

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 present were Earl Campbell (OIC) and Monica Walker (Assistant Secretary).

VISITORS CONCERNS:

No visitor concerns.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President Michele Yamrick presented an invite to a meeting held on April 17th at the Toby Hill Bar & Grill in Clarion at 5:30 P.M. to discuss forming a Boroughs Association Organization (hopefully voting). Also attached were a set of proposed by-laws and a yearly due structure. President Yamrick encouraged someone from Council to attend. More information will be at the Borough Office.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve February 19, 2024, minutes was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris. Motion carried.

President Yamrick opened discussion for the proposed gaming/gambling ordinance and the fee structure. The proposed ordinance has been advertised and there have been no complaints. After a brief discussion, A motion was made by Vice President Elaine Fike and seconded by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky to accept and adopt the proposed gaming/gambling ordinance. Councilman Don Reid opposed. Motion carried.

President ProTem Nate Alvetro brought the idea to Council about having a three-year contract (price locked in) with a mowing service for mowing/weed eating the two parks. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilman Butch Sweka to advertise for bids of summer mowing/weed eating of the two parks (Highland & Stahl)

with a three-year contract and liability insurance. Motion carried. Bids will be opened at the April 1st meeting.

President Yamrick presented two new quotes on updating the electrical within the Borough Building (two quotes already obtained from Bloom and Stuart discussed last meeting). Both quotes are from Jewell's Electric for \$10,712 (replacing the exterior electrical service panels and electrical equipment inside) and \$7,983 (replacing all panels and electrical equipment in the inside only). The full scope of work will be located at the Borough Office for review. Councilman Don Reid asked why Council would want to replace the electrical as there have been no issues with the current system (per secretaries and OIC Campbell). After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by Councilman Morris to thank everyone for bidding but will not be accepting any bids/quotes at this time. Motion carried.

President Yamrick informed that she obtained the dollar figure of the amount that the library would like to donate to Sykesville Borough for the roof. The Library Board would like to remain anonymous. Solicitor Gianvito will research the rules/regulations on this.

President ProTem Alvetro informed Solicitor Gianvito that Dave Frantz (unnamed alley discussion last meeting) is supposed to contact him regarding this matter.

CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

Nothing to report.

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works:

President ProTem Alvetro informed Council that the Borough Crew will be repairing/cleaning yards that was damaged from the plow trucks this week (started last week).

Councilman Reid informed Council that he spoke with Foreman Williams who stated that Troutman (Reynoldsville) informed him that the street sweeping will be completed before the Run/Walk event on April 14th.

Finance/Personnel:

President ProTem Alvetro presented a quote to Council for \$24,025 from Britespan Building Systems, Inc. that includes metal frames and a canopy (not blocks) for a salt shed (30x32). He stated that the Borough would have to

purchase about 96 blocks (guesstimate another \$10,000). He also informed that this company could provide the block at a price of \$250/block.

President ProTem Alvetro also presented a quote from Byler Brothers Roofing on fixing the salt shed for a total price of \$6,575. This would include replacing post along the back side, replacing all metal on back side and along the right side, remove damaged boards on inside and install new boards and plastic, old metal and wood would be cleaned up and hauled away, and contractor will supply metal and accessories and plastic. The quote does not include replacing any metal on the left side and the Borough will supply all the wood (purchased last year). He also stated that he contacted Joe Hoare about quoting to fix the salt shed but has not heard back.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by Vice President Fike to accept and approve Byler Brother's quote of \$6,575 to repair the salt shed. Motion carried.

January 2024 financial reports were presented to all members from J&M Accounting. No questions or comments were made.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by Councilman Reid to accept and pay J&M Accounting & Tax Services Inc. \$1,199.50 for their monthly retainer for February 2024. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by Councilwoman Pruzinsky to approve Michael Gamble's paid time off for February 20th (2 hrs.), February 22nd (4 hrs.), and March 1st (2 hrs.). Motion carried. The Personnel Committee reiterated that sick time/vacation time can only be taken in four hour increments as per the Employee Handbook.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by Councilman Reid to approve Jaysa Neale's paid time off for March 15th, March 28th, and April 5th. Motion carried.

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

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

Utilities:

Secretary Neale suggested scheduling all four dumpster(s) clean up days so they could all be scheduled together. Councilman Morris suggested to schedule one in April, June, August, and October. Council also discussed keeping the clean up days on a Saturday. Secretary Neale will call and make sure that the clean up days can be scheduled for Saturday's. Tabled.

Councilman Reid informed that he has noticed pole lights being repaired/replaced. He stated that someone needs to keep calling until they are all fixed if they notice a light is out.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Councilman Morris questioned when the dumpsters would be placed at Stahl Park and asked how often they would be emptied. He also stated that it may be a good idea to place "no dumping" signs for non-park users. Council informed that the dumpsters will be at the park the end of April and the dumpsters will be emptied weekly on regular garbage pick up day.

Councilman Reid asked if anything can be done about people bringing in their garbage and placing it in Sykesville residents' dumpsters. OIC Campbell and Solicitor Gianvito stated that nothing could be done if that person is accepting another's' garbage. There is no issue unless there is a complaint, or the trash isn't being picked up/exceeds the trash limit.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

Attached is the February 2024 Police Summary Report.

Councilman Reid asked OIC Campbell how to control people from "jakebraking". OIC Campbell informed that it is a \$500 fine (ordinance), but it could be tough to win in court (he has pulled people over for it). Councilman Reid stated if there are a few people being pulled over for "jakebraking", then maybe "the word would spread."

Solicitor Gianvito:

Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito informed Council that a gentleman emailed him the information requested regarding Hepburn Road. Solicitor Gianvito forwarded him (highlighted key points) an existing resolution for Sykesville Borough which states what the Borough owns, what the homeowner(s) owns, and allowing the Borough to have access. Solicitor Gianvito does not believe a contract is

needed because of this existing resolution. President ProTem Alvetro informed that the homeowners are obtaining different prices currently.

Solicitor Gianvito informed that he has obtained the easements for the USPS (stormwater project) and is still waiting to hear back from the railroad. He had a question on whether an easement needed to be obtained on the one area that is owned by Zimmerman. President ProTem Alvetro stated that the project will not go beyond the railroad tracks so an easement would not be needed for that area. Solicitor Gianvito will be in touch with Travis Long (Engineer) tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Yamrick informed Council that there is water damage in the library from the roof leaking and that the tiles will need replaced (all to match). She stated that estimates should be obtained once the roof is replaced.

President ProTem Alvetro stated that because the roof is slanted, Byler is planning to relocate/replace windows on Weber Hardware so that the Borough Building's roof doesn't cover up the existing windows. Foreman Williams asked if Council would approve paying Mr. Byler an extra \$2,000 to do so. Council requested that Mr. Byler show up at the next Council Meeting to explain more.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into executive session to discuss personnel matters at 8:29 P.M.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council reconvened from executive session at 8:39 P.M.

A motion was made by Councilman Butch Sweka and seconded by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky to increase Monica Walker's hourly wage by .25 cents effective March 11, 2024. Motion carried.

Councilman Reid informed Council that President ProTem Alvetro will be meeting with Marc Skarbek (PennDot) to discuss tarring and chipping alley ways.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Butch Sweka and seconded by Vice President Elaine Fike. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Jaysa Neale

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Borough Secretary/Treasurer

Sykesville Borough Monthly Police Summary February 2024

Incidents Handled	10
Traffic Citations Issued	9
Criminal Citations Issued	0
Borough Ordinance Violations/Warnings	0
Written Warnings Issued	14
Parking Tickets Issued/Warnings Issued	0
Summary Offenses	9
Misdemeanor Offenses	2
Felony Offenses	0
Charges Filed at Magistrates	11
EMS/Police/Fire/Assist	1
Court Hearings	1
Miles Patrolled	495

