

**TOWN OF SYKESVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING**

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15, 2002 REGULAR MEETING NO. 02-16

The regular Council meeting of the Town of Sykesville was held on October 15, 2002. Jonathan Herman, Mayor of the Town of Sykesville, called the meeting to order at X:00 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room at the Town House. Mayor Herman, led the pledge of allegiance to the flag and a moment of silence.

PRESENT: Debby S. Ellis Eugene E. Johnson, Sr. Jeannie M. Nichols
Mark Rychwalski Russell G. Vreeland

EXCUSED

ABSENCE: Charles B. Mullins

STAFF: Matthew H. Candland, Town Manager John R. Williams, Jr., Chief of Police

**ADDITIONS TO
THE AGENDA:**

Mayor Herman called for additions to the agenda.

There were no additions to the agenda.

BUSINESS:

Mike Burgoyne – Recognition of Service – This agenda item was postponed to the next Council Meeting.

William Middleton – Request to Make Watkins Drive a Public Road – Matthew Candland reviewed a request by Mr. William Middleton, a property owner on Watkins Drive to make Watkins Drive a public road.

There was some discussion in this regard, including comments from Ms. Madeline Blake, and Mr. Lee Mullen, the other two of three property owners on Watkins Drive.

MOTION:

Councilmember Rychwalski motioned to not grant Mr. Middleton’s request to make Watkins Drive a public road.

The motion carried unanimously.

Public Safety Report – Chief Williams – Chief Williams presented the Public Safety Report for review. He specifically commented on the Fall Festival 2002, ongoing calls regarding fireworks, community policing, and new scheduling for officers effective 1/1/02.

Mayor Herman commended the Sykesville Police Department for their “...great job at the Festival”.

There was additional discussion regarding the Town’s Emergency Preparedness Plan.

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Town Logo – Discussion – Mayor Herman presented and reviewed some proposed formats for a Town logo to be used for letterhead and business cards.

There was extensive discussion in this regard, including comments from Mr. Jason Baranowski, a Town Resident, that is employed by a business that does this type of work, and Ms. Rebecca Boreczky, who has previously done this type of work.

MOTION: Councilmember Rychwalski motioned to spend up to \$750 for the next phase of designing & ordering letterhead and business cards with a new Town logo.

The motion carried unanimously.

Raincliffe Development – Update – Matthew Candland reported that the school board is in the process of considering a policy regarding adequate/inadequate facilities with regards to schools. He stated that the Planning Commission couldn't decide on the Raincliffe development without this ruling.

There was some additional discussion in this regard.

Proposed Annexations – Sykesville Middle School & Linear Trail – Matthew Candland reviewed the background of the Sykesville Middle School property and the Linear Trail property that is being proposed for annexation. He reviewed the process for annexation and stated that these properties' not previously being annexed was probably a "mistake", or an oversight.

MOTION: Councilmember Nichols motioned to proceed with the annexation of the Sykesville Middle School property and the Linear Trail property as outlined in the staff report of October 15, 2002.

The motion carried unanimously.

Draft By-Laws for the Carroll County Council of Governments – Mayor Herman stated three issues he has heard regarding the Carroll County Council of Governments (COG): 1) How it affects the MML's authority, 2) Is this a response to the current Carroll County Commissioners, and will it be needed if the next board is more responsive, and 3) Is this a first step towards Charter Government.

There was some discussion in this regard, including voting groups within the Council (i.e.: Commissioners = 1 vote, BOE = 1 vote, Delegates = 1 vote, etc.), and the status of non-elected groups in the Council.

Mayor Herman stated he would recommend to the COG Committee that the formation of this Council be tabled for a period of time.

Ball Fields Lease for Springfield Hospital Property – Matthew Candland stated

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that he & Councilmember Nichols would be meeting with the Springfield Representatives regarding this on October 17, 2002.

Post Office – Update – Matthew Candland reported that the construction is progressing rapidly.

Town Master Plan Update – Matthew Candland reported that the Planning Commission Public Hearing is scheduled for November 4th, and the Town Council Public Hearing is scheduled for November 12th.

CIP Committee – Update – Matthew Candland reported that the next CIP Committee meeting is Thursday, October 17, 2002.

Historic District Commission – New Member – Update Matthew Candland reported that Duane Doxzen's term is expiring and he will not be seeking another term. He stated the Town will be advertising for a new member.

Cable TV Commission – Mayor Herman stated that Matthew Candland would no longer be able to serve on the Cable TV Commission, to free up time to serve on the Carroll County Historical Society.

After discussion, it was decided to offer this position to E. Michael Kasnia.

West Nile Virus Preparation Effort – Town Representative – Matthew Candland reported that the County is forming a committee to review this issue prior to next year. He stated the Town should send a representative.

Councilmember Rychwalski volunteered to serve on this committee.

Main Street Task Force – Update – Councilmember Rychwalski reviewed the latest developments of the Main Street Task Force. He stated the Task Force is now in the process of reviewing the "nuts & bolts" of the vision of Main Street.

There was extensive discussion in the regard.

MINUTES

APPROVED:

The minutes of the September 23, 2002 meeting were read and approved as presented.

MOTION:

Councilmember Ellis motioned to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2002 Official Council Meeting Minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION TO

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RECESS: Councilmember Nichols motioned to take a short recess at 8:32 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Councilmember Nichols motioned to close the session at 9:30 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Those in attendance were: Mayor Herman, Councilmembers Ellis, Vreeland, Johnson, Nichols, and Rychwalski, Matthew Candland, and Laura Lindberg.

Mr. Stuart Dearie was in attendance for one discussion item.

Items discussed were: Serra Property, Southern States Property, Mullins Property, Baldwins Property.

MOTION: Councilmember Rychwalski motioned to approve the use of \$500 towards the [handicap] ramp relocation project at Baldwins Station & Pub.

The motion carried unanimously.

It was also agreed, in concept, to pay 50% Of the cost of handicap access to the freight room at Baldwins Station & Pub.

Councilmember Rychwalski recused himself for the discussion of the "Mullins Property" with regards to the Miller Property.

REOPEN SESSION

MOTION: Councilmember Nichols motioned to reopen the meeting at 10:38 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Councilmember Ellis motioned to authorize Mayor Herman to approve a loan amount for approximately \$200,000, including rates & payments, for the parking lots.

The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Nichols motioned to adjourn at 10:39 p.m.

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