

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 and Gabriel "Butch" Sweka. Absent were Councilman Kurt Kister, Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky, Mayor Gail Cunningham, and Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito.

Visitors present were Don Reid, Ed Yahner (Waste Management), Monica Walker (PT Secretary), Brian Williams (Crew Foreman), and Earl Campbell (Sykesville Police).

VISITORS CONCERNS:

Don Reid was in attendance to find out if anything was resolved about the traffic light (being placed on a timer). Foreman Williams informed that PennDot detected nothing wrong with the light and if the Borough would like to place it on a timer, it would be at the Borough's expense. Mr. Reid requested a timer for the light. A motion was made by Councilman Butch Sweka and seconded by Vice President Elaine Fike to have President Michele Yamrick write a letter to PennDot requesting the cost on changing the traffic light located on St. Rte. 2031 to a timer. Motion carried.

Mr. Reid also thanked OIC Campbell for patrolling on North Park Street but he stated that log trucks are speeding on that road at 4:00 A.M. He also stated that a lot of the Borough's "Stop" signs are crooked, faded, and he doesn't think some are legal. Mr. Reid made complaints about the Amish as well, running the "Stop" signs and their horses' feces.

Ed Yahner (Sr. Direct Manager) was present to discuss the garbage contract between Sykesville Borough and Waste Management. He informed that he has not had a chance to work on the details of the renewal package and explained that Bob Burdzy has recently retired. He presented a draft bid specification to all members if there is a decision to place the garbage services for bid. He requested to work closely with the Borough for the next couple of weeks to work out a good renewal offer for the Borough. Council accepted Mr. Yahner's offer to negotiate prices and services for the renewal contract. Mr. Yahner informed that he should be able to present something at the November 7<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

President ProTem Nate Alvetro had some questions about the draft bid specifications:

1. Could the Borough add the spring and fall cleanup dumpsters for a cheaper price rather than purchasing the dumpsters at a cost of \$500 each?

2. How much does it cost to have dumpsters at the park?

Secretary Neale informed that it does not cost anything additional to the Borough to have permanent dumpsters at the Park, Cemeteries, Borough Buildings, Fire Department, or Ambulance Building. Mr. Yahner also stated that he will negotiate on prices and also stated that the Borough can enhance the specifications and take out or make additions to it.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

President Yamrick presented a 2023 PA State Mayors' Association membership renewal at a total cost of \$70. A motion was made by President ProTem Nate Alvetro and seconded by Councilman Butch Sweka to accept and pay the 2023 PA State Mayors' Association 2023 membership renewal. Motion carried.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve October 3, 2022 minutes was made by Councilman Butch Sweka and seconded by President ProTem Nate Alvetro. Motion carried.

President Yamrick stated that she had called two or three realtors regarding appraising the Bank Building. She was informed that the building would have to be appraised by a commercial appraiser. She informed that she will be making more calls tomorrow.

Council discussed last meeting in letting the Library keep their contribution of \$2,500 for the A/C and heating unit in return for the Borough not to give the annual \$2,500 to the Library. Secretary Neale informed that if the Library does not show a contribution given to them by their local government, the state will limit their funding. A motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilman Butch Sweka to accept a \$2,500 contribution towards the A/C and heating unit from the Sykesville Library. Motion carried.

#### CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

Foreman Williams informed Council that a Waste Management garbage truck damaged the tap that was recently installed on Cleveland Street last Thursday. He stated that there is a witness who saw the driver move the cone and ran over the tap. He informed that Ed Yahner will further investigate and track GPS locations of the trucks. President ProTem Alvetro also stated that Mr. Yahner informed him that the trucks have dash cameras. Foreman Williams presented Mr. Yahner with pictures of the damages.

Foreman Williams presented an estimate to Council for a new "call out" system (current system is out dated and no longer works) at the Water Plant for a total cost of \$3,499.40 (shipping billed at cost). This also included a one-year warranty on all parts and services. A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by President ProTem Alvetro to accept and approve the estimated cost of \$3,499.40 from TheMeterGuy, LLC for a new Sensaphone Sentinel. Motion carried.

#### COMITTEE REPORTS:

##### Public Works:

Nothing to report.

##### Finance/Personnel:

A motion was made by Vice President Fike and seconded by Councilman Morris to accept and pay Tuning Accounting \$1,170.86 for September monthly retainer fees and services. Motion carried.

An invoice for \$1,691.25 was presented from JHA Companies for the upcoming stormwater project. A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by President ProTem Alvetro to transfer \$1,691.25 from the Sludge Removal Account to the General Fund Account and pay that amount to JHA Companies from the General Fund. Motion carried. Foreman Williams stated that JHA is still working with PennVest in organizing a meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by Vice President Fike to approve Brian Williams paid time off for October 31<sup>st</sup>-November 4<sup>th</sup> (1/2 days). Motion carried.

Vice President Elaine Fike informed Council that Sandra started cleaning on October 5<sup>th</sup> and has been told that her work is very satisfactory.

##### Ordinance, Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

##### Utilities:

Nothing to report.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Nothing to report.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

OIC Campbell informed Council that he turned 63 Cleveland Street into the District Attorney's Office for tampering with services and they have declined to prosecute since the water and sewer bills have been paid in full.

Solicitor Gianvito:

President Yamrick presented the final copy of the Union Contract with the Sykesville Police Department which was approved last meeting by Council and now needs signature to finalize. A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by President ProTem Alvetro to accept and sign the Union agreement with the Sykesville Police Department. Motion carried.

President Yamrick presented a Resolution (read last meeting) on waiving additional charges for real estate taxes under certain circumstances beginning in 2023. A motion was made by Vice President Fike and seconded by President ProTem Alvetro to approve and sign the Resolution regarding waiving additional charges for real estate taxes under certain circumstances beginning in 2023. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No executive session took place.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Butch Sweka and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Jaysa Neale  
Borough Secretary/Treasurer