

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: Sherry Pruzinsky and Don Reid. Absent were President ProTem Nathan Alvetro, Councilman Ron Morris, Councilman Gabriel "Butch" Sweka, Mayor Gail Cunningham, and Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito.

Visitors were John Sedor, Todd Beers, Travis Beimel, Noah Beimel, and Brian Williams (Crew Foreman).

VISITORS CONCERNS:

John Sedor informed Council that the next Water and Sewer Authority meeting will be July 21st at 6:00 A.M. He informed that the Authority is going to discuss changing rates and requested that some Council members attend and be a part of the discussion. President Yamrick and agreed and assured him that it should not be an issue for some of Council's attendance.

Todd Beers is the operator of the water system treatment at the end of town (Winner Water Services rental) and informed that the current lease agreement is up for renewal. He stated that Winner Water Services would like to renew the lease agreement and would like to have certain revisions made. He stated that he could present a proposal for the next meeting and even can obtain cost estimates for a plant necessary to meet drinking water requirements. President Michele Yamrick stated that Council will accept a proposal for the next meeting and will review further with Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito.

Noah Beimel (Troop 36-DuBois) requested to install a ga-ga ball pit in Stahl Park as a project for the Eagle Scouts. He informed that the dimensions of the pit will be 8 ft. by 8 ft. on each side. He informed that if this is approved the Eagle Scouts will start fundraising for the installation costs (approx. \$700). A motion was made by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky and seconded by Vice President Elaine Fike to approve Mr. Beimel to install a ga-ga ball pit in Stahl Park. Motion carried. Council stated to Mr. Beimel that before installation of the pit, he is to contact Foreman Brian Williams. Contact information was exchanged by Secretary Neale and Noah Beimel.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President Michele Yamrick presented Council with a letter from Greg Furlong asking for support in running for the position of Coroner

A request form was submitted from the American Legion (Randy Walburn) asking for use of the Stahl Park May 26, 2025 (Noon to 12:40 P.M.) for their Memorial Day services. A motion was made by Vice President Fike and seconded by Councilwoman Pruzinsky to approve the request and waive all Park rental fees. Motion carried.

A request form was submitted from Linda Galentine asking "work things out" at her grandson's, Steven Phipps, house (discussed last meeting- 135 S. Park). Foreman Williams informed that a letter was sent (drafted by Travis Long) informing Mr. Phipps what he needs to do for water services to be restored. After further discussion, Council decided to table this issue until next meeting.

A request form was submitted by Becky Bush requesting to pay \$75.00 for rental of Stahl Park. Ms. Bush downloaded an outdated form that did not have a current fee for Stahl Park, she asked if the Borough would honor an outdated form (2021). A motion was made by Councilwoman Pruzinsky and seconded by Vice President Fike to deny Ms. Bush's request. Motion carried. Ms. Bush is to pay the \$100 rental fee plus the \$50 refundable deposit.

Presented was a bank proposal (all members received a printed copy) from InFirst Bank. Due to the current loan through them (PennVest stormwater), one of the stipulations was for the Borough to switch all their accounts to InFirst. Council decided to table the proposal until the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve May 5, 2025, Council minutes with the removal of "and Councilman Reid stated that South Park Street has the same issue" (page 2, 3rd paragraph) was made by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky and seconded by Vice President Elaine Fike. Motion carried.

President Yamrick informed Council that there was a Teams meeting with PennVest on May 7th with updates of the stormwater project. She informed Council that she received an email on Friday from Solicitor Gianvito informing that he received an email from the railroad advising that the original license agreement is in the process of being forwarded to the Rochester office for signature/authorization. The Borough has already signed and once Solicitor Gianvito receives it from the Rochester office, he will file it with the Recorder's office. He informed that the Post Office are going to have the easement electronically notarized and sent to him, once he receives the easement, President Yamrick will have to sign the easement so it can also be filed at the Recorder's office.

CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

Foreman Brian Williams presented estimates of a total cost of \$2,688 from Pest Management for vegetation services (Parks, Sewer Plant, Creek). A motion was made by Vice President Fike and seconded by Councilwoman Pruzinsky to approve Pest Management's estimate of \$2,688 for vegetation spray of the designated areas. Motion carried.

Foreman Williams informed Council that a 2-inch meter needs replaced at the "old Walker house" (Borough owns meter), he presented a quote from LB Water for this replacement of \$2,124.95. A motion was made by Councilwoman Pruzinsky and seconded by Vice President Fike to approve LB Water's quote of \$2,124.95 for a 2-inch Sensus compound meter. Motion carried.

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works:

Nothing to report.

Finance/Personnel:

April 2025 financial reports were presented to all members from J&M Accounting (emailed and distributed 5/9). No questions or comments were made.

An invoice for \$3,381.25 was presented from JHA Companies for the upcoming stormwater project. A motion was made by Councilwoman Pruzinsky and seconded by Vice President Fike to transfer \$3,381.25 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 was made by Vice President Elaine Fike and seconded by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky to approve Jaysa Neale's paid time off for July 28th- August 8th and August 23rd- August 30th. Motion carried.

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

Utilities:

Nothing to report.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Nothing to report.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

Councilman Reid informed Council that Foreman Williams presented him an estimate of \$122.95 for one speed bump. Councilman Reid stated that he would like four installed by Stahl Park. President Yamrick stated that she had heard that the Borough could possibly lose Liquid Fuels money if the speed bumps were installed. Councilman Reid stated that he spoke with Marc Skarbek and was told that "as long as he doesn't see them when inspecting the roads, he doesn't care" Councilman Reid stated Falls Creek and other Boroughs have speed bumps. Council decided to table this until the next meeting.

Solicitor Gianvito:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

John Sedor stated that he was on Council it was in the by-laws that a Council person could only miss three meetings. He stated that he has never seen a full table with all of Council. Mr. Sedor stated a better effort needs to be made. President Yamrick informed that a Council member cannot be "kicked off" the board for missing meetings as they are elected officials.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Vice President Elaine Fike and seconded by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Jaysa Neale
Borough Secretary/Treasurer