

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

Visitors were John Sedor and Brian Williams (Foreman).

VISITORS CONCERNS:

John Sedor stated that he was present at a previous meeting asking for the "secretary to present the number of customers, what was brought in, what was put out, any customers that did not pay their bills, any special equipment purchased/maintenance, and a total output and what was made for the month." He requested that the information could start being presented in October. Secretary Neale will see what she can do.

Mr. Sedor asked for updates regarding the increase in sewer rates for Troutville Borough and Winslow Township. Secretary Neale informed that it is now between the engineers (per agreement). Secretary Neale will ask for an update tomorrow.

Mr. Sedor stated/suggested that it would be a good idea to run "shoes" on the plows to help keep the plow/trucks in good condition. He asked President ProTem Nate Alvetro of his thought to which he responded that he doesn't like them.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve September 2, 2025, Council minutes was made by Vice President Elaine Fike and seconded by President ProTem Nate Alvetro. Motion carried.

President Michele Yamrick presented pictures sent by Dave Roman of the completed Little League ball field. Photos attached. President ProTem Alvetro informed that he is researching prices for a tarp over the field.

A motion was made by President ProTem Alvetro and seconded by Councilman Sweka to approve and sign Payment Application No. 2 (balance to finish \$1,802,021.30) for the stormwater projects. Motion carried. Full breakdown cost of Payment Application No. 2 will be available to review in the Borough Office.

President Yamrick opened discussion about the Christmas tree (last meeting). She informed that it was not budgeted for a new tree, however, lights/bulbs could be purchased to make the appearance nicer. Councilman Reid stated that Leo Nedza is willing to donate his bucket truck. Foreman Williams stated that the City of DuBois would also be willing to donate their bucket truck. Vice President Fike stated that Kurt Kister thought it was a good idea to use some of the decorations at the park and would bring it up at the next SCIA meeting. Mr. Kister also suggested to contact "Lawncare Deegan" about helping put up the tree. After further discussion, Council made the decision to call Leo Nedza and ask if he would assist in putting up the tree at the end of October.

President Yamrick informed at the last meeting that she misread the letter from the Sykesville Library. The letter wasn't asking for the 2025 allotment (that was given to the library back in June). The letter was simply thanking the Borough for the 2025 allotment and asking if the Borough would consider a \$3,000 allotment for the 2026 budget. A motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilman Don Reid to rescind the motion from the September 2nd meeting: *"A motion was made by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky and seconded by Councilman Butch Sweka to pay the Sykesville Library their annual allotment of \$3,000."* Motion carried.

CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

Nothing to report.

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works:

President ProTem Nate Alvetro informed Council that the Borough Crew are working/cleaning the creek as the Army Corps. will be here to inspect at the end of the month.

The Borough Crew should be finished patching/paving the alleyway behind Fox's. The Crew replaced the mirror on Main Street by Station Street.

President ProTem Alvetro informed that last Thursday he was in town replacing the lights on the traffic light. He replaced five lights before his bucket truck

broke. He still needs to replace four. He is planning to replace the remaining lights either Wednesday or Thursday of this week.

Finance/Personnel:

President Michele Yamrick informed that the 2026 budget process/meetings should begin soon/now.

August 2025 financial reports were presented to all members from J&M Accounting (emailed and distributed (9/12). No questions or comments were made. A motion was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris to approve all financials. Motion carried. A copy of the reports will be available to review at the Borough Office.

An invoice for \$20,634.80 was presented from JHA Companies for the upcoming stormwater project. A motion was made by Vice President Elaine Fike and seconded by President ProTem Nate Alvetro to transfer \$20,634.80 from the Sludge Removal Account to the General Fund Account and pay that amount to JHA Companies from the General Fund. Motion carried. President ProTem Alvetro invited John Sedor and/or any other Water & Sewer Authority member to all the second Council meetings of the month as this is when the invoices are approved/presented.

A motion was made by Councilman Butch Sweka and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris to approve Brian Williams paid time off for August 29th, September 4th (4 hrs.), October 23rd, October 30th-31st, November 6th-7th, November 13th-14th, and November 20th-21st. Motion carried.

President Yamrick informed Council that on August 18th, Council made a motion to reimburse Mo Kovalchick for \$258.98 (estimate on checks and deposit slips). The actual amount that the checks and deposit slips came to was \$325.33. A motion was made by Councilman Reid and seconded by Councilman Morris to reimburse the difference (\$66.35, total reimbursement \$325.33). Motion carried.

President Yamrick stated that a question was raised about paying the part time employees holiday pay. After a brief discussion, Council decided to table this topic until the 2026 budget meetings have started.

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

Utilities:

Councilman Butch Sweka informed that he is still gathering pole numbers with lights out.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Nothing to report.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

Councilman Don Reid requested an executive session.

Mayor Gail Cunningham inquired about Halloween. Will it be door to door trick or treating? Will there be a parade? Dates and times? Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky stated that she will mention the parade at the next SCIA meeting. After further discussion, a motion was made by Vice President Elaine Fike and seconded by Councilman Butch Sweka to have door to door trick or treating on Sunday, October 26th from 2 P.M.-5 P.M. Motion carried. Mayor Cunningham will call around and request police coverage (Sherrif's office, State, Fire Dept.)

Solicitor Gianvito:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into an executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters at 7:36 P.M.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council reconvened from executive session at 7:47 P.M.

A motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilman Butch Sweka to move forward with a feasibility study (free) presented by Mary Ammann for regionalization for police forces. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Butch Sweka and seconded by Councilman Don Reid. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Jaysa Neale
Borough Secretary/Treasurer

