

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 Don Zimmerman, Tom Kundrich, Nick Yamrick, Brian Williams (Foreman), and Earl Campbell (Sykesville Police). *Monica Walker, Assistant Sec.*

VISITORS CONCERNS:

Don Zimmerman updated Council on the Community Betterment Committee. He informed that the committee has 8-10 members now, has an experienced grant writer, experienced website developer, and financial help (bank account, QuickBooks, etc.). The Committee has received a \$2,500 donation from a local resident to help with projects in town (Stahl Park, Bank Building, Blighted Properties). Mr. Zimmerman also informed that the Committee will be applying for a \$50,000 grant from T-Mobile for renovations of the Town Hall.

Mr. Zimmerman stated to Council that he spoke with Donna Cooper (JCSWA) and she informed him that six tons of recyclables were hauled away since installation of the containers.

Tom Kundrich informed that he is currently working on applying for a grant from Lowes Hometown Grant Program. He stated that the Committee is now eligible to apply and \$10,000,000 will be donated between 100 towns. The deadline is March 28. A copy of Mr. Kundrich and Mr. Zimmerman's notes were left for Council to review.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve March 7, 2022 minutes was made by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky and seconded by President ProTem Nate Alvetro. Motion carried.

President Michele Yamrick presented the 2022 CDBG Application to Council. She stated that a potential project was voted on last meeting but the board did not make a motion on funds to commit to the project. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Kurt Kister and seconded by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky to commit 40,000 to the CDBG Application. Motion carried.

President Yamrick opened discussion for the proposed "No Parking Winter Maintenance" ordinance drafted by Solicitor Gianvito. Councilman Sweka expressed concerns about the effectiveness of the ordinance and older people falling and getting hurt. After a brief discussion, Council decided to table the proposed ordinance until next meeting.

Vice President Elaine Fike informed Council that the porch (caved-in) has been taken down at 232 West Main Street (condemned by John Witherite). Council will discuss this issue more with Solicitor Gianvito at the next Council meeting.

Foreman Williams informed Council that he and Kevin Yamrick (Fire Chief) will be "test-flowing" the hydrants on West Liberty Street on April 4th (after the Council meeting).

CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

Foreman Brian Williams presented the Annual Equipment Show and Training Day held on Wednesday, May 25th from 9 A.M.-3 P.M. The Borough Crew's flagger certifications has expired and the class is free. A motion was made by Councilman Kurt Kister and seconded by Councilman Butch Sweka to have the Borough Crew attend the show and training on May 25th. Motion carried.

Foreman Williams presented a letter to Council drafted by Travis Long (JHA) explaining the necessity of backflow preventers. A motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Vice President Elaine Fike to send a copy of the drafted letter to all residents in town. Motion carried.

Foreman Williams informed that the North Park Street waterline drawings have been reviewed by him and Travis Long and are satisfactory to them and needs approval to be advertised for bidding. A motion was made by Councilman Kister and seconded by Councilman Sweka to approve the North Park Street waterline drawings. Motion carried.

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works:

President ProTem Nate Alvetro thanked the Borough Crew for the snow removal this year and also thanked them for fixing the water break on South Park Street last week.

Finance/Personnel:

The February 2022 financial reports from Tuning Accounting was presented to all members. No questions or comments were made.

A reimbursement request of \$35 was presented from Mo Kovalchick (Tax Collector) for a training she attended. A motion was made by Councilman Morris and seconded by President ProTem Alvetro to reimburse Mo Kovalchick \$35. Motion carried.

An invoice for \$11,842.63 was presented from JHA Companies for the upcoming stormwater project. A motion was made by Vice President Fike and seconded by Councilman Kister to transfer \$11,842.63 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 to approve and pay Tuning Accounting's monthly (February) retainer fee of \$1,025.92 was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by President ProTem Alvetro. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Kister and seconded by Councilman Sweka to approve Michael Gamble's paid time off for March 16 and March 18-March 22. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by Councilwoman Pruzinsky to approve Brian Williams paid time off for March 14-March 16. Motion carried.

Vice President Fike informed that Secretary Neale's evaluation will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

President Michele Yamrick presented the 2022 Borough Council Committees. A copy of the Committee list will be located at the Borough Office.

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Councilwoman Pruzinsky informed OIC Campbell that there is a vehicle parked on Shaffer Street that has an inspection sticker of 2021. OIC Campbell informed that the new junk vehicle ordinance requires to be sent certified mail. He requested that there be "petty cash" for him to do so. A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by Councilman Kister to have a "petty cash" fund of \$50. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Pruzinsky informed Council and OIC Campbell that she received a complaint from a resident that there is a truck parked halfway in the roadway on Paradise Road. OIC Campbell said that he will check it out. He also stated that legally if there are no signs that say "no parking", he cannot enforce the vehicle to move.

Utilities:

Nothing to report.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Councilman Kurt Kister drafted a new Stahl Park rules/regulations and agreement and presented it to Council for their review. A motion was made by Councilman Morris and seconded by Councilman Sweka to adopt the new rules/regulations and agreement for Stahl Park. Motion carried.

Councilman Kister also informed Council that he spoke with Brooke Chewning and she stated that she has about 30 other volunteers to help with the park. He also informed that 814 Hardware is currently working on a grant for supplies. Ms. Chewning would like to start the project in May and would potentially want to paint the dug outs and bleachers. The Borough Crew will pressure wash the bleachers if Ms. Chewning decides to paint them.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

Mayor Cunningham expressed concerns about the lobby area floor. The floor is chipped and the carpeting is uneven.

Solicitor Gianvito:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council discussed having a Spring Clean Up with the dumpsters for residents (costs have not changed from last year). A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by Vice President Fike to have Spring Clean Up (dumpsters) on Tuesday, May 17 and Wednesday, May 18 (8 A.M.-4 P.M. both days) for a total cost of \$1,000 (2 dumpsters). Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into executive session to discuss personnel matters at 7:59 P.M.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council reconvened from executive session at 8:56 P.M.

A motion was made by Councilman Morris and seconded by Councilman Sweka to advertise for a part time borough laborer (twice) in the Courier Express. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Butch Sweka and seconded by President ProTem Nate Alvetro. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Jaysa Neale
Borough Secretary/Treasurer

