

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

Visitors present were Russell Withrow, Kerri Casagrande, Monica Walker (PT Borough Secretary), Brian Williams (Crew Foreman), and Earl Campbell (Sykesville Police).

VISITORS CONCERNS:

Russell Withrow appreciated the Borough Crew laying millings on the side of his road last year to keep the water from coming in. He stated that when the state came in the road was just tarred and chipped. The millings are moving/being smashed due to vehicles running over them. He requested something be done permanent on his road. Foreman Williams informed that the Crew will place coal patch at the area but the road won't be paved right away due to paving prices.

Kerri Casagrande wanted an update on purchasing signs for North Park Street. Foreman Williams informed her that we just got approval from PennDot on purchasing/installing signs and the signs are now ordered. He informed that PennDot will be installing signs on the sharp curve. Ms. Casagrande stated that she has some signs that she personally purchased on her front porch if anyone is interested in placing one in their yard that lives on North Park Street. She also thanked everyone that allowed her to place a sign in their yards.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve September 6, 2022 minutes was made by Councilman Butch Sweka and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris. Motion carried.

President Michele Yamrick opened discussion for the Bank Building. She presented an email that she forwarded to all members stating some options, they are:

1. Process to become the new Borough Building would continue.
2. Building could become Sykesville's new Public Library.
3. Building be appraised and be put out for bids.
4. Tear the building down and make the property into a parking lot.

She informed that option 1 or 2 would mean that the Borough would still have to maintain and cover expenses for two buildings and option 4 may mean that the Borough will have to pay property taxes. Secretary Neale stated that Council would need to talk with the Library Board to see if they would even want the building. Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky stated that the Borough could hire a grant writer to move things along with the building as well. President Yamrick informed that the Bank Building fund paid for Tom Kundrich to learn/be trained in grant writing. After a brief discussion on the bank buildings future, expenses, maintenance, terminating the ATM lease, etc., a motion was made by Vice President Elaine Fike and seconded by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky for Councilman Kurt Kister to "ball park" a fair market value for the Bank Building. Motion carried. Council will discuss all legalities at the next Council Meeting with Solicitor Gianvito.

Secretary Neale informed Council that there was one application received for the cleaning position and one application was mailed last Wednesday to an interested person. Vice President Fike stated that she will schedule interviews before the first Council Meeting in October.

Secretary Neale presented an invoice dated February 7 sent to Mollie Harris for installing/replacing a meter for \$150. Ms. Harris has not made any attempts to pay the fee. A motion was made by Councilman Butch Sweka and seconded by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky to give the invoice to Solicitor Gianvito to file charges at the Magistrates Office. Motion carried.

President Yamrick opened up discussion for renewing the garbage contract from Waste Management discussed last meeting with Bob Burdzy. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilman Kurt Kister to advertise for bids of the garbage collection three times in the Courier Express. Motion carried.

#### CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

Foreman Brian Williams presented Council with an estimate of \$7,500 from Jewells Auto Corp. for a purchase of a new plow. He informed that there are only two working plows and it would be beneficial in purchasing another due to there being three employees for the roads. A motion was made by Councilman Kister and seconded by Councilman Sweka to accept the estimate of \$7,500 and purchase a plow from Jewells Auto Corp. Motion carried. The cost will be split between Borough/Water/Sewer/Liquid Fuels.

## COMITTEE REPORTS:

### Public Works:

Nothing to report.

### Finance/Personnel:

The August 2022 financial reports from Tuning Accounting were emailed to all board members for their review. There were no comments/questions addressed.

Michael Gamble's evaluation will be discussed in Executive Session.

An invoice for \$919.38 was presented from JHA Companies for the upcoming stormwater project. A motion was made by Councilman Morris and seconded by Councilman Sweka to transfer \$919.38 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 is predicting a "kick off" meeting for this project will be in December.

### Ordinance, Health & Safety

Vice President Fike stated that the house by the Baptist Church has high grass.

### Utilities:

Foreman Williams informed Council that he has been driving around to locate any lights that are out in town.

### Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Councilman Kister informed Council that there was a really good turnout for the Block Party held Saturday. He stated that everything went well.

### Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

Mayor Cunningham requested that Council contact Mr. Witherite from PennSafe concerning a house going toward Springfield (brown). She stated that Solicitor Gianvito has photos of the property and OIC Campbell has sent out ordinance violations. Vice President Fike said that she will contact PennSafe.

### Solicitor Gianvito:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Sykesville Library AC/Heating System has failed (which also services the Police Department). Nicole (Librarian) presented President Yamrick with two quotes. One quote from Scott Mowrey for a total of \$10,900 and Stallion Mechanics for a total of \$7,770. Nicole had written a letter to the Borough explaining her preference for Scott Mowrey as he is more available and his work is more precise. Solicitor Gianvito emailed President Yamrick informing her that this would not have to go out for bid as it is below the limit of \$11,800. He also stated that this should be fixed right away and it is the Borough's responsibility to keep up with any maintenance to the building. A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by Councilman Kister to accept and approve Scott Mowrey's quote of \$10,900. Motion carried.

PT Secretary Walker stated that someone had asked if the Borough could write a letter to the Post Office requesting that they fix their parking lot (potholes, etc.). A motion was made by Councilman Kister and seconded by Councilman Sweka to write and send a letter to the Post Office asking them to fix their parking lot due to complaints. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters at 8:10 P.M.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

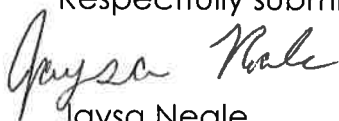
Council reconvened from executive session at 8:34 P.M.

A motion was made by Vice President Fike and seconded by Councilwoman Pruzinsky to give Michael Gamble a .45 cent raise effective immediately as a result of his evaluation and making the raise increase retroactive to August 17, 2022. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Butch Sweka and seconded by Vice President Elaine Fike. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Jaysa Neale  
Borough Secretary/Treasurer