

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF JULY 10, 2006 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING NO. 06-13

The regular Council meeting of the Town of Sykesville was held on July 10, 2006. 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: Edward Cinkole Debby S. Ellis Jeannie M. Nichols
Mark Rychwalski Russell G. Vreeland

**EXCUSED
ABSENCE:** Eugene E. Johnson, Sr.

STAFF: Matthew H. Candland, Town Manager
John R. Williams, Jr., Chief of Police
Ron A. Esworthy, Public Works Director

**ADDITIONS TO
THE AGENDA:** Mayor Herman called for additions to the agenda.
There were no additions to the agenda.

BUSINESS: **Town Services Survey – Don Hersche of Public Opinion Research** – Mr. Hersche presented the results of the 2006 survey.

There was some discussion in this regard.

Bloomfield Park – Basketball Court – Citizens surrounding Bloomfield Park presented a petition stating their opposition to “an expenditure of \$15,000 for constructing a public commercial basketball court in the Bloomfield Park area.” There was extensive discussion in this regard including comments both opposing and supporting the proposed Basketball Court in this park.

Public Safety Report –

MOTION: Councilmember Nichols motioned to recess at 8:50 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Councilmember Rychwalski motioned to reconvene at 9:07 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Nichols motion to open the Public Hearing on the Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment at [unknown] p.m.
The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Councilmember Nichols motioned to close the Public Hearing on the Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment at [unknown] p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Councilmember Nichols motioned to approve the Zoning Ordinance Amendment.

The motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer presented the Financial Report of May 2006 for approval.

MOTION: Councilmember Nichols motioned to approve the May 2006 Financial Report and file for audit.

The motion carried unanimously.

MISC: Town Web-Site – Matthew Candland reported that the 'hits' to the Town's web-site have steadily increased over the years. There was some discussion in this regard.

National Night-Out – Chief Williams stated that August 2nd is National Night Out.

MOTION TO RECESS:

Councilmember Ellis motioned to take a short recess at 9:30 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Councilmember Ellis motioned to close the session at 9:45 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

Items discussed were: Swimming Pool Update, Town Parking Lot Update, Charter Provision for Petitioning Budget.

REOPEN SESSION

MOTION: Councilmember Ellis motioned to reopen the meeting at 10:20 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

MISC: Used Dump Truck – Purchase – Ron Esworthy, Public Works Director, requested funds to purchase a used dump truck from Howard County at auction.

There was considerable discussion in this regard.

MOTION: Councilmember Rychwalski motioned to allocate up to \$10,000 from reserve funds to purchase a used dump truck from Howard County at auction.

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The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Ellis motioned to adjourn at 10:35 p.m.

Laura L. Lindberg
Clerk/Treasurer

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