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 ProTem Nathan Alvetro. In attendance were, Elaine Fike, Vice President; Nathan Alvetro, President ProTem; Council Members: Don Reid, Colton Gearhart; Absent were President Michele Yamrick, Council Members Ron Morris, Mike Sackash, Mayor Kyle Pisarcik, Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito.

Visitors were Todd Orsich, John Sedor, James, Denis Buzzard, Desirae Jackson (Mid Penn Bank), Dustin Schoening (Mid Penn Bank), Robert Lott (Punxsy VFW), and Doug Bembenic.

VISITORS CONCERNS:

Robert Lott is here from the VFW in Punxsy. He was approached by a man named Sam Bevak, who wants to have a bridge here in Sykesville named after his Uncle Joe Sabarich. The process that needs to be a letter written by the family to Brian Smith's office. The Veterans Organization must support that, which we the VFW will do. Then the Municipality of where the bridge is located. Which needs to go through their Council. Then write a letter to Brian Smith's office to have it approved. Once these are submitted to the State Representative to be attached to a Bill that Congress is running. That Bill must be approved. Once that is done at that point PennDot or County is notified. They will then take care of building the sign and placing it. When that happens a member of our VFW would arrange for some kind of dedication program. President ProTem Alvetro asked, "What do you need us to do"? Robert states that the secretary would write a letter-on-letter head to Brian Smith's office. It needs to say that the Council has approved setting that sign there and the exact location. Denise Bussard suggested the bridge by the park on North Park Street would be better for them.
A motion was made by Councilman Gearhart and seconded by Vice President Fike to approve the bridge on US Route 119 to be dedicated in the name of Albert Orsich. Motion carried.
A motion was made by Councilman Gearhart and seconded by Councilman Reid to name the bridge on South Park Street Joe Sabarich. Motion carried.

John Sedor stated that when they put the sewage system in I ended up with a lake in my back yard. Now you have done the stormwater project and now I have a river running through my yard. No one asked me to sign anything or told me anything. I ended up with a 3x5 thing in my yard that no water goes in and is

27 inches lower than the road. Saturday I almost had a vehicle flip over there. My question is Travis told me that there was a work order that they are going to dix that. They were going to dig and put a French drain in and tie it into the drain, so I have not done anything. All I am asking for is this. By October before it gets filled with ice down there. I want somebody to come down there and tell me what they are going to do. I never asked for that thing. Now something needs done. President ProTem Alvetro will get with Travis and have a look at it to see what we can do.

John Sedor stated that Crewman James Sweka has done a lot of footwork trying to get prices for the furnace/air for the sewage plant. It was approved to do but no one has done anything about it yet. We were waiting for one more quote. Crewman Sweka states that he has two quotes and are still waiting for one from Gary & Sons. Scott Mowrey stated that there was some kind of heat exchange in the ceiling. There is a heat/air conditioner in the ceiling and when they put it up there, they didn't coat the vent and ran a hose down there and it froze and broke and that is why the ceiling caved in. So, it is all frozen now and nothing is any good now. Anything above $13,200.00 requires three quotes. President ProTem Alvetro will call Scott Mowrey and have him get on it.

John Sedor is asking if we have heard anything on the flow meter. President ProTem Alvetro states that he has not had time but, states that he has not forgotten about it.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Invitation for the PSAB Fall Conference to be held on October 9-11th in Erie Pa.

Invitation to the North Western PA Counties Borough Association Meeting to be held on Wednesday September 16th in Cooksburg PA.

WM Shred-it. They have sent information for shred it for the community, however never sent pricing so Council has decided against it for now.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cory Yohe was awarded the bid for the Flood Project Mowing. One spot that he could not get but, everything else is done. It looks great and this project is done. Now we are just waiting on the Army Core to come and check it out.

Secretary Monica Walker informed Council that once the agreement is signed and sent back it will go to Jimmy with Inhance to get set up. President ProTem Nathan Alvetro signed the agreement to move forward with being able to pay bills online.

MAYOR KYLE PISARCIK:

Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President ProTem Alvetro informed Council that he received a price from M & K in Brookville. They used to be Shaw Mack gave me a price of $7504.80. This is to take the bed off the existing truck and put on the new cab and chassis. President ProTem Alvetro states that he is worried about the clutch pump. The clutch pump bolts to the motor and runs all our hydraulics. I got a price today from Keith Truck Service for the pump and have it sent directly to M & K. This will be a kit which includes a clutch pump, bracket, and belts. The only thing that won't come with is the hydraulic hose. The price for the kit is $2,011.00. The only thing I foresee being added to the $7,504.80 is the hydraulic hose because we don't know how long they need to be. A motion was made by Councilman Reid and seconded by Councilman Gearhart to take both trucks to M & K in Brookville and to purchase the clutch pump from Keith Truck Service. Motion carried.

CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

Flushing hydrants is put on hold until the meter comes in. Will still be in September. A blast will go out on the call out system when they are ready to start.

A motion was made by Councilman Gearhart and seconded by Councilman Reid to send Crewman James Sweka to a PA Rural Water training class on October 27th in DuBois in the amount of $159.00. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Gearhart and seconded by Councilman Reid to add to the agenda the cleaning and removal of the debris from the creek behind the post office. Motion carried.

President ProTem updated Council on some of the projects that have been going on. WE had a water service leak on East Main Street. Thought it was going to be a simple fix, but when we got down to it, it was a lead line. We ended up replacing the line underneath the road.

Shaffer Street is all done with the catch basins.

The only other thing that we need to work on is black topping. Today the guys were up on West Liberty Road where we had dug a water service across for the

church which they are not using now. They did a curb up on Fugate Drive. Weather pending, they are going to go up on Vanwoert where we added two new water customers. We had to wait until the fair was done. That will be paved back in for the winter. There was a water leak behind Nupp Printing. We will get this paved back in and by the fire hall. We will have to go to London Street and put a hand curb in that did not get done with the project. Also Grant Street needs a hand curb.

Public Works:

Nothing to report.

Finance/Personnel:

A motion was made by Councilman Reid and seconded by Councilman Gearhart to pay J&M's August retainer and reimbursement for ordering deposit tickets in the amount of $1,454.27. Motion carried.

Reimbursement for OIC Earl Campbell's purchase of targets for training was explained and had already been paid.

A motion was made by Councilman Gearhart and seconded by Councilman Reid to reimburse Monica Walker's mileage for August of $94.24. Motion carried.

JHA Stormwater invoices were tabled until more clarification of what they are for.

Desirae Jackson and Dustin Schoening were here from Mid Penn Bank to introduce themselves and discuss the CD options that they have. Dustin informed Council about the 15-month CD is now up to 3.90%. As far as the FDIC Insurance with us being a public entity. We do not need to worry about going over that. Whatever financial institution you are with must collateralize all your money because it's the public's money, so you don't ever have to worry about not being covered by the FDIC. You do not need to spread the money all over the place in different financial institutions. Dustin wanted Council to know of all the services that were available to us. Vice President Fike asked about early withdrawal. Dustin states that there is no penalty for early withdrawal. A motion was made by Councilman Reid and seconded by Councilman Gearhart to have as signers for the CD with Mid Penn Bank, Michele Yamrick, President, Nathan Alvetro, President ProTem, and Dave Reiter, Sewer/Water Authority. Two of the three will be required to withdrawal. Also to invest $250,000.00 more from the Sludge Fund.

President ProTem Alvetro states that he has gotten two quotes for cleaning out the creek behind the post office. I received a quote from Dave Roman. He is going to come in and clean 50 feet of the creek as this is all we are allowed to clean under the permit that we had for that. So, he is going to clean the creek of trees and sediment 50 feet at $70.00 per hour which totals $3,500.00. We also met with Cory Yohe and have his quote to clean and remove trees and debris from creek 50 feet from the culvert pipe behind the post office and haul away mud and straighten the creek bed back to the culvert for $3,000.00. President ProTem Alvetro believes the rip rap is something that we can do on our own. A motion was made by Councilman Gearhart and seconded by Councilman Reid to hire Cory Yohe to clean the creek behind the post office for $3,000.00. Motion carried.

Councilman Reid discussed adding to the budget for next year a trailer to haul the mower or the backhoe to different places instead of driving them. Pricing should be around $5,000.00.

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Councilman Reid suggested shopping for health benefits for our employees. We will reach out to some insurance for quotes.

Utilities:

Councilman Gearhart brought up about the streetlights again. They are not being addressed by the Penelec Company again.

Councilman Gearhart is asking if the guys can clean up around the Borough Shop.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Nothing to report.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

Residents are asking about more smoke detectors. Secretary Walker has called the residents that have not picked up their smoke detector. Council has decided to give them a date of October 1st to pick them up or they will go to the next resident in line. We had one resident requesting help with installing theirs. The fire department will contact her to assist with this.

Solicitor Gianvito:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Councilman Gearhart and seconded by Councilman Reid to approve the Council Minutes from August 17, 2026. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Reid and seconded by Vice President Fike to approve the Special Meeting Minutes from August 21, 2026. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Reid and seconded by Councilman Gearhart to have the Fall Cleanup Dumpster Day on October 14th from 8-4. Motion carried.

Councilman Gearhart is asking Council about a set back distance from a property line. VFW wants to purchase a contest container to put out back by their door. After a brief discussion Council decided that they will have to investigate that.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into a brief executive session at 8:58 PM. Until 9:15 PM.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No action was taken at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Reid and seconded by Councilman Gearhart to adjourn this Council meeting at 9:26 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Monica Walker
Borough Secretary/Treasurer