

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: Nate Alvetro, Kurt Kister, and Don Zimmerman; Mayor Gail Cunningham. Absent were President ProTem Ron Park, Councilman Timothy Brown, and Solicitor CJ Zwick.

Visitors present at the meeting were Brian Williams (Crew Foreman), Earl Campbell (Police), Nick Yamrick, and Larry McGuire (Punxsutawney Spirit).

VISITORS CONCERNS:

No visitor concerns.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was sent from GD&F reminding the Borough that a small amount of the invoiced cost, \$5,000, was included in for a stream crossing adjacent S.R. 119. The stream crossing work is an ineligible cost through the DCED grant obtained by the County for this project. The County is requesting a check be made payable to Dave Roman Excavating, Inc., in the amount of \$5,000 to cover the cost of the stream crossing work. A motion was made by Councilman Don Zimmerman and seconded by Councilman Nate Alvetro to pay \$5,000 to Dave Roman Excavating for the stream crossing. Motion carried. A copy of the full letter and invoice will be located in the Borough Office.

President Michele Yamrick spoke to Charles Saul and informed Council that the lawsuits have been settled between Sykesville Borough and the former secretaries. The Borough's insurance company had to pay a small amount to each of the girls to avoid further litigation.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve December 21, 2020 minutes and December 31, 2020 Special Meeting minutes was made by Councilman Kurt Kister and seconded by Vice President Elaine Fike. Motion carried.

President Yamrick presented the Ransomware Supplemental Application from Beazley for a cyber-liability policy (discussed last meeting). The premium is \$2,080. This will give the Borough insurance if any hacking is done through our software. A motion to approve this policy was made by Councilman Don

Zimmerman and seconded by Vice President Elaine Fike. Motion carried. This will be split between the Borough, Sewer, and Water Funds.

Councilman Zimmerman asked if the JCSWA contract can be signed tonight. President Yamrick stated that she would like to see something in writing from them about the donation money (paying \$700 rather than \$1,200) and whether we would need security camera (Reynoldsville has them). President Yamrick also stated that the Borough Crew will need to prep the site and maintain (plow, weed eat, etc.) Again mentioned, the Borough will not benefit financially for having the recycling center. Councilman Zimmerman informed that when the dumpsters get full, JCSWA will come in and take it away and replace with a new dumpster and also that the contract can be cancelled at any time. He also stated that he has seen other Boroughs increase their millage for having a recycling center.

CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

Foreman Brian Williams stated that the COVID policy for employees ran out December 31. He asked Council if it will still be in effect for the Borough. President Yamrick stated that she will call the Department of Labor and Industry to gather more information.

Foreman Williams asked Council if the Sykesville Borough Crew are allowed to act in mutual aid for other municipalities. He stated that Reynoldsville Borough helps a lot for detecting leaks, etc. and does not charge Sykesville for doing so. Council agreed that this is a good idea to keep a good working relationship. Mr. Williams also informed Council that he is the only certified flagger. He informed that all flagger classes were cancelled this year with no alternative date.

The fire hydrant at the end of the line was knocked off and needs repaired.

The Auto Desk needs renewed for an estimated cost of \$2,000. This is what the guys use for mapping/designing. A motion was made by Councilman Nate Alvetro and seconded by Councilman Kurt Kister to renew the Auto Desk maintenance agreement for \$2,000. Motion carried.

Foreman Williams informed Council that the Borough needs a new trash pump and presented an invoice for \$2,429.95 from USA Bluebook. A motion was made by Councilman Kister and seconded by Councilman Zimmerman to purchase a new pump in the amount of \$2,429.95. Motion carried.

Travis Long will be here sometime this month to do a final walkthrough for the upcoming storm sewer projects.

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works:

Councilman Alvetro informed Council that the new truck is fixed and back in the Borough.

There was a leak on Paradise Road that is now fixed.

Councilman Alvetro also thanked the Borough Crew for the snow removal.

Finance/Personnel:

A motion was made by Vice President Fike and seconded by Councilman Alvetro to approve Mike Gamble's paid time off for December 24. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Zimmerman and seconded by Councilman Alvetro to approve Karl McCracken's paid time off for December 30-31. Motion carried.

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Nothing new to report.

Utilities:

Nothing to report.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

President Yamrick presented an invoice of \$1,104.89 from W&W Equipment for the zero turn mower. This was to fix everything damaged. President Yamrick thanked the Park Committee for paying for all the costs. Foreman Williams stated that the mower will be returned to the Borough next week.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

Attached is the December 2020 monthly police summary report.

OIC Campbell informed Council that he received his body camera and also the computer for his car came in today.

Vice President Fike asked OIC Campbell if he was aware of the break in on Coolspring Avenue. OIC Campbell informed Council that if the State Police handles the situation, they won't notify Sykesville.

Solicitor Zwick:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Councilman Zimmerman and seconded by Vice President Fike to advertise to have the regular Borough Council meetings the first and third Monday at 7:00 P.M. for January-May and September-December and to have one meeting a month, the first Monday at 7:00 P.M., for the summer months (June, July, & August). Motion carried.

President Yamrick presented the 2021 Municipal Primary Election form to Council. She informed that the Mayor, Tax Collector, and five members of Council (Michele Yamrick, Elaine Fike, Kurt Kister, Ron Park, & Don Zimmerman) are up for election.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into executive session to discuss legal matters at 7:45 P.M.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:


Council reconvened from executive session at 8:01 P.M.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Vice President Elaine Fike and seconded by Councilman Don Zimmerman. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Jaysa Neale
Borough Secretary/Treasurer

Sykesville Borough Monthly Police Summary December 2020

Incidents Handled	5
Traffic Citations Issued	2
Criminal Citations Issued	0
Borough Ordinance Violations/Warning	0
Charges Filed at Magistrates	2
Written Warnings Issued	12
Parking Tickets Issued/Warning Issued	0
Summary Offenses	2
Misdemeanor Offenses	0
Felony Offenses	0
EMS/Police/Fire/Assist	3
Court Hearings	1
Miles Patrolled	285

