

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

Visitors were Todd Beers, John Sedor (Water & Sewer Authority), John Malinky, and Brian Williams (Crew Foreman).

VISITORS CONCERNS:

Todd Beers was in attendance to answer any questions on the proposed lease agreement between Winner Water Services and Sykesville Borough (presented at the last two previous meetings). The major change in the agreement is to reduce the lease payment from \$18,000/year to \$10,000/year. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Vice President Elaine Fike and seconded by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky to accept the amendatory agreement as presented by Winner Water Services. Motion carried.

John Sedor reiterated any expenses paid out of the Water, Water Capital Improvement, Sewer, and Sludge Removal Funds should be made known to the Water & Sewer Authority before the final decision is made or even be invited to Council Meetings when being voted on.

Mr. Sedor informed Council that John Malinky submitted a letter of interest to be on the Water and Sewer Authority and requested Council to appoint him. A motion was made by Councilman Butch Sweka and seconded by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky to appoint John Malinky as a member to the Water & Sewer Authority. Motion carried.

John Malinky stated that his curb needs to be built up. He stated that Foreman Williams told him that he would run the fire hydrant to see where the water is going and asked if that was still on his agenda. Foreman Williams stated that it would be done this week.

Mr. Malinky asked if the Borough Crew or President ProTem Alvetro had a chance to look at the catch basin between London and West Liberty Street to see if it is undermined. Foreman Williams stated that he will look at the area and get back to Mr. Malinky.

Mr. Malinky informed Council that he had talked with/sent emails to Borough's Engineer, Travis Long, requesting to lower the catch basin at the corner of London and West Liberty Street for the upcoming stormwater project. Mr. Malinky informed that he has not seen any revised drawings and is concerned that this would be too late to change the drawings. After further discussion, Council requested that Foreman Williams call Travis and request him to be at the next Council Meeting (7/7).

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve June 2, 2025, Council minutes was made by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky and seconded by Vice President Elaine Fike. Motion carried.

Foreman Williams informed that there have been no updates from Steven Phipps (135 South Park Street). Complaint/request letter tabled.

President Michele Yamrick informed that at the last Council Meeting, Council decided to reject all road bids and readvertise a reduce scope of work. However, Foreman Williams called Marc Skarbek (PennDot) the next day informing him of this change. Mr. Skarbek stated that he would re-evaluate this project but suggested waiting until next year to get better pricing and more bids. A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by Vice President Fike to wait until next year to advertise for proposed road work. Motion carried.

Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito informed that he received the Railroad and USPS easement agreements the day before they were due. He informed that he took them to Brookville personally to be filed. The closing date for the Stormwater PennVest project is scheduled to be closed on July 2nd.

Solicitor Gianvito presented a revised engagement letter. He informed that it is the same letter that was signed in April but instead of the letter stating, "*I do not expect my fees, including those to date, to exceed the sum of \$18,000*", the revised letter states "*I do not expect my fees, including those to date, to exceed the sum of \$28,000*". A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by Councilwoman Pruzinsky to accept and sign the revised engagement letter from the Law Office of Nicholas Gianvito, P.C. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Pruzinsky informed that she called Karen from Elections (Brookville) to discuss the ballot. Karen informed that there should have been three, four-year terms and one, two-year term to cover Mrs. Pruzinsky's spot. Because the ballot was not correct, come January, Council will have to appoint someone to cover the two-year term.

CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

Foreman Brian Williams informed that the Borough Crew installed Allen Heberling's new water tap (approved last year).

Foreman Williams also informed that there was a water leak on East Main Street last week. The crew ran a new line across and it has been fixed.

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works:

Nothing to report.

Finance/Personnel:

May 2025 financial reports were presented to all members from J&M Accounting (emailed and distributed 6/6). No questions or comments were made.

An invoice for \$4,237.50 was presented from JHA Companies for the upcoming stormwater project. A motion was made by Vice President Fike and seconded by Councilman Sweka to transfer \$4,237.50 from the Sludge Removal Account to the General Fund Account and pay that amount to JHA Companies from the General Fund. Motion carried.

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

Utilities:

Vice President Fike stated that the area behind Smyers is a mess and needs cleaned up.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Nothing to report.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

Nothing to report.

Solicitor Gianvito:

Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito informed that he received an email regarding starting the bargaining process for the Police Union. He and Council exchanged availability to schedule the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No executive session took place.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky and seconded by Vice President Elaine Fike. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Jaysa Neale
Borough Secretary/Treasurer