

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; Nate Alvetro, President ProTem; Council Members: Ron Morris and Sherry Pruzinsky; Mayor Gail Cunningham; Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito. Absent were Vice President Elaine Fike, Councilman Kurt Kister, and Councilman Gabriel "Butch" Sweka.

Visitors present were Justin Felgar (Punxsy Spirit) and Earl Campbell (Sykesville Police).

VISITORS CONCERNS:

No visitor concerns.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President Michele Yamrick presented to Council the January 1, 2018- December 31, 2022 Liquid Fuels Audit completion report. There was a finding for insufficient internal controls and facsimile signature stamp. A motion to accept and sign the report was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by President ProTem Nate Alvetro. Motion carried.

A complaint form was submitted from Lori Connor stating that the shrubs are too high and hanging on the road on the corner of Washington and Grant Street. She has requested that they be trimmed by the homeowner or the Borough if not completed by the homeowner. OIC Campbell will talk with the homeowners.

A complaint form was submitted from John Parana stating that the asphalt eroded on one side at the end of London Street and on top of the hill. Foreman Williams informed President Yamrick that the issue has been addressed and taken care of.

Councilman Ron Morris informed Council that when hydrants were being flushed, John Malinky's yard held a lot of water and would like the curb fixed to prevent that (he has video footage). President Yamrick stated that he should be asked to attend a meeting to address this with Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve September 18, 2023 minutes was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky. Motion carried.

Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito informed Council that he will have a drafted resolution regarding meter replacement installation and fees for the next Council Meeting.

CREW FOREMAN REPORT: President Michele Yamrick spoke on behalf of Foreman Williams due to his absence.

President Yamrick informed Council that the Crew will be putting the Christmas tree up at the end of this month.

A quote was presented from LB Water of \$492.95 for a meter remote shut off. This would allow the Borough to turn a meter off at the press of a button instead of going in the home (issue with getting into an apartment building). Council decided to table this until next meeting.

A quote was presented from LB Water of \$1,731.25 for a new road tap located at 4231 West Liberty Road, DuBois. This individual stated that he was promised by someone at the Borough, prior of the major water line installation, this tap at no cost to him (there is no written record of this). After a brief discussion, Council decided to table this until Foreman Williams is present to further explain and more information is gathered.

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works:

President ProTem Alvetro informed Council that Sykestober Fest will be on Saturday, October 14th and is requesting to close East Liberty Street from Long Alley to Ernie Larson's house (10 E. Liberty) from 11 A.M. to 10 P.M. A motion was made by Councilman Morris and seconded by Councilwoman Pruzinsky to close the mentioned roads on October 14th from 11 A.M. to 10 P.M. Motion carried.

Finance/Personnel:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pruzinsky and seconded by Councilman Morris to approve Brian Williams paid time off for October 19th, 26th, 27th and November 2nd, 3rd, 9th, 16th, & 17th. Motion carried.

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Secretary Neale informed Council that the Borough does not have an ordinance on gambling machines, only on amusement devices such as arcade games. Solicitor Gianvito stated that he will have a drafted ordinance regarding gambling machines for the next Council Meeting.

Utilities:

Councilman Morris informed that PennDot will be called about replacing the battery on the LED portable speed sign.

President Yamrick mentioned to Council about getting estimates for upgrading the Borough buildings electrical wiring. Secretary Neale will obtain at least three estimates.

President ProTem Alvetro informed Council that he scheduled Foreman Williams to come into work early a day last week to collect the pole numbers for the street lights not working in town and forwarded the numbers to Mark Gilga (works for Penelec).

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Nothing to report.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

Attached is the September 2023 Police Summary Report.

Mayor Gail Cunningham informed Council that on October 5th there will be a meeting/discussion on drugs at the Town Hall presented by the SCIA starting at 6:30 P.M.

Solicitor Gianvito:

Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito presented a signed easement (road going up to the water tank) agreement from Robyn Sonnie. President Michele Yamrick signed as well. Solicitor Gianvito will get this recorded and forward a final copy to the Borough Office.

Solicitor Gianvito presented the updated Personnel Manual with the following changes:

1. Drug Alcohol level changed from a .04 to a .02.
2. Example penalties removed from the disciplinary stages.

A motion was made by Councilman Morris and seconded by Councilwoman Pruzinsky to make the above revisions and place the updated Personnel Manual in effect today, October 2, 2023. Motion carried.

Solicitor Gianvito informed Council that Travis (engineer) sent him the descriptions and survey maps for the sewer easements for the upcoming stormwater projects. He believes one more easement is needed; Travis is currently looking into this further.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nothing new to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into executive session to discuss personnel matters at 7:51 P.M.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

OIC Campbell presented to Council with a letter of resignation from Officer (part time) Bruce Cramer. A motion was made by Councilman Morris and seconded by President ProTem Alvetro to accept Officer Bruce Cramer's letter of resignation. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Jaysa Neale
Secretary/Treasurer

Sykesville Borough Monthly Police Summary September 2023

Incidents Handled	10
Traffic Citations Issued	8
Criminal Citations Issued	0
Borough Ordinance Violations/Warnings	3
Written Warnings Issued	28
Parking Tickets Issued/Warnings Issued	0
Summary Offenses	8
Misdemeanor Offenses	0
Felony Offenses	0
Charges Filed at Magistrates	8
EMS/Police/Fire/Assist	1
Court Hearings	0
Miles Patrolled	351

