

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: Sherry Pruzinsky and Don Reid; Mayor Gail Cunningham; Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito. Absent were Councilman Ron Morris and Councilman Gabriel "Butch" Sweka.

Visitors present were Mary Withrow, Nicole Badger, Kurt Kister, Jason Cowan, Dale Kessler, Brian Williams (Crew Foreman), and Earl Campbell (OIC).

VISITORS CONCERNS:

Mary Withrow and Nicole Badger informed Council that the state wants the Sykesville Public Library to have Saturday hours (distributed information pertaining to this to all members). Without Saturday hours funding will be reduced/lost from the state. Mrs. Withrow informed that as of now, the library would only be opened for two hours on Saturday's, and this would not take effect until September 2024. Council stated that this matter will be discussed and voted on later in the meeting, under "New Business".

Dale Kessler and Jason Cowan informed Council that two people still need to sign the agreement between Sykesville Municipal Authority (Sykesville Borough) and the residents of Hepburn Road (Customers) as they are on vacation. Once everyone signs the agreement, Mr. Kessler/Mr. Cowan will deliver the agreement to the Borough Office for Council and the Municipal Authority to sign. Mr. Kessler questioned why the agreement was so long as he thought it would be a two-paragraph agreement. Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito stated that there was no such thing as a two-paragraph agreement and informed that it would have been longer without the resolution of 1996. He informed that the agreement is simple, and all the needed details and information is included.

Mr. Kessler stated that the meter setters that were ordered (April) and paid for by the Borough are on back order and was told that they would not be in until November. Foreman Brian Williams stated that he was told they should be in by August. Mr. Kessler presented another quote to Council for setters. Foreman Williams called Mark from L/B and confirmed the date should be August that the meter setters are in. Mark stated that he would send an exact acknowledgment with a date of when the meter setters are projected to be in from their office tomorrow.

Mr. Kister presented a map to all members with a highlighted alley way that is a Borough right-of-way (back area of 221 East Main). He stated that in 2020 the Smith's had a surveyor survey the property and determined what was owned and stated that they own half of the creek (possible?). He is requesting that the Borough reopen/reinstate the alley way/right-of-way (sewage/water lines underneath). His intentions are to open the roadway and make a parking space for his tenants (shell) as it would be safer for his tenants and would be a help to the Fire Department with easy access/transportation. Mr. Kister informed that Don Zimmerman gave him permission to open the area up, but the Smiths have not. Mr. Kister presented email correspondence from Matt Taladay and the daughter of the Smiths (also an attorney).

Solicitor Gianvito informed that the area in question would still be owned by the Borough if it was never officially vacated. Foreman Williams will review maps in the Borough Office while Solicitor Gianvito further investigate this matter.

Kurt Kister requested to paint lines for pickleball on the tennis court located at Stahl Park. A motion was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky to add pickleball lines to the tennis court. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President Michele Yamrick presented an invitation for "Eggs & Issues" held at the Brookville Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, May 14th at 7:30 A.M. to discuss cyber security threats. The cost is \$15/person. Full details and invitation will be located at the Borough Office.

Jefferson County Development Council Annual Meeting will be held at the Punxsutawney Country Club on July 18th beginning with breakfast at 8:00 A.M. Invitation will be located at the Borough Office.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve April 15, 2024, minutes was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Vice President Elaine Fike. Motion carried.

Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito reviewed with Council the drafted agreement between Sykesville Municipal Authority (Sykesville Borough) and residents of Hepburn Road. After review, a motion was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by President ProTem Nate Alvetro to accept and approve the agreement. Motion carried. A copy of the agreement will be located at the Borough Office.

A motion was made by Vice President Elaine Fike and seconded by Councilman Don Reid to return ARC Disposal's bid bond of \$8,500. Motion carried.

President Yamrick once again presented the application for the 2024 CDBG program which is due to Jefferson County Department of Development by 4:00 P.M. on June 4, 2024. President Yamrick encouraged that all members think of different projects to submit. Councilman Don Reid mentioned again to submit for replacement of sidewalks. A list of project eligibility and the application will be located at the Borough Office. Council decided to table this matter until next Council Meeting.

The estimate of \$29,601 for tarring and chipping alley ways (4/1/2024) was presented once again. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky to advertise for bids of the tarring and chipping of the mentioned alley ways that was discussed at the April 1st meeting. Motion carried.

CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

Foreman Brian Williams informed Council that the Borough will be flushing hydrants May 13th to June 10th. He stated that it was posted on this month's water bills.

Foreman Williams informed that the crew does not need to be recertified in flagging until next year but stated that the crew would still like to go to the Equipment Show on May 15th to meet with different vendors. Council agreed to allow the crew to attend the annual Equipment Show.

Foreman Williams informed Council that Marc Skarbek will be here on Thursday to estimate a new scope of work for the DCED grant (\$112,000).

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works:

President ProTem Nate Alvetro updated Council that a catch basin has been set by the shop and the Borough Crew is currently installing another catch basin on West Liberty Street (should be finished by tomorrow).

President ProTem Alvetro informed Council that there is a delay for the arrival of the skid steer.

Finance/Personnel:

A motion was made by Councilman Reid and seconded by President ProTem Alvetro to accept and pay J&M Accounting & Tax Services Inc. \$1,210.55 for their monthly retainer for April 2024. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pruzinsky and seconded by Vice President Fike to approve Jaysa Neale's paid time off for April 19th. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Reid and seconded by President ProTem Alvetro to approve Jaysa Neale's paid time off for June 24th- June 28th. Motion carried.

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

Utilities:

Nothing to report.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

A motion was made by Councilman Reid and seconded by Vice President Fike to close West Liberty Street from South Park Street to London Street on May 27th from 12 P.M. to 1:00 P.M. (American Legion's event). Motion carried.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

Attached is the April 2024 Police Summary Report.

President ProTem Nate Alvetro thanked OIC Campbell for helping with the Run/Walk event.

President ProTem Alvetro informed that he received a call from the State Police asking if they needed to be aware of anything. He stated that there have been issues with speeding, but it is getting taken care of since OIC Campbell has been given extra hours. He also stated that the town appreciates the State Police support.

Councilman Reid informed OIC Campbell that he gave Secretary Neale a list of addresses that need the grass cut.

Solicitor Gianvito:

Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito informed Council that he had sent a letter to Winslow Township's solicitor denying their request for a refund.

Solicitor Gianvito informed that he received the last easement agreement from a private party (President Yamrick signed). He also informed that the Post Office requires a survey. Travis Long (engineer) is going to have a gentleman from his office survey.

NEW BUSINESS:

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Reid and seconded by Councilwoman Pruzinsky to allow the Borough Building to be open on Saturdays per the Sykesville Library's request. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No executive session took place.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Jaysa Neale
Borough Secretary/Treasurer

Sykesville Borough Monthly Police Summary April 2024

Incidents Handled	18
Traffic Citations Issued	15
Criminal Citations Issued	0
Borough Ordinance Violations/Warnings	2
Written Warnings Issued	17
Parking Tickets Issued/Warnings Issued	0
Summary Offenses	15
Misdemeanor Offenses	0
Felony Offenses	0
Charges Filed at Magistrates	15
EMS/Police/Fire/Assist	4
Court Hearings	1
Miles Patrolled	523