

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, Sherry Pruzinsky, Gabriel "Butch" Sweka; Mayor Gail Cunningham; Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito. Absent was Councilman Ron Morris.

Visitors present were Russell Withrow, Homer Schaffer, Harold Pifer, Dustin Zurenda, William Courson, Alex Nelson (Courier Express), Brian Williams (Crew Foreman), and Earl Campbell (Sykesville Police).

VISITORS CONCERNS:

Mr. Withrow requested to have millings placed in at the curve for the water run off (like last year). President ProTem Nate Alvetro informed that he looked at the area and informed the Crew to either place hot mix or millings.

Mr. Schaffer and Mr. Pifer (Henderson Township) requested to hire Sykesville Borough's Officer. They informed that they are having issues with a resident and that this individual is making it difficult to fix the townships road. Henderson Townships lawyer suggested for them to ask for help with neighboring Boroughs since the state police do not want to get involved. They also informed that paperwork would have to be involved in hiring our officer. Mr. Schaffer informed that he anticipates 2-5 days to fix the road area. Council stated that Sykesville only has one Officer and that they would have to review all the information. Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito gave his information to Mr. Schaffer for Henderson Township's lawyer to contact him to discuss further.

Dustin Zurenda informed Council that he is looking to purchase the old fueling station (Satterlees) and turning the area into a homestead (11.5 acres). He requested permission to have cattle on the land. OIC Campbell informed that some or most of the area might not even be in the Borough because it is near the Borough line. Council suggested to go to the courthouse to determine whether or not the property is in the Borough.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Sykesville Public Library requested their annual allotted \$2,500 for 2023 from Sykesville Borough. A motion was made by Councilman Kurt Kister and seconded by Councilman Butch Sweka to release the 2023 allotment of \$2,500 to the Sykesville Public Library. Motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve April 17, 2023 minutes was made by Councilman Kurt Kister and seconded by Vice President Elaine Fike. Motion carried.

Secretary Neale informed Council that the CDBG Application would need to be more specific (equipment or a specific project). Council agreed that the equipment needs replaced at both parks. Councilman Kister will have estimates on park equipment at the next meeting.

President Yamrick informed Council that she sent a letter to Sam Zaffuto requesting his presence at the next Council Meeting regarding payment of the Roto-Rooter invoice, she also provided him with her number.

Council will discuss the possibility of Michael Gamble obtaining a sewer license in executive session.

## CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

Foreman Brian Williams informed Council that the spring clean-up went well.

## COMITTEE REPORTS:

### Public Works:

Nothing to report.

### Finance/Personnel:

An invoice for \$182.25 was presented from JHA Companies for the upcoming stormwater project. A motion was made by Councilman Butch Sweka and seconded by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky to transfer \$182.25 from the Sludge Removal Account to the General Fund Account and pay that amount to JHA Companies from the General Fund. Motion carried.

Michael Gamble's leave of absence for April 19 for four hours will be discussed in executive session.

A motion was made by Councilman Kister and seconded by Councilwoman Pruzinsky to approve Jaysa Neale's paid time off for April 27<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Kister and seconded by Councilman Sweka to approve Brian Williams paid time off for May 11<sup>th</sup> (4 hrs.), May 12<sup>th</sup>, and May 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

President ProTem Alvetro requested to increase Nick Yamrick's hours to 30 hours/week due to the paving projects happening this summer. A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by Councilman Kister to increase Nick Yamrick's work hours to 30 hours/week during the summer months (May-August). Motion carried. President Yamrick abstained.

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

Utilities:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pruzinsky and seconded by Councilman Kister to offer Sykesville's garbage customers with the option to pay 11 months up front and get the 12<sup>th</sup> month free for a total cost of \$192.50 valid only for the month of July. Motion carried.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Nothing to report.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

Attached is the April 2023 police summary report.

The yearly allotted check for the Sykesville Fire Department was presented to President ProTem Alvetro in the amount of \$15,043.74.

Solicitor Gianvito:

Solicitor Gianvito presented Council with a proposed contract between Yamrick's Outdoor Solutions, LLC and Sykesville Borough. A motion was made by Vice President Fike and seconded by Councilwoman Pruzinsky to approve and sign the presented contract with Yamrick's Outdoor Solutions, LLC. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Sykesville Library requested that the Borough Building be open on Wednesdays from 9 A.M.-6 P.M. (library needs more hours per state). Council agreed that there are no issues with this request.

President Yamrick presented an email chain from National Fuel and Travis Long regarding drawings/plans to run a line on Dr. Fugate Drive and VanNess Street.

Foreman Williams informed that National Fuel would need to stay 10 feet away from Sykesville's waterlines. Currently Travis and the Borough are waiting on drawings and plans before approval.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters at 7:54 P.M.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council reconvened from executive session at 8:30 P.M.

A motion was made by Councilman Kister and seconded by Councilwoman Pruzinsky to approve Michael Gamble's paid time off for April 19<sup>th</sup> (4 hours). Motion carried.

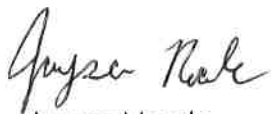
A motion was made by Councilman Kister and seconded by Councilman Sweka to accept and approve Resolution No. 2023 establishing confidential employee identification numbers for Sykesville employees. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Vice President Fike and seconded by Councilwoman Pruzinsky to issue a written reprimand to employee number six. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Butch Sweka and seconded by Councilman Kurt Kister. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Jaysa Neale  
Secretary/Treasurer

# Sykesville Borough Monthly Police Summary

## April 2023

Incidents Handled	10
Traffic Citations Issued	7
Criminal Citations Issued	0
Borough Ordinance Violations/Warnings	1
Written Warnings Issued	15
Parking Tickets Issued/Warnings Issued	0
Summary Offenses	8
Misdemeanor Offenses	0
Felony Offenses	0
Charges Filed at Magistrates	7
EMS/Police/Fire/Assist	6
Court Hearings	1
Miles Patrolled	396

