

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

Visitors present were Brian Williams (Crew Foreman) and Earl Campbell (Sykesville Police).

VISITORS CONCERNS:

No visitor concerns.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President Michele Yamrick presented an invite for the Jefferson County Development Council's Annual Meeting held Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 A.M. located at the Punxsutawney Country Club. Must RSVP by July 5<sup>th</sup>. Full details will be located at the Borough Office.

There will be a presentation/meeting on Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 9 A.M. located at the Jefferson Place building in Brookville to discuss tourism, the insights gathered from our community and stakeholders, and the strategic initiatives recommended to build, sustain, and grow this brand. Must RSVP by July 8<sup>th</sup>. Full details will be located at the Borough Office.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve June 3, 2024, minutes was made by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky and seconded by Vice President Elaine Fike. Motion carried.

Secretary Neale received an email from Solicitor Gianvito regarding the resolution that was approved at the last meeting; the named roadway must have a suffix such as "Alley", "Street", "Avenue", "Lane". After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Councilman Butch Sweka to name the roadway "Sugar Camp Lane". Motion carried. Resolution 2024-06-17 approved and signed.

Secretary Neale informed Council that Carl of Jefferson County will be in town tomorrow reviewing the potential project to replace/repair sidewalks (CDBG).

The replacement of the Borough buildings roof was paused due to a permit mix-up which required an architect's review. A letter was presented from Mark Ross, structural engineer, from JHA Companies stating in conclusion *"Per the applicable code requirements, the old roof members will need to be redesigned and modified to carry the new dead loads resulting from the new roof being installed over top. As an alternative, the existing roof may be replaced in kind rather than the new pitched steel roof."* The full letter will be located at the Borough Office. Council will revisit this matter at the next Council Meeting when Solicitor Gianvito is present. Foreman Williams also informed that Mr. Ross will be here next week to re-evaluate and present different options.

#### CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

President Yamrick thanked the Borough Crew (Brian, Nick, Mike) for working 12.5 hours on Saturday repairing a leak which extended five feet of pipe.

Foreman Brian Williams informed that the Crew has been working on getting the roads ready for tarring and chipping. Russel Standard (awarded bidder) will be calling to schedule soon.

Foreman Williams informed Council that the salt shed has been completed today.

#### COMITTEE REPORTS:

##### Public Works:

Councilman Don Reid raised questions about demolishing the house structure located at 232 West Main Street. Vice President Fike informed that because there is an owner that is involved that isn't willing to demolish, the Borough would have to go through a lengthy process.

Councilman Reid informed Council that Foreman Williams is preparing roads to be chipped. He also informed that Foreman Williams will be ordering blacktop soon to fix/patch some much needed areas.

##### Finance/Personnel:

May 2024 financial reports were presented to all members from J&M Accounting (emailed and distributed 6/13). No questions or comments were made.

An invoice for \$6,174.62 was presented from JHA Companies for the upcoming stormwater project. A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by Councilman Reid to transfer \$6,174.62 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 Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky to approve Jaysa Neale's paid time off for July 5<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

An executive session for personnel is needed to discuss Brian Williams' employment evaluation.

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

Utilities:

Nothing to report.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Nothing to report.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

Councilman Reid stated that vehicles are speeding again on North Park Street and made OIC Campbell aware. Council asked if there are any updates on municipalities being able to use radar. OIC Campbell informed that there are no updates; this must go through the House of Representatives and the Senate to be approved.

Vice President Elaine Fike informed OIC Campbell that there has been a car (Ford Fiesta) parked in the back parking lot of the Assumption B.V.M Church for over a week. OIC Campbell will investigate it.

Mayor Gail Cunningham requested purchasing a mirror to hang up on the pole at the intersection of East Main Street and Station Street. A motion was made by Councilman Reid and seconded by Councilman Sweka to purchase a traffic mirror for the mentioned location. Motion carried.

Solicitor Gianvito:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into executive session to discuss personnel matters at 7:35 P.M.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council reconvened from executive session at 7:37 P.M.

A motion was made by Councilman Butch Sweka and seconded by Councilman Don Reid to increase Brian Williams hourly wage by .25 cents effective June 20, 2024. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Councilman Butch Sweka. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Jaysa Neale  
Borough Secretary/Treasurer