

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; Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito.

Visitors present were Matt Ferut (Shaffer St.), Kathy McAninch (North Park St.), Alex Nelson (Courier Express), Brian Williams (Foreman), and Earl Campbell (Sykesville Police).

#### VISITORS CONCERNS:

Matt Ferut raised questions and concerns about the potential winter maintenance parking ordinance. President Michele Yamrick stated that this ordinance would be enacted November 1-April 1 every year. This would restrict parking to one side of the street so that the Borough Crew would be able to remove snow. President Yamrick informed that the Borough receives complaints about snow not being removed due to residents refusing to move their vehicles and also when the vehicles finally do move, plows can get damaged because of the ice that was underneath the vehicles. Mr. Ferut requested the right-of-way. He also asked if residents would have to move their vehicles from personal parking spots and also stated that some residents do not have another area to move their vehicles. Mr. Ferut informed Council that he has a utility truck that needs to be plugged into electric and parking across the street would not allow him to do so. President ProTem Nate Alvetro informed that the right-of-way on Shaffer Street is 50 feet. President ProTem Alvetro also stated that this ordinance is basically to get people to move their cars when the guys are plowing. Council informed Mr. Ferut that they will review and discuss this potential ordinance further before deciding anything.

Kathy McAninch raised concerns about Borough ordinances not being enforced and the tax dollars are being spent on advertising/drafting new ordinances. She stated that a new ordinance was written back in the fall about junk vehicles and asked if any junk cars were removed because of that ordinance. OIC Campbell stated that he only had one problem and that was removed. Mrs. McAninch stated that it should not be up to residents to "turn in" violations of ordinances. She stated (personally) that there is not enough police work done in this town and she would like to know where the police/mayor hours are spent.

## CORRESPONDENCE:

President Yamrick presented an invoice from Nicklas Insurance Group in the amount of \$275 for Monica Walker's bond. Secretary Neale informed Council that she also passed her drug/physical screening and she will be starting Wednesday. A motion was made by Councilman Butch Sweka and seconded by Vice President Elaine Fike to pay Nicklas Insurance Group \$275 for Mrs. Walker's bond. Motion carried.

President Yamrick presented a flyer for the DuBois Volunteer Fire Department Community Days & Parade that will be June 10<sup>th</sup> and June 11<sup>th</sup>. Sponsorship and donations are welcomed. The flyer will be located at the Borough Office for review.

President Yamrick informed that the 2021 Audit has been completed (presented copies to the board) and enclosed with the audit is a management representation letter and invoice for \$12,950 from Sharkey, Piccirillo, & Keen, LLP. A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by President ProTem Alvetro to accept and pay Sharkey, Piccirillo, & Keen, LLP \$12,950 for their services. Motion carried. A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by Councilman Kister to have President Yamrick and Vice President Fike sign the representation letter for December 31, 2021. Motion carried.

An invoice was presented from Matson Insurance in the amount of \$96 for the renewal of the tax collector's bond. A motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilman Butch Sweka to pay \$96 to Matson Insurance for the Sykesville tax collector's bond renewal. Motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve February 21, 2022 minutes was made by President ProTem Nate Alvetro and seconded by Councilman Kurt Kister. Motion carried.

President Yamrick presented again the 2022 CDBG Application to Council. Foreman Brian Williams presented to Council an estimate to improve (pave) roads in town for a total of \$198,475. A motion was made by Vice President Elaine Fike and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris to submit the presented estimate to the County for the 2022 CDBG Application Program. Motion carried. A full breakdown of the estimate will be located at the Borough Office.

Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito presented a proposed "No Parking Winter Maintenance Ordinance" to Council for their review. Council decided to table this ordinance until every member can review further.

President Yamrick presented the estimate from All Traffic Solutions that was discussed last meeting to Council. After a brief discussion, Council decided to deny the estimate from All Traffic Solutions.

At the last Council meeting, Mollie Harris made a complaint about paying for her meter that broke which she believed was not her fault. Foreman Williams informed Council that the meter had frozen and was not defective. A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by Vice President Fike to have Secretary Neale write a letter to Ms. Harris explaining that the meter was not defective and invoice her \$150 for the replacement/installation of her meter. Motion carried.

Vice President Fike informed Council that 232 West Main Street has been condemned by John Witherite (PennSafe). Mayor Cunningham stated that she spoke with Mr. Balash about his building and informed him that he needs to present his complaints/concerns to Council. Solicitor Gianvito asked if the Borough has an "Unsafe Structure" ordinance. Secretary Neale will check the ordinances.

#### CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

Foreman Brian Williams presented an estimate from Cummins Sales and Services in the amount of \$4,102.22 for repair/servicing of the generators at the Sewer Plant (discussed last meeting). A motion was made by Councilman Morris and seconded by Councilman Kister to approve Cummins Sales and Services estimate of \$4,102.22. Motion carried.

Foreman Williams presented two classes from PA Rural Water for Michael Gamble to attend (to retain his license). Securing Drinking Water and Wastewater Treatment Facilities held on May 24<sup>th</sup> for a cost of \$125 and Fundamental Principles and Techniques in Buried Utility Location held April 5<sup>th</sup> for a cost of \$105. A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by Councilman Kister to pay/approve Michael Gamble to attend these classes for a total cost of \$230. Motion carried.

Foreman Williams informed Council that because of the backflow preventer, Jefferson County Housing Authority would like to reduce their line from a 4 inch to a 2 inch through the fire hydrants. Mr. Williams stated that Jefferson County would pay for the materials if the Borough would install the line. Council decided to table this topic until there is confirmation from Kevin Yamrick (Fire Chief).

Foreman Williams informed Council that he will need about eight loads of mulch for the playgrounds. The cost is \$22.75/yard for delivery and \$19.25/yard for pickup. He informed Council that the last time it was delivered; the mulch was

not good. A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by Councilman Morris to purchase 24 yards of mulch for \$22.75 (delivery). Motion carried.

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works:

Nothing to report.

Finance/Personnel:

Nothing to report.

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

Utilities:

Nothing to report.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Councilman Kurt Kister informed Council that he will be meeting with Brooke Chewing at the Park to obtain a list of items she needs.

Councilman Kister also informed Council that the Legion will be using the Park for an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Kister stated that he received a call from President ProTem Alvetro about someone tearing up the grass at the Park with his motorcycle. He informed that this gentleman was told not to be on the property with his equipment and informed that there wasn't major damage done.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

Attached is the February 2022 Police Summary Report.

Solicitor Gianvito:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nothing new to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters at 8:07 P.M.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council reconvened from executive session at 8:58 P.M.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by Councilman Kister to pay Nick Yamrick for one hour on his last time sheet that he submitted to the Borough. President Yamrick abstained due to being his spouse. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted:



Jaysa Neale  
Borough Secretary/Treasurer

# Sykesville Borough Monthly Police Summary February 2022

Incidents Handled	9
Traffic Citations Issued	6
Criminal Citations Issued	0
Borough Ordinance Violations/Warning	2
Written Warnings Issued	17
Parking Tickets Issued/Warnings Issued	1
Summary Offenses	6
Misdemeanor Offenses	0
Felony Offenses	0
Charges Filed at Magistrates	6
EMS/Police/Fire/Assist	1
Court Hearings	0
Miles Patrolled	388