

**TOWN OF SYKESVILLE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2002 REGULAR MEETING NO. 02-20**

The regular Council meeting of the Town of Sykesville was held on December 9, 2002. Jonathan Herman, Mayor of the Town of Sykesville, called the meeting to order at 7:04 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. Charles B. Mullins  
Jeannie M. Nichols Mark Rychwalski Russell G. Vreeland

**STAFF:** Matthew H. Candland, Town Manager

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** Mayor Herman called for additions to the agenda.

**BUSINESS:** **Public Safety Report** – The Public Safety Report was reviewed

**Town Logo** – This item will be discussed further at a later meeting.

**Historic District Commission – two appointments to fill vacancies** – Mayor Herman stated that the Council has received two recommendations from the Historic District Commission to fill these vacancies. He stated he has met with them both.

Mayor Herman appointed Patricia Greenwalt and Philip Singleton to the Historic District Commission.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nichols motioned to approve the appointment of Patricia Greenwalt and Phillip Singleton to the Historic District Commission.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Amendment to Ordinance 224 – Moratorium – Public Hearing** – Matthew Candland reviewed the history and stated this Ordinance Amendment was introduced at the November 25, 2002 Council Meeting.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Johnson motioned to open the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Herman called for comments from the Public.

There were no comments from the Public.

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**MOTION:** Councilmember Nichols motioned to close the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m.

There was some additional discussion regarding the Ordinance Amendment.

The motion carried unanimously.

**MISC:** **Citizen Comments** – Mayor Herman read into the record a letter from a Town Resident commending the Town Maintenance Department for their "...impressive performance after Thursday's snow storm...". They further commended the Police Department for their traffic control during Friday's holiday event.

**Proposed Amendment to Zoning Ordinance – Discussion/Introduction** – Matthew Candland reviewed the history of this proposed amendment. He stated that, while this was not a formal "introduction" of a proposed amendment, this is something to be considered at a future date.

**Raincliffe Development – Update** – Matthew Candland reviewed a proposal from Catonsville Homes proposing a "phase-in" schedule for issuing building permits for the Raincliffe Property.

There was additional discussion in this regard.

**Town Master Plan Update** – Matthew Candland stated the Planning Commission has completed and approved the draft. He stated the only rezoning change recommended that they are considering changing is the "Mihm" property.

There was some discussion regarding the reasons for not recommending changing the zoning on this property.

**MOTION:** **Amendment to Ordinance 224 – Moratorium – Public Hearing (continued)** – Councilmember Nichols motioned to adopt the Amendment to Ordinance 224 as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Vehicle Maintenance, Police Department** – Matthew Candland stated the Police Department has requested purchasing a new Police Vehicle in the upcoming Fiscal Year and surplus one of the old vehicles. He stated he concurs with this request.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Vreeland motioned to commit \$21,000 in the FY03/04 Budget to purchase a new police vehicle.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Council of Governments (COG)** – Mayor Herman asked for comments from the

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Council regarding the proposed COG.

There was extensive discussion in this regard.

**MISC:** Councilmember Nichols reported on her meeting with Sue Krebs and the FACC.

Mayor Herman appointed Councilmember Nichols as the Town Liaison to the FACC.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Vreeland motioned to approve the appointment of Councilmember Nichols as the Town Liaison to the FACC.

The motion carried unanimously.

There was additional discussion regarding Town Residents encroaching on Town Property (i.e. fencing in portions of Burkett Park), Pond Area Near Village House Apts, the Holiday Open House, the Holiday House Tour, Warfield Property Maintenance, and the Shelter Home on Cooper Drive.

**BUSINESS:** Matthew Candland stated the Town's Holiday Bonus is typically \$100 per employee, and has been budgeted for this year.

**MOTION:** Mayor Herman motioned to approve a Holiday Bonus of \$100 per full-time employee, as budgeted.

The motion carried unanimously.

**OTHER:** **Carroll County Chapter of MML Dinner at Grand Affair in Hampstead on Thursday, December 12, 2002. Cash Bar 6:15 p.m., Dinner 7 p.m.** – Mayor Herman stated this as a reminder. Attending will be Mayor Herman, Councilmembers Ellis, Vreeland, and Nichols.

**Town Christmas Banquet – Friday, December 20, 2002, 12 p.m.-2 p.m. at Beck's Catering Hall** – Mayor Herman stated this as a reminder.

### MINUTES

**APPROVED:** The minutes of the November 25, 2002 meeting were read and approved as presented.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Vreeland motioned to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2002 Official Council Meeting Minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION TO**

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**RECESS:** Councilmember Nichols motion to take a recess at 9:00 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

### CLOSED SESSION

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nichols motioned to close the session at 9:10 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

Items discussed were: Mullins Property, J&B Property, Personnel, Loan Documents

### REOPEN SESSION

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nichols motioned to reopen the meeting at 9:56 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Johnson motioned to approve extending Rob Hubers probation for 6 months.

The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nichols motioned to approve Mayor Herman negotiate and sign a loan agreement with Farmers & Mechanics Bank for \$300,000 with amendments.

The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Ellis motioned to approve the extension of the proposal to purchase the J&B Property with a 2<sup>nd</sup> deposit of \$5,000 towards the purchase price, for a total of \$10,000 deposited.

The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Vreeland motioned to approve Matthew Candland and Mayor Herman advertise and contract with an architect to prepare concept drawings for the J&B Property, for marketing purposes, up to \$4,000.

The motion carried unanimously.

**MISC:** There was discussion regarding a bill to Kann & Associates for ADA services at Baldwin's Station & Pub, It was agreed to send an invoice to Baldwin's Station &

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Pub for 50% of the bill.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Johnson motioned to adjourn at 10:02 p.m.

Laura L. Lindberg  
Clerk/Treasurer

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