

TOWN OF SYKESVILLE

COUNCIL MEETING

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF OCTOBER 14, 2003 REGULAR MEETING NO. 03-19

The regular Council meeting of the Town of Sykesville was held on October 14, 2003. Jonathan Herman, Mayor of the Town of Sykesville, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center at Sykesville Middle School. Mayor Herman, led the pledge of allegiance to the flag and a moment of silence.

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

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

MISC: Mayor Herman stated that attendees that wish to speak during the Public Hearing portion of the meeting should put their name on the provided index cards.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Mayor Herman called for additions to the agenda.
Councilmember Nichols Business C.O.G. Meeting

BUSINESS: **COG (Council of Governments) Meeting** – Councilmember Nichols reported that their second meeting was held on 10/2/03. She stated that Damien Halstaad is the Chair, and she is the Vice-Chair. Items discussed at the meeting were: the recent storm emergency and coordinated efforts. The next meeting will be held in December 2003, specific date to be determined.

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

Planning Commission – Appointment – Mayor Herman appointed Justin Deibel to the Planning Commission.

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson motioned to approve the appointment of Justin Deibel to the Planning Commission.

The motion carried unanimously.

Historic Commission – Appointment – Mayor Herman appointed Adam Hall to the Historic Commission.

MOTION: Councilmember Vreeland motioned to approve the appointment of Adam Hall to the Historic Commission.

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The motion carried unanimously.

Proposed High Grass Ordinance – Introduction – Councilmember Rychwalski reviewed this proposed ordinance, including allowable grass height, and penalty type.

MOTION: Councilmember Nichols motioned to introduce the proposed High Grass Ordinance.

The motion carried unanimously.

Fine Schedule for Municipal Infractions – Matthew Candland reviewed the purpose of this ordinance, which will set the fine schedule for municipal infractions.

There was some discussion in this regard.

Traffic Calming Workshop – Traffic Group – Michael Lenhart, Traffic Group, made a presentation regarding traffic calming and reviewing methods, options, reasons, etc.

There was some discussion in this regard.

MOTION: Portable Basketball Hoops – Public Hearing – Councilmember Rychwalski motioned to open the Public Hearing at 7:33 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Herman reviewed the history of this proposed ordinance and the previous meetings that have been held to discuss this issue.

There were questions/comments from the following persons:

Ivy Wells – Patterson Court

Michael Brokaw – Norris Avenue

Allison Neal – Norris Avenue

Matt Morgan – Hawk Ridge Lane

David Hollenberger – Revere Court

Thomas Pavis – Norris Avenue

Mark Dyer – Brandenburg Circle

Justin Ward – Brandenburg Circle

There was extensive additional discussion in this regard.

MOTION: Councilmember Nichols motioned to close the Public Hearing at 8:40 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Councilmember Ellis motioned to table the Portable Basketball Hoops proposed ordinance for a maximum of 30 days.

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The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION TO
RECESS:**

Councilmember Rychwalski motioned to take a short recess at 8:41 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION TO
RECONVENE:**

Councilmember Johnson motioned to reconvene at 8:50 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Recent Power Outages – Mike Fowler of BG&E – Mike Fowler and other representatives made a presentation regarding power outages and storm emergencies and how they are handled by BG&E, as well as the specific causes of the five recent power outages affecting the Town of Sykesville.

There was some discussion in this regard.

It was agreed that Mr. Fowler would provide telephone number information for businesses to contact in the event of power outages, and that Mr. Fowler would contact Jay French regarding power and the Warfield Complex.

Hawk Ridge Farms – Request for Release of Maintenance Bond – Matthew Candland reviewed the history of the request for release of the Hawk Ridge Farms maintenance bond, excluding Sections 8 & 9.

There was some clarification discussion in this regard.

MOTION:

Councilmember Rychwalski motioned that the Letters of Credit for Hawk Ridge Farm Subdivision Sections 1 through 7, shall be released upon execution of the Maintenance Agreement for each section and the 10% maintenance bond fee posted for each section, thereby placing Sections 1 through 7 in the one-year maintenance period. The Letter of Credit for Sections 8 and 9 shall remain in effect, retroactive back to April 28, 2003.

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Councilmember Rychwalski motioned to deny the request by Lowell Glazier to release the maintenance bonds for Hawk Ridge Farms Sections 1-7.

The motion carried unanimously.

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Proposed Infill Development Ordinance – Introduction – This was deferred to the next meeting.

MINUTES

APPROVED: The minutes of the September 8 and 22, 2003 meeting were read and approved as presented.

MOTION: **Councilmember Ellis motioned to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2003 Official Council Meeting Minutes.**

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: **Councilmember Ellis motioned to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2003 Official Council Meeting Minutes.**

The motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S

REPORT: The Treasurer presented the Financial Report of August and September 2003 for approval.

MOTION: **Councilmember Ellis motioned to approve the August 2003 Financial Report and file for audit.**

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: **Councilmember Ellis motioned to approve the September 2003 Financial Report and file for audit.**

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: **Councilmember Ellis motioned to take a short recess at 10:20 p.m.**

The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: **Councilmember Rychwalski motioned to close the session at 10:40 p.m.**

The motion carried unanimously.

Those in attendance were: Mayor Herman, Councilmembers Ellis, Cinkole, Vreeland, Johnson, Nichols, and Rychwalski, Matthew Candland, Dennis Hoover and Laura Lindberg. Joe Moltz and Mark Bennett were in attendance for one discussion item.

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Items discussed were: S&P Memorandum of Understanding, Police Department Personnel.

REOPEN SESSION

MOTION: Councilmember Nichols motioned to reopen the meeting at 11:15 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: **Councilmember Nichols motioned to notify Lowell Glazier that he has two weeks to get a satisfactory contract and approval from the homeowner resolving the (drainage) problem.**

The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Nichols motioned to adjourn at 11:17 p.m.

Laura L. Lindberg
Clerk/Treasurer

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