

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: Kurt Kister, Ron Morris, Sherry Pruzinsky and Gabriel "Butch" Sweka; Mayor Gail Cunningham. Absent was Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito.

Visitors present were Kevin Yamrick, Alex Nelson (Courier Express), Monica Walker (PT Secretary), Brian Williams (Crew Foreman), and Earl Campbell (Sykesville Police).

VISITORS CONCERNS:

Kevin Yamrick informed Council that the Fire Department has entered into a contract to purchase a new fire truck in 2026. He stated that the Department purchases a new truck every 10 years. The Borough agreed to pay a lump sum of \$100,000 when the last truck was purchased in 2015 (Borough pays Department \$10,000 a year for 10 years). Mr. Yamrick also informed that the Department will be paying half the total amount upfront which would make the total cost of the new truck \$782,171.17. The Department is asking for the Borough's financial support in purchasing the new truck.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Butch Sweka and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris to donate \$50,000 of the Sykesville Borough's COVID money to the Sykesville Volunteer Fire Department with a renewal of the 10 year \$100,000 agreement (\$10,000/year) commencing in 2025. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve March 6, 2023 minutes was made by President ProTem Nate Alvetro and seconded by Councilman Butch Sweka. Motion carried.

President Michele Yamrick presented the 2023 CDBG Application to Council which was discussed last meeting. There was no comment. Tabled until next meeting.

CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

Foreman Brian Williams informed Council that Sam Zaffuto will be present at the next Council meeting (April 3rd) to discuss the Roto-Rooter invoice that was presented at the last Council Meeting.

Foreman Williams informed Council that the oil pan in the skid steer is damaged. He informed that the pan itself is \$600 plus whatever the labor costs.

Foreman Williams informed Council that the street sweeper should be in town next week.

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works:

A proposal of \$2,178 was presented to Council from Pest Management. The areas to be sprayed will be the same as last year. After a brief discussion, Council requested to get an estimate from Erlich before making a decision.

President ProTem Alvetro requested that the Borough Crew patch potholes in alleys due to a number of complaints he received. Foreman Williams informed that the Crew will be patching potholes all next week.

Finance/Personnel:

The February financial reports were presented to Council from Tuning Accounting. No questions or comments were made.

An invoice for \$18,388.09 was presented from JHA Companies for the upcoming stormwater project. A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by Councilman Morris to transfer \$18,388.09 from the Sludge Removal Account to the General Fund Account and pay that amount to JHA Companies from the General Fund. Motion carried.

Council will discuss Monica Walker's employee evaluation during executive session.

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

Utilities:

The cable franchise renewal agreement proposal was presented to Council from Comcast. The current contract expires February 15, 2024. Before any decisions are made, Council would like Solicitor Gianvito to review the terms of the proposed agreement.

Councilman Morris asked if there were any updates on the garbage containers. President Yamrick informed that they are still on back order.

After a brief discussion regarding getting a dumpster for "clean-up day", A motion was made by President ProTem Alvetro and seconded by Councilman Sweka to have "clean-up day" on Wednesday, April 26th from 8:00 AM to 4 PM. Motion carried. This will be advertised on the next garbage bills.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Councilman Kister informed Council that he received a text message from a resident requesting new playground equipment for the park. Council agreed that the equipment is well kept and doesn't need to be replaced. Councilman Kister will text Ms. Dahl back and ask the specifics to her request.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

Nothing to report.

Solicitor Gianvito:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into executive session to discuss personnel matters at 7:34 P.M.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council reconvened from executive session at 7:47 P.M.

A motion was made by Vice President Elaine Fike and seconded by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky to increase Monica Walker's hourly wage by .25 cents effective immediately. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Butch Sweka and seconded by Councilman Kurt Kister. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Jaysa Neale
Borough Secretary/Treasurer