they don't pay enough. She is asking for clarification. President Michele Yamrick let her know that we will investigate this and decide how to move forward.

A.J. Coval from JHA advised Council of our Stormwater Project update. He advised Council that we could potentially be over our budget by ruffly $200,000. A meeting is scheduled for July 10th at the Borough Office to discuss this.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council received a complaint from Bryant Dahl. It states that a Borough truck was speeding on Van Ness Street. There are multiple kids all over these streets and we can't have this. Council will speak to the Borough guys about this.

Malinda Fillhart rented Stahl Park for an event. There was a miss communication, and the Borough did not hold up their end of the contract. A motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Vice President Elaine Fike to refund her full amount that was paid. Motion carried.

We received an invitation from Northwestern PA Counties Boroughs Association to attend a meeting at The Foundry in Reynoldsville on July 15, 2026.

We received a letter from Dana Rooney, CBO Brookville Borough Manager Administrative Manager – Municipal Authority. This is regarding the development of data centers with the Boroughs. She is reaching out to each municipality to consider taking similar action by adopting a resolution or motion supporting a countywide moratorium and following it with a formal letter to the County Commissioners.

OLD BUSINESS:

We have received three quotes from Ways Office Supply for back-up batteries for Secretary Monica Walker and OIC Earl Campbell's computers.

1. Tripp Lite series Internet 350U 350VA Ultra-compact Desktop $104.40.
2. Tripp Lite series Internet Office Internet 550U 550VA UPS $123.99.
3. APC Backups 650 VA Desktop UPS $159.12.

After a brief discussion a motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilman Don Reid to purchase the Tripp Lite series Internet 350U for $104.40 times two $208.80. Motion carried.

We revisited the quote from xtremeware for the shirts for the guys at $347.04 for 12. After a brief discussion Council wants to shop around for different shirts and revisit later.

A motion was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris to sign the resolution for the DCED Multi-modal for the paving. Motion carried.

A discussion on the mowing of the Flood Project was revisited with a new bid from B&H Brushhogging that changed from $6000.00 per year for three years to

$9000.00 per year for two years. The previous bid from D&W Clearing was $13,875.00 for one time. This is going to be discussed further by Council.

Councilman Mike Sackash is asking about the 2025 Audit. Have we heard anything since this is July. No one has heard anything. Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito will send them a letter in regards to this.

MAYOR KYLE PISARCIK:

Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President ProTem Nathan Alvetro reminded Council of the 2020 Chevy Dump Truck that caught fire the amount from the insurance company. To purchase the 2020 truck back from the insurance is $12,550.00. This will give us equipment to move to the different chassis-cab (dump bed and spreader with the plow and mount). A motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Vice President Elaine Fike to purchase the truck back for $12,550.00. Motion carried.

President ProTem Nathan Alvetro also passed out quotes that he has received to purchase a new chassis-cab to replace the 2020 Chevy Dump truck. After a lengthy discussion over the different quotes a motion was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Councilman Mike Sachash to purchase a 2026 Chevrolet 3500 Chassis-Cab B25616 from Blaise Alexander in Muncy, PA in the amount of $50,802.00. Motion carried.

CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

Nothing to report.

Public Works:

Nothing to report.

Finance/Personnel:

A motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by President ProTem Nathan Alvetro to pay Mo Kovalchick's Tax Collector Surety Bond Premium in the amount of $111.21. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilman Don Reid to reimburse Secretary Monica Walker's mileage for the month of June in the amount of $80.47. Motion carried.

Councilman Mike Sackash asked Council if we can reach out to Harris (Inhance) our billing system if they do online payment for our residents. Council is holding off paying Harris Annual Support bill until it is discussed further.

A motion was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Councilman Mike Sackash to pay JHA Stormwater Projects invoice $2,200.00. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Councilman Mike Sackash to pay JHA Engineering Services $1,718.58. Motion carried.

Vice President Elaine Fike, President ProTem Nathan Alvetro and Councilman Mike Sackash got together as a committee to discuss investing money from the Sludge Fund. We recommended to find out what the rates are for short term CD's. Midpen Bank 3,6, or 9 month is 3.75%. First Commonwealth 15-month CD at least $10,000.00 is 3.65%. InFirst 9 month with at least $10,000.00 to $500,000.00 is 3.65% and the 15 month is 3.65%. Farmers for 9 months are 4.15%. With us starting to work with the Water/Sewer Authority we need to get with them to get their input. Not sure if the rates will be the same for the next water/Sewer meeting. After a lengthy heated discussion nothing was resolved.

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Councilman Mike Sackash updated Council on the smoke detector. They are on order and should be coming in soon. They will be at the Borough office to hand out, as this is a secure place. Secretary Monica Walker will put out a notice on our call out system when they come in.

Utilities:

Councilman Mike Sackash spoke for Councilman Colton Gearhart on an update on the water, sewer, Borough of Sykesville agreement that we are working on. JHA's Travis Long did a 6-page paper of recommendations that he delivered to us in February. John Sedor and I (Councilman Mike Sackash) did the work and then Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito followed up. There are lease agreements and management agreements in our files where the Borough between the water and sewer assets and leases to the Authority and the Authority in turn has management agreements where the Borough hires the people and does the day-to-day operations. The Authority needs to up their game to ensure long term sustainability of the water/sewer systems., Specifically to ensure funding for maintenance infrastructure replacement. Borough needs

to up our game to ensure proper utility operations and long-term financing of the water/sewer systems, specifically that reserve funds for capital improvements. Both parties can accomplish these goals through a cooperative relationship outlined and formulated by Travis which will be formulated into a memorandum of understanding. I have sent a draft of the memorandum to Councilman Colton Gearhart, John Sedor and the members of the Water/Sewer Authority who have approved it. Travis has reviewed it and have his critique. I do have a copy here electronically. I would like to have a motion that approves this concept but does not approve the agreement because this must go to Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito to be reworked and put into proper legal format. A motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilman Don Reid to get this to Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito as we did prematurely with Travis's report earlier, except now we have a recommendation from Travis and the Water/Sewer Authority to the Borough to do this agreement. Motion carried.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Councilman Mike Sackash informed Council that there were inconsistencies with the restrooms at the park not being opened one day and opened the next day. He also added that the restrooms and the park is very clean and look good.

President ProTem Nathan Alvetro has gotten complaints that people are driving around the speed bumps. I had Forman Brian Williams move one of the dumpsters with the speed bump so that if you try to drive around them you will hit them. At the other end we put a road closed sign by that one. At the other two speed bumps the borough guys put up signs. If those get moved, we will put DuBrook Blocks there so that they can't be moved.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

Nothing to report.

Solicitor Gianvito:

Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito received a call from Pastor Dean Smith from the Lighthouse Church about getting water. He started with Pat Primm thought he owned the property to the water tap but instead owned by Kyle Bish where the right a way would need to go. Kyle Bish will not give them permission to go across his property. He says that there is an existing line there that has collapsed and is no longer in use. His question was "If the Borough has an easement place for that line couldn't they use it". President ProTem Nathan Alvetro states that all we do is put the tap in and the customer is responsible to run the line and that is a long was to go to the church. Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito states that they put

the cart before the horse. Now the tap is put in that he paid for and now can't get access to it. They had talked about going along the road, but there is a gas line there so they can't do that. President ProTem Nathan Alvetro states that they could go over or under the line. He believes that they would need to contact PennDot about going along the main road. At the meeting they led us to believe that their part was already taken care of.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilman Don Reid to approve the Council minutes of June 15, 2026, with a correction. Motion carried.

Class training for Crewman James Sweka was discussed, and we will have to find classes for license. They should start around April of next year. We will keep searching.

Jefferson County Veterans Honor Guard has rented the Stahl Park for their event and is asking Council to wave the fee. A motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Vice President Elaine Fike to wave their rental fee. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Vice President Elaine Fike to purchase a new vacuum for our office. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into a brief executive session at 9:40 PM. Until 9:43 PM.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Crewman James Sweka had an evaluation and there is a recommendation by the personnel committee for a .50 cent raise taking him to $15.50 per hour. A motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilman Don Reid to increase his wage to $15.50 per hour. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilman Don Reid to adjourn this Council meeting at 9:45 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Monica Walker
Borough Secretary/Treasurer