

## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2007 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING NO. 07-01

The regular Council meeting of the Town of Sykesville was held on January 8, 2007. 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:** Jim Kelley

**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.

There were no additions to the agenda.

**BUSINESS:** Central Scholarship Bureau – Jan Wagner, Executive Director – Ms. Wagner made a brief presentation about her program and requested the Mayor & Council approve a Resolution supporting this program.

There was some discussion in this regard.

**MOTION:** **Councilmember Ellis motioned to approve a Resolution supporting the Central Scholarship Bureau as presented.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

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

There was some additional discussion including the recent train derailment, the “Code Red” system, the open administrative assistant position, and the Community Policing Advisory Panel.

Historic District Commission Appointment – Mayor Herman [re]appointed Adam Hall to the Historic District Commission.

**MOTION:** **Councilmember Vreeland motioned to approve the [re]appointment of Adam Hall to the Historic District Commission.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

Accounting Manual - Laura Lindberg reported she had not completed the Accounting Manual. She presented a partial listing of significantly past due

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Personal Property Tax bills to request disposition, as recommended by the Town Auditors. After discussion, it was decided that the Mayor and Council would determine a policy with regards to these types of past due bills.

**Route 32 Intersection – Update** – Matthew Candland presented a brief update on the progress of the Route 32 Intersection. There was some discussion, primarily regarding signage.

**Police Station Addition – Update** – Matthew Candland and Chief Williams reported that they are expecting completion by the end of the month.

**Schedule Mayor and Town Council Annual Retreat** - After discussion it was decided to hold the Annual Mayor and Town Council Retreat in the Visitor Center on Saturday, March 3, 2007, with a format similar to previous years.

**MINUTES**

**APPROVED:**

The minutes of the December 11, 2006 meeting were read and approved as presented.

**MOTION:**

**Councilmember Ellis motioned to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2006 Official Council Meeting Minutes.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The Treasurer presented the Financial Report of October and November, 2006 for approval.

**MOTION:**

**Councilmember Ellis motioned to approve the October 2006 Financial Report and file for audit.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**MOTION:**

**Councilmember Ellis motioned to approve the November 2006 Financial Report and file for audit.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**MISC:**

**Post Office** – Mayor Herman gave a brief update on the progress of the Post Office Expansion.

**MOTION TO RECESS:**

**Councilmember Nichols motioned to take a short recess at 7:57 p.m.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:**

**Councilmember Ellis motioned to close the session at 8:05 p.m.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

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

Dennis Hoover and Laura Lindberg were in attendance for 4 discussion items.

Items discussed were: Howard County Property, Riverfront Property, Parking Lot, Legal Issues re: Fence, Charter Amendment, Personnel.

**REOPEN SESSION**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nichols motioned to reopen the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Johnson motioned to adjourn at 9:36 p.m.

Laura L. Lindberg  
Clerk/Treasurer