

# TOWN OF SYKESVILLE

## COUNCIL MEETING

### OFFICIAL MINUTES OF JANUARY 27, 2003 REGULAR MEETING NO. 03-02

The regular Council meeting of the Town of Sykesville was held on January 27, 2003. Jonathan Herman, Mayor of the Town of Sykesville, called the meeting to order at 7:00 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.

Mayor Herman Business County Ethics Commission  
Economic Development Commission  
Tobacco Placement

**BUSINESS:** **County Ethics Commission** – Mayor Herman stated the County Commissioners have asked if the Town has any recommendations for County Ethics Commissioners. He requested the Council let him know if they have any recommendations.

**Economic Development Commission** – Mayor Herman stated he would like to replace Matthew Candland with Dennis Hoover on the County's Economic Development Commission and will be contacting Haven Shoemaker in this regard.

**Tobacco Placement** – Mayor Herman stated he has received communication from the Health Department regarding tobacco placement in stores, etc. He stated, for information, that they are preparing legislation to regulate this.

**Public Safety Report – Chief Williams** – Chief Williams presented the Public Safety Report for review. He also reported that the Carroll County Health Department, Crash Coalition, ... "will be honoring PFC Shawn Kilgore for his work to reduce the number of drunk drivers on our highways." He stated PFC Kilgore will receive an award in recognition for 30 DUI arrests last year.

There was some additional discussion regarding ATVs being used on roads during recent snowstorms.

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**Citizen Request to Use Town Property** – Matthew Candland stated he has reviewed the strip of land requested and has determined that there is no current public purpose for this property. He stated he would contact the adjacent property owners to see if any are interested in purchasing the land for the appraised value and expenses.

Mr. Jeff Lomax, one of the adjacent property owners, expressed interest in purchasing this strip of land.

**Proposed FY2003-2004 and FY2004-2008 Capital Improvement Plan** – There was some discussion regarding the Proposed FY2003-2004 and FY2004-2008 CIP, including moving the “Centennial Clock” allocation to the “Centennial Celebration” in FY2003/2004.

There was some discussion in this regard, including how the Centennial Clock fits in with the Main Street Task Force plans. It was decided that the Tourism Director needs to submit a “rough outline” of the celebration, including estimates for the FY2003/2004 General Budget.

### **MOTION:**

Councilmember Nichols motioned to approve the FY2003-2004 and FY2004-2008 Capital Improvement Plan as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Main Street Task Force – Update** – Matthew Candland stated he would be meeting with Robin Frazier in this regard.

**Council of Governments** – Mayor Herman stated he attended this MML Meeting/Dinner where this was discussed, and the comments made previously by the Town of Sykesville have been incorporated.

**Proposed Amendments to Zoning Ordinance – Discussion/Introduction** – Matthew Candland reviewed the proposed amendments to Ordinance 106 that amends the conditional uses allowed in a “B-L” Restricted Business District.

### **MOTION:**

Councilmember Johnson motioned to introduce the Proposed Amendment to Ordinance 106, amending the conditional uses allowed in a “B-L” Restricted Business District.

The motion carried unanimously.

Matthew Candland stated the Public Hearing would be held at the next Council Meeting.

**Town Park Names – Proposal** – Matthew Candland stated that the park at Wimmer/Talon is the final park that needs to be named.

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After some discussion, it was decided to name this park Bloomfield Park.

Councilmember Nichols commended Lynne Ronayne and the Parks & Rec Committee for their ongoing work and research on this project.

**Town Master Plan Update** – Matthew Candland reported that the Historic District Commission should be reviewing the Master Plan at their next meeting.

**Additional Signatory for Town Checks** – Matthew Candland presented his research on how other Maryland Town's handle multiple signatories on Town checks.

After discussion, it was decided to amend the Charter to add the Town Manager as a signatory for Town checks.

**Council of Governments (continued)** –

### **MOTION:**

Councilmember Nichols motioned to approve the by-laws of the Council of Governments (COG) of Carroll County, Maryland, as they are written.

Mayor Herman appointed Dennis Hoover as the Town Representative to the Council of Governments.

**Town Retreat – Proposed Date** – There was some discussion in this regard, and it was decided to hold the Annual Town Retreat on Saturday, March 8, 2003, from 9-4 in the Old Main Line Visitor Center/Meeting Room.

### **MOTION TO**

### **RECESS:**

Councilmember Johnson motioned to take a short recess at 7:56 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

### **MOTION:**

Councilmember Johnson motioned to close the session at 8:06 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

In attendance for one discussion item were: John Read

Items discussed were: Proposal for John Serra Property, Mullins Property, Hawk Ridge Farms/Lowell Glazier Letters, Parrott Property, St. Barnabas

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Property, Ms. Trent Property.

### REOPEN SESSION

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nichols motioned to reopen the meeting at 10:02 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nichols motioned to approve the Resolution for the financing for acquisition of the "Main Street Property" and the "Train Station Property", with a "confession judgement" clause.

The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Johnson motioned to approve the Resolution for the financing for acquisition of the "Main Street Property" and the "Train Station Property", with excluding a "confession judgement" clause, contingent upon the Town Attorney finding this one usable.

The motion carried unanimously.

### MINUTES

**APPROVED:** The minutes of the January 13, 2003 meeting were read and approved as presented.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Ellis motioned to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2003 Official Council Meeting Minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

**MISC:** There was some miscellaneous discussion regarding the properties on Norris Avenue, bordering Burkett Park, that have fences on Town property.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Rychwalski motioned to adjourn at 10:13 p.m.

Laura L. Lindberg  
Clerk/Treasurer

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