

TOWN OF SYKESVILLE

COUNCIL MEETING

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF APRIL 28, 2003 REGULAR MEETING NO. 03-09

The regular Council meeting of the Town of Sykesville was held on April 28, 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 Jeannie M. Nichols
Mark Rychwalski Russell G. Vreeland

EXCUSED

ABSENCE: Eugene E. Johnson, Sr. 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.

Matthew Candland	Business	Downtown Connection Free Newspapers – Complaints
Councilmember Ellis	Business	Town Web Site
Councilmember Nichols	Public Concerns	Pool Meeting – Update

PUBLIC

CONCERNS: Pool Meeting – Update – Councilmember Nichols presented a Pool Information Package and stated there would be a meeting at 7 p.m. on 4/29/03 at the Sykesville Town House.

BUSINESS: Swearing In of Board of Elections Judges – Mayor Herman swore in Nancy Ferguson and Claudia Purkey as the Board of Election Judges.

Public Safety Report – Chief Williams – Chief Williams presented the Public Safety Report for review.

There was some discussion in this regard.

Norris Ave./Brandenburg Cir. - Intersection – Matthew Candland reviewed the issues of traffic at this intersection.

There was extensive discussion in this regard.

After discussion it was decided to distribute informational flyers to the residents of this area, place 3 temporary stop signs with flags at the intersection, and give residents/citizens 30 days to comment and then review this again.

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MOTION: Councilmember Nichols motioned to approve the installation of 3 temporary stop signs with flags at the intersection, distribute an information flyer/letter, and give residents/citizens 30 days to comment and then review this again.

The motion carried unanimously.

Hawk Ridge Farm – Bond Reduction – Matthew Candland stated the development is complete with the exception of the grading of one lot. The Developer requested a bond reduction. Staff recommends the bond be reduced to \$10,000.

There was some discussion in this regard.

MOTION: Councilmember Ellis motioned to hold the bond until the development is completely complete.

The motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Public Hearing – Matthew Candland stated this Zoning Ordinance Amendment to enact changes from the Master Plan was introduced at a previous meeting.

MOTION: Councilmember Nichols motioned to open the Public Hearing at 7:51 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Herman called for questions/comments from the Public.

Mayor Herman stated he would leave the Public Hearing open until approximately 9:00 p.m.

West Nile Virus Task Force – Report – Councilman Rychwalski – Councilmember Rychwalski reported on the Task Force Meeting. He reported that the Carroll County Health Department will place mosquito traps and do testing, if requested. He recommended this be done.

There was some discussion in this regard.

Downtown Connection – Councilmember Rychwalski reviewed the past discussions regarding a downtown connection. He suggested completing a sidewalk down Kalorama & Spout Hill Road.

After discussion, it was decided that Councilmember Rychwalski would review pathway alternatives and report back at a later meeting.

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Free Newspapers – Matthew Candland reported that there are newspapers that are being delivered to residences in Town at no cost. He stated that some residents have complained and suggested that Council enact legislation to halt these deliveries.

Town Web Site – Councilmember Ellis presented a proposal from John Ellis to continue to do the web site for no charge.

The proposal was accepted by consensus.

MISC:

Parks & Rec Report – Councilmember Nichols reported:

...the Town Yard Sale is this Saturday, along with Town Flower Power, and the Town House Tea Party.

...there were 7 teams that participated in the 2003 Golf Tournament.

...the South Carroll Gazette is sponsoring the 2003 Concerts in the Park.

MOTION TO

RECESS:

Councilmember Nichols motioned to take a short recess at 8:13 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION:

Councilmember Nichols motioned to close the session at 8:15 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

Items discussed were: Hawk Ridge Farms Bond

REOPEN SESSION

MOTION:

Councilmember Ellis motioned to reopen the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Hawk Ridge Farm Bond Reduction – Continued – There was some discussion regarding the completion of the various sections of the Hawk Ridge Farms development.

MOTION:

Councilmember Vreeland motioned to rescind the previous motion “...to hold the bond until the development is completely complete”.

The motion carried unanimously.

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MOTION: Councilmember Nichols motioned to approve the release of the Hawk Ridge Farm bond monies for Sections 2 & 3, and to keep the bond monies for Sections 8&9 until completed.

The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

APPROVED: The minutes of the March 24 and April 14, 2003 meeting were read and approved as presented.

MOTION: Councilmember Ellis motioned to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2003 Official Council Meeting Minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Councilmember Ellis motioned to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2003 Official Council Meeting Minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Public Hearing (continued) –

Mayor Herman called for any additional questions/comments from the Public and/or Council in this regard.

There were no questions/comments.

MOTION: Councilmember Nichols motioned to close the Public Hearing at 9:06 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Councilmember Nichols motioned to approve the Ordinance Amendment as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Vreeland motioned to adjourn at 9:08 p.m.

Laura L. Lindberg
Clerk/Treasurer