

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

Visitors present were Todd Watt, Ben Destefan (Courier Express), Brian Williams (Foreman), and Earl Campbell (Police).

VISITORS CONCERNS:

Mr. Watt requested forgiveness on delinquent water (\$1205.00) and sewer (\$4156.00) fees for 372 East Main Street. He owns several properties and is interested in this property (vacant for 10+ years) to fix up and rent out. A title search was performed and he informed Council that property taxes were still owed and not paid. He stated that if Council wasn't willing to forgive a portion of the water and sewer, he would not be interested in continuing with the sale of this property. Mr. Watt offered to pay \$500.00 for the water and \$1000.00 for the sewer. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Morris and seconded by Councilman Sweka to accept \$500.00 for the water and \$1000.00 for the sewer. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nothing to Report.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve September 3, 2024, minutes was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilman Don Reid. Motion carried.

Secretary Monica Walker asked if there is going to be Trunk or Treat this year since Council decided at the last meeting to have Trick or Treating on October 27th. Councilwomen Pruzinsky will attend the meeting of SCIA to discuss parade/trunk or treat. She will inform us at the next meeting.

Secretary Monica Walker informed Council that Foreman Brian Williams will be getting pricing on ceiling tiles for the library. President Michele Yamrick informed Council that the library was inquiring about lighting. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Councilman

Butch Sweka to advertise for bidding for replacing the library ceiling. Motion carried

Secretary Monica Walker informed Council that Matt Milliron (CDBG) will be here September 25th to discuss moving forward with potential park upgrades.

CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

Foreman Williams informed Council that the crew will be flushing hydrants from October 1st to November 1st. Notices have been posted in the office and local businesses in town.

Forman Williams informed council that the crew started "shoulder backup on the roads that have been paved."

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works:

A motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilman Don Reid to apply for County Aide money (\$10,000.00) for purchase of a skid loader. Motion carried.

Finance/Personnel:

August 2024 financial reports were presented to all members from J&M Accounting (emailed and distributed today). No questions or comments were made. President Yamrick reminded that the Committee should consider working on the 2025 budget soon.

Farmers National Bank presented Council with new rates for Sykesville's CD (\$50,032.46):

- 6 months 4.75% APY
- 9 months 4.65% APY
- 12 months 4.35% APY

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Reid and seconded by Councilman Sweka to roll over the CD to a 12-month term. Motion carried.

An invoice for \$2,047.50 was presented from JHA Companies for the upcoming stormwater project. A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by Councilwoman Pruzinsky to transfer \$2,047.50 from the Sludge Removal Account to the General Fund Account and pay that amount to JHA Companies from the General Fund. Motion carried.

A proposal from Ellenberger Excavating/Demolition was presented to Council in the amount of \$158,000 for dredging the creek. Council will consider including this for the 2025 budget.

A motion was made by Councilman Morris and seconded by Councilwoman Pruzinsky to approve Michael Gamble's paid time off for September 6th. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by Councilwoman Pruzinsky to approve Brian Williams paid time off for September 13th (4 hours). Motion carried.

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Councilwoman Pruzinsky asked if there were any updates for the ordinance on "squatters" discussed at the last meeting. OIC Campbell informed Council that he received the ordinance from Reynoldsville, and it has been sent to Solicitor Gianvito for his review.

Utilities:

Nothing to report.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Nothing to report.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

Nothing to report.

Solicitor Gianvito:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters at 7:46 P.M.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

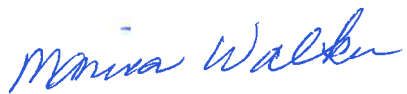
Council reconvened from executive session at 8:14 P.M.

There was no outcome.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Butch Sweka and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Monica Walker
Borough Assistant Secretary/Treasurer