

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

A motion was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Vice President Elaine Fike to add to the Agenda Smoke Detector letters to go to the residents and advertise the Ordinance. Motion carried.

Visitors were Nick Yamrick, John Sedor, Andy Edinger, Dean Smith, David Hoare, Michelle Moore (J&M), Sarah Johnson (J&M), Mark August, Zach Garman, Tony Rhed, Brian Quairiere.

VISITORS CONCERNS:

"We are Andy Edinger and Dean Smith from Lighthouse Church along 322 and we are having a water issue. Our well has collapsed and our pump is shot. There is Sykesville Borough water that goes across and there was a tap right there that used to be Edgewood Skating Rink. They are closed. We were wondering if we could tap our church into or on, which we will pay to dig and run the new line. We have looked at the two taps and I have a map here. There are already 2 taps here and the one does run under the side road and they say that there is water available, but the other one doesn't. They are saying that the line is broken somewhere going down across there. It would have to be replaced completely to that point. We are seeing what we need to do to have permission to either hook on or what we need to do". "President Yamrick asked "Is there a sewer tap for Sandy There"? They answered that there is not. There is 2 meter taps. One was for Edgewood and ran across the church property and one for a gentleman that passed many years ago and was still in his name from what I could find out. The tap was in his name but never used. "President Yamrick states we would have to send someone up there to make sure that it is in good shape and that the tap fee is \$2000.00 or \$4000.00 if we are putting anything in. We would have to turn it on and they are going to handle the connection into the church. They are going to handle everything from the curb box into the church. We don't do anything on the property. They state that they already have a plumber available to take care of all that. President Yamrick states all we have to do is make sure the meter is in good shape and that it can be

turned on. Once they pay the connection fee it can be on. President Yamrick asked that they give their contact information to our secretary and the guys check it out and it is all good. You can pay the connection fee and you can start running your line.

I am David Hoare and I am with the City of DuBois. John wanted me to come down and explain the (SRBC) Susquehanna River Basin Commission a little bit. Basically what happened is the City of DuBois and Sandy Township merged and we lost our grandfather arrangement. Sykesville fell underneath the grandfather clause. Now without the grandfather clause there is no more millions of water limit a day. To accompany that the City of DuBois would have to charge .33 cents per gallon per day to Sykesville as that is what the SRBC charges us. This is to start the second quarter of 2026 (April). After a brief explanation of the billing from David, we are staying in compliance with our usage. A motion was made by Vice President Elaine Fike and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris to add something on our water bills about the increase. Due to a rate increase from the City of DuBois we anticipate having to raise our rate .33 cents per 1000 gallon. Motion carried.

Michelle Moore and Sarah Johnson were here from J&M Accounting for our meeting. Nothing to report.

Brian Quairiere, Zach Garman, Tony Rhed, and Mark August from Reynoldsville stopped in to talk about shared Code Enforcement Officer. President Michele Yamrick asked our Solicitor what we need to do to move forward. Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito asked who their Solicitor was. His response is Stephani Fare. Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito is going to reach out and get the legality of it and get an international agreement together. The question is who is going to be the employer, or joint employer. Reynoldsville thought it would be nice to have a joint. We will have to work out hours, pay, and insurance after we get the legality of it. Hours were talked about maybe 20 hours per Municipalities for a total of 40. After a discussion with questions and concerns Council agreed on letting Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito do what he needs to do first, then we can proceed with the next step.

The guys from Reynoldsville were asked if they had heard anything on the Regional Police Force. Brian Quairiere states the he had talked with Mary last week. He states that the hold up was that their audit hadn't been released, but that it is now. We have to finish our end of the financial part of the studies and then it can go to the next step.

John Sedor states at our water/sewer meeting that we had about nine things that we had a motion on. "Do we have to take each one of them and make them out separately and address it to Council"? President Michele Yamrick

states that would be nice so that we may take a look at it. John Sedor ask "Any lawyer type business through the meeting each month, since Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito is only here the first meeting of the month, should he be informed of what is going on so that he can be prepared for the meeting that he is here"? President Michele Yamrick "states that we usually do. If there is something that he needs to know we tell him".

Nick Yamrick stated to Council that they need to finish the curbing on Stahl Street. Looks like they need about five more feet of blacktop. Nick brought a picture of the catch basin. They brought the curb down then just stopped and they are just going to put topsoil in there. When it rains it is just going to wash all the topsoil away. Would like the curb to follow along the back of the catch basin with an L shape and tie into the other curb.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A complaint was read to Council from Tom Yohe. Making Council aware of issues at his home pertaining to the Stormwater Project.

Council received a letter from Sykesville Civic Improvement Association (SCIA) on their upcoming Celebration/Block Party in August. On August 8th the SCIA would like to amend and change the road closures from South Park Street from Main Street to Liberty Street to closing West Liberty from South Park Street to the Sykesville Ambulance Garage for their 250th Celebration. A motion was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Councilman Colton Gearhart to accept this change. Motion carried.

Council received an invitation from North Western PA Counties Boroughs Association for their upcoming meeting on July 15, 2026 at 5:30 P.M. at The Foundry, 45 West Main Street, Reynoldsville, PA 15851. \$30.00 per person.

Old BUSINESS:

President Michele Yamrick reminded Council that Travis told us that the PennVest Project all the pipe is in the ground. Everything for the most part has been paved. We are now waiting for them to complete everything. I will say that I have had two really nice comments. As we all know over here behind the hotel (McDermet's), that was a big problem child and always caved in. I ran into the gentleman that owns that building and he has said that since that has been done his basement has not flooded once. He also states that his daughter's house that is going down on West Liberty Street, her basement is no

longer flooding also. It was nice to hear that the project is being effective. Hopefully the other residents living on West Liberty are having the same good results.

Secretary Monica Walker informed Council that all I have to do is take the approved minutes from the meeting and let them know who will be authorized to use the credit card.

Secretary Monica Walker informed Council that the call out system is almost complete. Dylan Carlson (Carlson Technologies) now has the list of phone numbers for our residents. We should be ready to go soon.

A motion was made by Vice President Elaine Fike and seconded by Councilman Mike Sachash for Council to sign the Smoke Detector Initiative. Motion carried.

MAYOR:

Nothing to report.

CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

Nothing to report.

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works:

President ProTem Nathan Albetro informed Council That the blue dump truck is still at Spitzer's. I got ahold of Bill at Spitzer's and the insurance company did pay us for the \$800.00 wire harness. Bill found us a harness on line and I gave the information to Secretary Monica Walker on Monday and she ordered the harness. On Wednesday we got an email that states our order was voided due to the part being discontinued (no longer available) and or backordered with no ETA date by the manufacturer. After speaking with the insurance company they are going to send an adjuster to do an appraisal on the truck. As of right now an adjuster is going to appraise the truck and they are probably going to total it over an \$800.00 wire harness.

President ProTem Nathan Alvetro informed Council that the white pickup truck went for inspection and was to be picked up on Monday. I received a call on Saturday or Sunday from the garage that the truck would not pass inspection. It needs front and rear brakes, a lower tie rod on the right front, a tire because it chewed the rubber off, and both rear leaf springs are broken. So in order to change the leaf springs and do it the right way, they need to pull the bed off

and drop the fuel tank. A lot of this is going to be labor, but the leaf springs were not cheap either. The bill is going to be \$3353.79. It would or could be split three ways. A motion was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Councilman Colton Gearhart to pay \$3353.79 to Shinbone Repair. Motion carried.

Finance/Personnel:

President Michele Yamrick addressed Council, In front of me I have the minutes of April 21,2025 that is when Mr. Brewer, Dinsmore & Schohl was with the Stormwater Project. There were certain dollar fees for Dinsmore & Schohl and certain dollar fees for Solicitor Gianvito that the Borough would reimburse the funds for \$9980.50, part legal fees paid to Solicitor Gianvito and \$10,000.00 for partial past engineering fees. The engineering fees were taken care of. We need to make a motion for a three way split from general to water and sewer \$3326.83 each. The funds were deposited into the general account. We would only have to pay back the water and sewer accounts. A motion was made by Vice President Elaine Fike and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris to pay \$3326.83 to the water account from the general account and pay \$3326.83 to the sewer account from the general account. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Vice President Elaine Fike and seconded by Councilman Colton Gearhart to transfer from the loan account to the sludge fund \$523,898.74.

President Michele Yamrick informed Council every year past we have always had a transfer from sewer to the sludge fund for \$50,000.00. Guess what, we have not done it in the past three years and these girls from J&M Accounting found it. So we now need to transfer from sewer to sludge \$150,000.00. A motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilman Don Reid. Motion carried.

Councilman Mike Sackash stated that Vice President Elaine Fike followed up and the Audit reports are due 90 days from the end of the year. Councilman Mike Sackash states that the boxes have been setting on the floor when I came to my first meeting and they sat there for about 3 months. And now the Auditor says well we got it late so we have to wait. Councilman Mike Sackash feels that the auditors are partly to blame for not calling and getting the boxes sooner. I think we should follow up with them to get our report. I for one would like to see it, because I am waiting on a balance sheet. Vice President Elaine Fike states that she was told it has been late before its nothing to worry about. I know that but can you give me an estimate on when it will be done? Councilman Mike Sackash states he has been told it has been almost a year before its done. President Michele Yamrick states that we have to keep them while we are doing

this large project, then we can go back to our regular auditor. Councilman Mike Sackash says that the statute states that they need done in 90 days or they are the ones that get penalized not us.

A motion was made by President ProTem Nathan Alvetro and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris to pay JHA Stormwater Project invoice \$39,523.04. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Colton Gearhart and seconded by Vice President Elaine Fike to reimburse Secretary Monica Walker for milage \$114.75. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris to pay Metiri Group to pump at the sewage plant in the amount \$14,128.00. Motion carried.

A motion was made by President ProTem Nathan Alvetro and seconded by Councilman Don Reid to pay Clear Run Construction & Concrete \$1785.00 out of the Water Account to replace concrete from a water break.

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

Utilities:

Nothing to report.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

There was a discussion on the park cleaning for the summer. Concerns about insurance. Who is covered and how is the park covered? We will check into that.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

Nothing to report.

Solicitor Gianvito:

Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito received a letter from the Estate of Dennis D. Ferut. The letter is asking if the Borough would waive the accrued penalties on his account the estate does have sufficient funds to pay in a lump sum immediately. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Councilman Ron

Morris and seconded by President ProTem Nathan Alvetro to accept the amount of \$3,342.00 and waive the penalties of \$525.00. They will continue to be billed. Motion carried.

The smoke detector ordinance that I have come from the PSAB. The sample one that they had of an ordinance on smoke detectors I have made a few changes to it. Now matches the National Fire code accordance with standard set by the NFC. A motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilman Don Reid to advertise once in the paper. It will be adopted at the June 1st meeting. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into an executive session at 8:35 P.M.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council reconvened executive session at 9:15 P.M.

A motion was made by Vice President Elaine Fike and seconded by Councilman Mike Sackash to pay James Sweka a flat rate of \$100.00 a week to take care of the park. Opening and closing, trash and cleaning the restrooms for rentals. Motion carried. Borough Crewman James Sweka accepted.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Vice President Elaine Fike and seconded by Councilman Colton Gearhart at 9:30 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Monica Walker
Borough Secretary/Treasurer