

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; Council Members: Sherry Pruzinsky and Don Reid; Solicitor Nicolas Gianvito. Absent were President ProTem Nate Alvetro, Councilman Ron Morris, Councilman Gabriel "Butch" Sweka, and Mayor Gail Cunningham.

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

VISITORS CONCERNS:

No visitor concerns.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A meeting will be held on February 19, 2025, at the Brockwayville Depot. (5:30 P.M.) for the Boroughs Association. Guest speaker will be Brendan Linton (PennVest). Invitation and details will be located at the Borough Office.

The CBA has a free fall PSAB conference registration certificate. The conference will be October 11th-13th. Details will be located at the Borough Office.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve September 16, 2024, minutes was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky. Motion carried.

After a brief discussion, Council decided not to have Trunk or Treat this year since it was decided to have Trick or Treating October 27th from 4:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M.

Estimates were presented for replacing ceiling tiles in the library. They are as followed:

1. P.D.M Repair & Remodel, LLC estimated a total with lighting \$2,051.16 or a total of \$723.17 without lighting (ceiling tiles provided by the Borough). Foreman Williams informed Council that if the tiles are purchased from 814 Hardware, they would cost \$1,600 and if the tiles are purchased through Lowe's the cost is \$1,000 plus 20% discount.
2. Byler Brothers Roofing quoted \$12,850 to replace drop ceiling tiles and remove drop ceiling and track.

After a brief discussion, Council decided to table until next meeting as they would like a quote from Byler's to just replace the tiles and would like a copy of the certificate of liability insurance from P.D.M.

Secretary Monica Walker informed Council that Councilman Reid and her met with (CDBG) commissioners and GD&F (county's engineer). They projected that \$169,562 could be given to the Borough for updates of Stahl Park (most used). There was discussion of the Borough contributing \$5,000 (budget for next year) towards this project making the total \$174,562. Finishing the sidewalk (stone or concrete?), bleachers at the ball field, lighting, and adding a fence between the basketball court and the road were all discussed (safety). She informed that the engineer will be drafting something up for these projected projects.

CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

Foreman Brian Williams informed Council that the "shoulder backup" is completed, grass has been planted in problem areas, the crew was paving all day today (one catch basin left to install), and potholes have been patched on Station Street.

Foreman Williams informed Council that there is a hole at Hyman Properties which the crew is planning to run pipe and cement the area.

Councilman Reid informed Foreman Williams that he received a complaint from Darlene Swan stating that she was not notified in advance about the flushing of hydrants and would like to be notified moving forward when the crew is in her area since she owns a beauty salon.

Councilman Reid informed that Mike Hoare (excavators & equipment) would like to be considered when/if there is a water break or even if the crew needs extra help.

Councilman Reid asked when the curbs will be installed. Foreman Williams stated that he will contact Clear Run Construction & Concrete of a time frame (they are currently working another job in Sykesville).

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works:

Nothing to report.

Finance/Personnel:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky and seconded by Councilman Don Reid to accept and pay J&M Accounting & Tax Services Inc. \$1,212.90 for their monthly retainer for September 2024. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky and seconded by Vice President Elaine Fike to approve Jaysa Neale's paid time off for September 17th. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pruzinsky and seconded by Vice President Fike to approve Brian Williams paid time off for September 20th (4 hours) and September 27th (4 hours). Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pruzinsky and seconded by Vice President Fike to approve Michael Gamble's paid time off for October 4th (4 hours). Motion carried.

Council will discuss Sandra Ballard's employee evaluation during executive session.

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Councilwoman Pruzinsky asked if there were any updates for the ordinance on "squatters" discussed at the last two meetings. Solicitor Gianvito stated that he will discuss this during his report.

Utilities:

Nothing to report.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Nothing to report.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

Attached is the September 2024 Police Summary Report.

Solicitor Gianvito:

A motion was made by Vice President Fike and seconded by Councilwoman Pruzinsky to approve and sign Resolution 2024-10-7 "DECLARING ITS INTENT TO FOLLOW THE SCHEDULES AND PROCEDURES FOR DISPOSITION OF RECORDS AS

SET FORTH IN MUNICIPAL RECORDS MANUAL APPROVED ON DECEMBER 16, 2008." Motion carried. Once the secretaries sort through records to dispose of, another resolution will have to be approved authorizing the destruction of records.

Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito informed that he had emailed Ferraro's office a settlement agreement with Winslow Township and is currently waiting to hear back of their decision.

Solicitor Gianvito informed Council that he has been in contact with the PA Treasury regarding the Borough's Account "Security Deposits" (Water&Sewer). He stated that there are funds that the Borough does not know who they belong to (2015 and back). A Voluntary Disclosure Agreement has been executed. The excess funds may have to be turned over to the state.

Solicitor Gianvito reviewed the Reynoldsville's "squatter" ordinance with Council making changes and editing it to fit Sykesville's needs/wants. Solicitor Gianvito will draft an ordinance per suggestions of Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

After a brief discussion, Council decided to have clean up days (4 free dumpsters per contract) for 2025 on April 16th, May 21st, July 16th, and October 15th. Secretary Neale will schedule.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into executive session to discuss personnel matters at 7:55 P.M.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

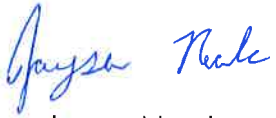
Council reconvened from executive session at 8:07 P.M.

A motion was made by Vice President Fike and seconded by Councilwoman Pruzinsky to increase Sandra Ballard's hourly wage by .50 cents effective October 7, 2024. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted:



Jaysa Neale
Borough Secretary/Treasurer

Sykesville Borough Monthly Police Summary September 2024

Incidents Handled	9
Traffic Citations Issued	8
Criminal Citations Issued	0
Borough Ordinance Violations/Warnings	1
Written Warnings Issued	14
Parking Tickets Issued/Warnings Issued	0
Summary Offenses	8
Misdemeanor Offenses	0
Felony Offenses	0
Charges Filed at Magistrates	8
EMS/Police/Fire/Assist	3
Court Hearings	1
Miles Patrolled	293