

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: Ron Morris, Michael Sackash, Colton Gearhart, Don Reid, Mayor Kyle Pisarcik, Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito. Absent was Nathan Alvetro, President ProTem.

Visitors were John Sedor, Dylan Carlson Shepherd Outdoor Media, James Sweka.

VISITORS CONCERNS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

Jefferson County has sent us a letter for the fiscal year 2024 CBDG Program Environmental Review request for consultation. This is the program for Stahl Park Project. Installing a fence by the basketball court, finishing the sidewalk around the park, and replacing some outdated equipment. The purpose of this letter is to review the project. If no response is submitted by May 27th 2026 we will continue as is.

B & H Brushhogging Inc. submitted a letter for mowing along the Sykesville Flood Project for the next 3 years at a bid price of \$6000.00. A motion was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris to advertise for bids to mow the Flood Project in the Sykesville Borough. Twice during the week, once in the Tri County and once in the Punxsutawney Spirit to be opened at the June 15th meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilman Don Reid to accept Pest Management at a price of \$2168.00 to spray for pest. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilman Don Reid to reimburse our Tax Collector Mo Kovalchick for a training meeting in the amount of \$35.00. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilman Don Reid to fill out for a reimbursement from RAK for our tax collector Mo Kovalchick's computer upgrade. Motion carried.

Old BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilman Colton Gearhart to accept the Council minutes from the April 20,2026 meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilman Colton Gearhart to accept the Council minutes from the May 4,2026 meeting. Motion carried.

Four bids for the upcoming proposed seal coat/tar & chipping project were opened and read by President Michele Yamrick:

1. Hager paving, Inc. for a total price of \$51,114.85.
2. Midland Asphalt Materials Inc, for a total price of \$56,987.62.
3. Russell Standard for a total price of \$63,730.43.
4. Jefferson Paving Corp. for a total price of \$67,210.59.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Councilman Colton Gearhart to pay with Liquid Fuel Money and award the winning bid to Hagar Paving Inc. Motion carried.

Councilman Don Reid informed Council of the Stormwater update. Roman's is backfilling now and they will start hydroseeding tomorrow (May 19,2026). They should be putting millings in where the blacktops lower, that is what I was told today. They (JHA) will be doing a final walk through later this week.

Dylan Carlson from Shepherd Outdoor Media informed Council that as of today the last test went out for our Call Out System. The system will be ready to use after 4:00P.M. tomorrow (May 19,2026). We are a week ahead of schedule and about \$30.00 to \$40.00 under budget.

A motion was made by Councilman Colton Gearhart and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris to have Dylan Carlson put together an action plan for a website to pay water and sewer bills online. Motion carried.

MAYOR:

Nothing to report.

CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

Nothing to report.

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works:

Councilman Colton Gearhart informed Council that President ProTem Nathan Alvetro was not aware of the email that was sent to the Borough Office from the Insurance Company. The email states that your vehicle (2020 Blue Chevy 3500 Dump Truck) to be a total loss. The truck is evaluated at \$46,000.00 with our deductible and the check that they already sent our new check balance will be \$44,159.19. We have questions and we will reach out to the insurance company.

President Michele Yamrick asked if our pickup was back from the shop. Crewman James Sweka stated that it is back.

Councilman Don Reid is asking when are the Borough guys going to put up the speed bumps by the park? The Borough guys will make that happen.

Councilman Don Reid also asked that since Leo Nedza was nice to let us use his bucket truck that he has some very nasty craters along the road, if we could take care of that.

Councilman Don Reid has concerns about the fuel for the trucks. Since diesel fuel is so high, can the guys run the gas pickup as much as possible.

John Sedor had a gentleman look at the fence at the water tank for quotes on repairing and replacing the fence. He will also give us a separate quote for the barbed wire at the top.

Finance/Personnel:

A motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilman Colton Gearhart to pay J&M Accounting's March and April retainer in the amount of \$2626.88. Motion carried.

Carlson Technologies were notified that our battery backup needs replaced. A quote was given of \$2397.05. Council after a brief discussion has decided to table this and shop around for better pricing.

President Michele Yamrick informed Council that there was an error in the addition of Secretary Monica Walker's mileage reimbursement for the month of

April. The amount was \$114.75 it should have been \$89.18. This has been corrected by the accountant. A motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilman Don Reid to ratify this. Motion carried.

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

Utilities:

Councilman Colton Gearhart asked for follow up on a few things from last meeting concerning the water/sewer. Inquiring for flowmeters for the sewer plant and a flowmeter for the hydrants. Checking to see if this was ordered. It was and is already installed at the plant. Still checking on the meter for the hydrant.

We are finding out the procedure for shut off and late fee changes. Will take place soon. Secretary Monica Walker will notify residents of the changes.

The last thing Councilman Colton Gearhart has is the street lights. Still not fixed.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Councilman Mike Sackash informed Council of the Smoke Detector Project with funding. Also checked with Secretary Monica Walker on the address for Nupp Printing. Everything is a go for now.

Councilman Mike Sackash informed Council that he requested a set of keys for the park since he is on the committee and lives by the park just in case something should come up.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

Councilman Ron Morris is asking Council if he is able to talk with Reynoldsville guys in regards to the Code Enforcement Officer to better understand where we are and what is next. Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito did reach out to Reynoldsville's Solicitor and will talk more.

Solicitor Gianvito:

Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito checked with Secretary Monica Walker if we have received the check from the Estate of Dennis Ferut. She replied that we did and everything has been applied.

Secretary Monica Walker informed Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito that the Smoke Detector Ordinance will be published in the paper May 22,2026 for the meeting on June 1,2026.

Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito informed Council that he has been looking into the agreements between the Borough and the Water/Sewer authority and it looks like we are doing that now. I will look into this further and g:00 P.M.et an agreement written up to make it current.

NEW BUSINESS:

Secretary Monica Walker is requesting to get help in the office. President Michele Yamrick is asking "how many hours and when"? A motion was made by Councilman Colton Gearhart and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris to advertise for a part time secretary for 165 hours a week. Councilman Mike Sackash voted nay. The l's have it. Motion carried.

Secretary Monica Walker is requesting Council to change four accounts at InFirst Bank from savings accounts to checking accounts. The accounts are Park, Police Fund, Town Square, and the Emergence Management Service. A motion was made by Vice President Elaine Fike and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris to change these four accounts from savings accounts to checking accounts.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into an executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters at 7:05 P.M.

Council went into a second executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters at 8:49 P.M.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council reconvened from executive session at 7:12 P.M.

An individual roll call vote was taken for the termination of employee #4 with one month severance pay and this is effective upon notification of said employee #4. This is the roll call vote, Councilman Colton Gearhart; Yes, Councilman Don Reid; Yes, Councilman Ron Morris; Yes, Councilman Mick Sackash; Yes, Vice President Elaine Fike; Yes, President Michele Yamrick; Yes. The vote is unanimous.

Council reconvened from the second executive session at 9:00 P.M.

A motion was made by Vice President Elaine Fike and seconded by Councilman Colton Gearhart to rescind the advertisement for the part time position.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Vice President Elaine Fike to adjourn at 9:03 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted;

Monica Walker
Borough Secretary/Treasurer