

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: Kurt Kister, Ron Morris and Gabriel "Butch" Sweka; Mayor Gail Cunningham; Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito. Absent was Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky.

Visitors present were Ron Park, Don Zimmerman, Alex Nelson (Courier Express), Monica Walker (PT Secretary), Brian Williams (Crew Foreman), and Earl Campbell (Sykesville Police).

VISITORS CONCERNS:

Ron Park stated to Council that his Company is interested in purchasing the Bank Building. President Michele Yamrick informed Mr. Park that before any bids can be accepted, the building will have to be appraised, motion to sell from Council, and advertised for sealed bids. Mr. Park stated that his Company would also like to get their own appraisal.

Don Zimmerman inquired if the furnace is in working condition at the Bank Building. Foreman Brian Williams informed that the furnace is now working (pilot light went out).

CORRESPONDENCE:

A motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilman Butch Sweka to renew the JCDC 2023 membership at the silver level for a total of \$100. Motion carried.

President Yamrick presented to Council a renewal application for the UPMC Health insurance at an increase of 9.5%. She also presented a second option (Highmark) with the same plan options but with higher copays. After a brief discussion Council decided to discuss this further in executive session.

President Yamrick presented to Council a renewal application for the Highmark vision policy at an increase of \$.15. A motion was made by Councilman Kurt Kister and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris to accept and renew the Highmark vision plan at a \$.15 increase. Motion carried.

An email was sent from Donna Cooper (JCSWA) asking if the Borough would be interested in purchasing recycling containers for the residents (\$1 per container). Council decided that they were not interested at this time.

A motion was made by Vice President Elaine Fike and seconded by Councilman Butch Sweka to renew the 2023 PA State Association of Boroughs membership dues for a total of \$242. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Kurt Kister and seconded by President ProTem Nate Alvetro to renew the 2023 Association of Mayors of the Boroughs of PA membership dues for a total of \$60. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve October 17, 2022 minutes was made by President ProTem Nate Alvetro and seconded by Vice President Elaine Fike. Motion carried.

President Yamrick informed Council that Kermit Tuning has a contact, Brian Blair, who does commercial appraisals. The cost to appraise the bank building is \$2,600. Solicitor Gianvito informed that Council could base the value on a "common level ratio" (accessed value multiplied by market value) but recommends an appraisal be done. After a brief discussion, Council decided to discuss this further in executive session.

CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

Foreman Williams presented Council with an invoice (\$2,928.38) for the cost of time/repairs for damages that were done on Cleveland Street by a garbage truck (discussed last meeting). Council decided to discuss this issue in executive session.

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works:

Nothing to report.

Finance/Personnel:

September financial reports from Tuning Accounting were emailed to all members. No questions/comments were made. Secretary Neale informed Council that the October financials were emailed to all members today.

An invoice for \$1,443.75 was presented from JHA Companies for the upcoming stormwater project. A motion was made by Councilman Kister and seconded by Councilman Morris to transfer \$1,443.75 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 President ProTem Alvetro and seconded by Councilman Kister to approve Michael Gamble's paid time off for October 21st. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Vice President Fike and seconded by Councilman Kister to approve Brian Williams paid time off for November 14th-November 18th (1/2 days). Motion carried.

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

Utilities:

Nothing to report.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Councilman Kister informed Council that the Stahl Park will be decorated on Saturday with a rain date of November 19th. All help/volunteers are welcomed.

Vice President Fike informed Council that the soup sale held at the Stahl Park was sold out and \$327 was made/donated.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

Attached is the October Police Summary report.

Solicitor Gianvito:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters at 7:49 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 Councilman Sweka to accept the UPMC renewal plan at an increase of 9.5% keeping the employee contribution at 15%. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Vice President Fike and seconded by Councilman Sweka to contact NorthWest Bank regarding the ATM located at the old bank building located at 2 East Main Street. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Butch Sweka and seconded by Vice President Elaine Fike. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Jaysa Neale
Borough Secretary/Treasurer

Sykesville Borough Monthly Police Summary October 2022

Incidents Handled	13
Traffic Citations Issued	14
Criminal Citations Issued	0
Borough Ordinance Violations/Warnings	2
Written Warnings Issued	21
Parking Tickets Issued/Warnings Issued	0
Summary Offenses	14
Misdemeanor Offenses	0
Felony Offenses	0
Charges Filed at Magistrates	14
EMS/Police/Fire/Assist	4
Court Hearings	2
Miles Patrolled	438

