

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF APRIL 26, 2004 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING NO. 04-07

The regular Council meeting of the Town of Sykesville was held on April 26, 2004. Jonathan Herman, Mayor of the Town of Sykesville, called the meeting to order at 7:02 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:** Edward Cinkole

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.

*Laura Lindberg Business Appointment of File Clerk-Nancy Maccherone

*Mayor Herman Business Meeting with County Commissioners

BUSINESS: **Recreational Facilities Committee – Final Report** – Councilmember Rychwalski presented the Recreational Facilities Committee -Final Report, which included a map and a memo identifying the various Town parks, what types of recreational facilities each park could accommodate, and what recreational facilities the Committee recommends for each park. Additionally he recommended basketball hoops be located in the SchoolHouse Road area and that the basketball hoop recommendation at Shannon Run Park be removed.

There was extensive discussion in this regard.

MOTION: Councilmember Nichols motioned to accept the Final Report and map recommendations from the Recreational Facilities Committee, as presented, noting that, in the future, the Mayor and Council will identify specific areas that will have facilities installed.

The motion carried unanimously.

Pool Update – Councilmember Nichols stated the Pool Committee is progressing with the identification of a feasible location for a pool, and will be meeting with an engineer in this regard.

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

There was some discussion in this regard.

Chief Williams amounts that the week of May 24, 2004 is Buckle Up America Week, and that May & June 2004 is the Maryland Chiefs Challenge.

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MOTION: Councilmember Vreeland motioned to approve the proclamation declaring May 24, 2004 as Buckle Up America Week, and the Maryland Chiefs Challenge during the months of May & June 2004.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Herman read the proclamation into the record.

There was additional discussion regarding motorized scooters in the Town, are what rules and/or laws can be or should be enacted to regulate these activities.

Planning Commission – Appointment – Mayor Herman stated he has interviewed and hereby appoints Jim Kelly to the Planning Commission.

MOTION: Councilmember Ellis motioned to approve the appointment of Jim Kelly to the Planning Commission.

The motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Change Request – 7436 Spout Hill Road – Matthew Candland reported that he has received a petition from Joe Cathey requesting a change of zoning on his property from B-L to R-10,000. He briefly reviewed this request and stated this would be forwarded to the Planning Commission for recommendation.

MOTION: Councilmember Ellis motioned to forward the petition from Joe Cathey requesting a change of zoning on his property from B-L to R-10,000 to the Planning Commission for their recommendation.

The motion carried unanimously.

Centennial Fountain – Update – Mayor Herman reported the bricks are 99% in, the fountain is installed, and is scheduled for sealing. He stated it would be completed in time for the Centennial Celebration.

Boulder Hill Subdivision – Letter of Credit – Matthew Candland reported the “Declaration of Maintenance Obligation Agreement (DMO)” has been executed, and he recommends release of the Letter of Credit, on the condition that all outstanding bills are satisfied.

MOTION: Councilmember Vreeland motioned to release of the Letter of Credit for the Boulder Hill Subdivision, on the condition that all outstanding bills are satisfied.

The motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of File Clerk – Nancy Maccherone – Laura Lindberg briefly reviewed the resume of the recommended new file clerk.

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MOTION: Councilmember Johnson motioned to approve the appointment of Nancy Maccherone as the new File Clerk for the Town of Sykesville.

The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting With County Commissioners – Mayor Herman reported on a meeting with the representatives of the County Commissioners, SHA, EMA, Northrop Grumman, and Springfield Hospital, to discuss progress and future of the Warfield project, including funding of the intersection, successful local business relocating to Warfield, hotel/conference center on EMA property, etc.

Mayor Herman reported that the County Commissioners have awarded a \$10,000 grant to the Town to pay sewer tap fees for the SchoolHouse. He stated he would like to have this go out to bid by the end of June 2004.

OTHER: **Quarterly Mayor's Meeting – Thursday, April 29, 2004, 9-10 a.m. in Room 300A of the County Office Building. Agenda items must be submitted prior to meeting** – Mayor Herman stated he would be attending.

Centennial Celebration – Saturday, May 1, 2004, 4-8 p.m. Parade begins at Sykesville Middle School at 4 p.m. – Mayor Herman reminded the Council to be at the Middle School by 3:30.

Spring Clean Up – Saturday, May 15, 2004 – Councilmember Nichols reported that the Town Yard Sale is scheduled for May 8, 2004, the weekend prior to the Spring Clean Up weekend of May 15, 2004.

Council of Governments (COG) – Councilmember Nichols reported that there would be a special meeting of COG on May 29, 2004 at 7 p.m. to discuss adequacy of regulations between the County and the Town. It will be in Room 003 of the County Office Building.

MOTION TO RECESS: Councilmember Ellis motioned to take a short recess at 8:22 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Councilmember Nichols motioned to close the session at 8:30 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

Items discussed were: Hawk Ridge Subdivision, J&B Property, Employee Evaluation.

REOPEN SESSION

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MOTION: Councilmember Nichols motioned to reopen the meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

APPROVED: The minutes of the April 12, 2004 meeting were read and approved as presented.

MOTION: Councilmember Nichols motioned to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2004 Official Council Meeting Minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Johnson motioned to adjourn.

Laura L. Lindberg
Clerk/Treasurer

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