

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

Visitors present were Monica Walker, Brian Williams (Crew Foreman), and Earl Campbell (Sykesville Police).

VISITORS CONCERNS:

No visitor concerns.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve October 2, 2023, minutes was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by President ProTem Nate Alvetro. Motion carried.

President Michele Yamrick informed Council that everyone was emailed a sample gaming/gambling ordinance for their review. Council decided to table this until the next meeting when Solicitor Gianvito is present.

President Yamrick informed Council that Dixon's Electric should be at the office this week to quote the building. Bloom Electric and Stuart's Electric were called, just waiting for a call back.

President Yamrick opened discussion for purchasing remote shut offs (discussed last meeting) for \$492.95 per shut off. Council discussed purchasing these remote shut offs per building and discussed about who would be responsible for the cost (Borough or owner). After further discussion, Council decided to table this matter until next meeting.

President Yamrick opened discussion for a possible new tap located at 4231 West Liberty Road, DuBois (discussed last meeting). President ProTem Nate Alvetro informed that he had spoke with Travis Long (engineer) about this and he will be reviewing documents for the waterline project (2016) to see if

Sykesville can do anything for Mr. Heberling. President ProTem Alvetro informed Council that he was told the contractors/engineers installed the new waterline 500 feet from the house and that line runs through a neighboring property. Mr. Heberling is requesting that the Borough bore and install a tap on the opposite side of the road (his property), and he would dig a new line. Council decided to table this discussion until next meeting when Travis has more information.

CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

Foreman Brian Williams informed Council that the Crew has started smoke testing and raised questions to Council about who is responsible for broken caps/pipes. Council informed Foreman Williams that the homeowner is responsible due to their own negligence. A motion was made by President ProTem Nate Alvetro and seconded by Councilman Kurt Kister to write a letter to the homeowners making them responsible for any broken caps/pipes and to give them a time constraint (ex: 90 days) of when the work needs to be completed. Motion carried.

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works:

President ProTem Alvetro informed Council that there will be a structure fire burn class on November 4th and 5th at 28 VanWoert Street. He stated that VanWoert Street from Curvex to Roosevelt Street needs closed on Sunday, November 5th. A motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilman Kurt Kister to close the mentioned roads. Motion carried. Foreman Williams will cap the sewer in the basement before it is burned.

President ProTem Alvetro also informed Council that the City of DuBois will be metering the water used for the structure fire and will not charge the Borough for the water used for the class.

Finance/Personnel:

The September financial reports were emailed to all members produced from Tuning Accounting today for Council's review.

A motion was made by Councilman Kurt Kister and seconded by Vice President Elaine Fike to accept and pay Tuning Accounting's monthly retainer (September) fee of \$1,188.14. Motion carried.

An invoice for \$2,167.75 was presented from JHA Companies for the upcoming stormwater project. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky and

seconded by Councilman Butch Sweka to transfer \$2,167.75 from the Sludge Removal Account to the General Fund Account and pay that amount to JHA Companies from the General Fund. Motion carried.

President Yamrick presented the UPMC Health Plan insurance renewal. The plan increased 3.5% and would go into effect on December 1, 2023- November 30, 2024. A motion was made by Councilman Kister and seconded by Councilman Morris to renew the UPMC Health Plan at an increase of 3.5% and leave the current rate of 15%/month in place for the employees contribution. Motion carried.

Vice President Fike informed Council that a budget meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 6:30 P.M. with Tuning Accounting, President ProTem Alvetro, Councilman Sweka, and herself.

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

Utilities:

President ProTem Alvetro informed that he will call PennDot and request the portable speed sign to be moved to North Park Street. OIC Campbell stated that he has seen some improvement with the sign.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Councilman Kister informed that the Stahl Park restrooms will be locked and the water and electric will be off after the Trunk or Treat event held on Sunday, October 29th.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

Nothing to report.

Solicitor Gianvito:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Yamrick informed that the last clean up dumpster for the year is scheduled for Saturday, October 21st if anyone would like to help.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into executive session to discuss personnel matters at 7:35 P.M.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council reconvened from executive session at 8:06 P.M.

No outcome.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Butch Sweka and seconded by Vice President Elaine Fike. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Jaysa Neale
Secretary/Treasurer