

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: Ron Morris, Sherry Pruzinsky, Don Reid, and Gabriel "Butch" Sweka; Mayor Gail Cunningham; Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito.

Visitors were Michael Gamble (29 Cleveland St.), Zach Garman, Shawn Kniseley, and Brian Williams (Crew Foreman).

VISITORS CONCERNS:

Michael Gamble informed that when the Borough Crew installed the waterline (for Coleman) by his place of residence, they covered the ditch which is causing the rain to "wash out" his driveway. He requested something to be done. President Michele Yamrick informed that she will have the guys look and see what they can do tomorrow.

Zach Garman and Shawn Kniseley (Reynoldsville Borough Council) were present to discuss possibilities for a joint effort in hiring a Code Enforcement Officer. Their thoughts were to pay a rate of \$15.00/hour and split the time of 20 hours for each Borough. Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito informed that he will talk with Reynoldsville Solicitor to work out the logistics as Sykesville Borough Council are interested in pursuing this.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve June 16, 2025, Council minutes was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilman Butch Sweka. Motion carried.

President Yamrick informed that at the last meeting a motion was made to appoint John Malinky as a member of the Water & Sewer Authority. She informed that the motion was made prematurely as letters of interest can be accepted until July 21<sup>st</sup>. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky and seconded by Vice President Eliane Fike to retract the motion appointing John Malinky as a member for the Water & Sewer Authority. Motion carried.

Council revisited the request from Linda Galentine (Steven Phipps at 135 South Park Street). Foreman Williams and Secretary Neale confirmed that the line has been repaired to the Borough's standards, and the water/sewer bill is paid up to date. Request completed.

President Yamrick informed that Roman Escavating has broke ground for the stormwater project today (starting at Stahl Park). Closing/signing with PennVest was on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. President ProTem Alvetro asked Foreman Williams if he discussed with Travis about Roman digging so close to the one big tree at the park. Foreman Williams informed he discussed with Mr. Coval and there are no guarantees that the tree will live.

CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

Nothing to report.

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works:

Nothing to report.

Finance/Personnel:

A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by Councilman Morris to accept and pay J&M Accounting & Tax Services Inc. \$1,222.80 for their monthly retainer for June 2025. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilman Butch Sweka to pay Jefferson County Solid Waste Authority in the amount of \$700 for the 2025 recycling contribution. Motion carried.

An invoice for \$5,779.17 was presented from JHA Companies for the upcoming stormwater project. A motion was made by Councilman Butch Sweka and seconded by Vice President Elaine Fike to transfer \$5,779.17 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 Butch Sweka and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris to approve Jaysa Neale's paid time off for June 16<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

A motion was made by President ProTem Nate Alvetro and seconded by Councilman Butch Sweka to approve Michael Gamble's paid time off for June 18<sup>th</sup> and July 3<sup>rd</sup> (4 hours each day). Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Morris and seconded by Councilman Sweka to approve Brian Williams paid time off for June 20<sup>th</sup> and July 3<sup>rd</sup> (4 hours). Motion carried.

Council will discuss Brian Williams performance review/evaluation during the executive session.

#### Ordinance, Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

#### Utilities:

Nothing to report.

#### Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Pictures were presented of some of the playground equipment that needs repaired/replaced (particularly the swing sets). Council instructed Foreman Williams to look at what needs replaced and obtain prices.

President ProTem Alvetro suggested to wait to install the speed bumps (approved two meetings ago) until after Roman Excavating are finished at the park so their equipment does not damage them. All of Council agreed with this idea.

#### Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

Ron Morris expressed concerns with vehicles/motorcycles speeding and not stopping by the park/railroad. Mayor Cunningham stated that she can request the state police to patrol the side streets but there are no guarantees.

#### Solicitor Gianvito:

Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito informed that the first collective bargaining agreement with the police union agreement is scheduled at the Borough Office for August 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 P.M. Solicitor Gianvito requested to have a proposal prior to the next Council meeting.

Solicitor Gianvito asked if Winslow Township has paid anything on their penalties. Secretary Neale informed that most of the penalties have been paid and the remaining penalties will be paid in full this month (included with their regular water bill).

Solicitor Gianvito asked if the Borough has heard back from Troutville Borough and/or Winslow Township regarding the rate increase for their sewer. No correspondence was made regarding this. Solicitor Gianvito informed that he will email Travis Long to find out if he heard from their engineers.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

President Yamrick presented four estimates for replacing flooring for the lobby, office, and police department areas:

1. P.D.M. Repair & Remodel, LLC priced at \$3,111.11 for replacing tiles, installing lighting, painting, and replacing flooring in the office and lobby (re-tile).
2. Everything Under Foot priced at a total of \$8,900 (\$1,550 for lobby, \$4,200 for office, and \$3,150 for police department).
3. The Floor Show priced for a total of \$12,016.55 (\$6,023.01 for office, \$2,416.05 for lobby, and \$3,577.49 for police department).
4. Big Run Flooring priced at a total of \$8,993.78 (\$1,441.44 for lobby, \$4,684.68 for office, and \$3,267.81 for police department).

Council discussed and decided to have P.D.M. submit a new bid with prices of all three rooms on just the flooring before deciding. Tabled. Full details of the estimates will be at the Borough Office for review.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into an executive session to discuss personnel matters at 7:38 P.M.

#### ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

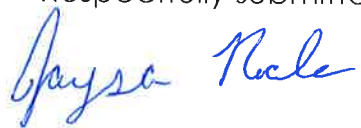
Council reconvened from executive session at 8:03 P.M.

A motion was made by Vice President Elaine Fike and seconded by Councilman Butch Sweka to increase Brian Williams hourly wage by .25 cents effective June 20, 2025. Motion carried.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky and seconded by Councilman Butch Sweka. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Jaysa Neale  
Borough Secretary/Treasurer

