

## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF June 11, 2007 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING NO. 07-11

The regular Council meeting of the Town of Sykesville was held on June 11, 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:** Jonathan Herman                      Jeannie Nichols                      Scott Sanzone  
Debby Ellis                                      Leo Keenan                              Frank Robert  
Eugene Johnson

**ABSENT:**

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

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

**BUSINESS:**

1. **Public Safety Report – Chief Williams-** Chief Williams presented the Public Safety Report. There were some questions concerning calls for strangers approaching middle school children, trustee from laundry facility wondering out of the work boundaries. Mayor Herman stated that we would see an increase of firework activity. Chief Williams stated that there would be additional coverage during the holiday shift. Council President Nichols asked if there were any programs offered to teach children about communicating to adults any suspicious activity. Some discussion concerning this. Chief also stated that during regular business hours persons can call 410-795-0757 and after that 911.
2. **Post Office –** Jean Maher the Old Main Line Visitor Center and Post Office Manager was in attendance to discuss the Post Office and let the public now how our contract post office operates. Ms. Maher gave a quick rundown of the revenues, expenses and daily routine of the post office/visitor center. She also explained the current rate changes that went into effect in May 2007. She is also looking into new avenues for additional revenue. There was some discussion and questions.
3. **Introduce Resolution to Amend Charter –**Town Manager Candland explained that this resolution is an amendment to split the existing Town Clerk/Treasurer position into two separate positions. He also stated that this process is a little different then an ordinance. There was some questions and discussion  
  
concerning this process.

**MOTION:** Council president Nichols motioned and council member Ellis seconded to introduce the resolution to amend the charter.

The motion carried unanimously.

4. **Costing of Town Services** –Council member Ellis stated that she would like to talk with the department chairs concerning exact cost, level of services, hard dollar cost, value. She invited anyone that would like to be involved in the discussions to do so and also stated that they would most likely be conducted during normal business hours. Mayor Herman stated that the town had done this exercise in the past and that it is very helpful.
5. **South Branch Park Charrette** – Matthew Candland gave a brief update, stating that Shawn Davis would send an electronic update of the proposal and comment that he is preparing for the town. Mayor Herman asked if the pictures of the property had been taken and if the securing of the property had been completed. Mr. Candland stated that he would follow up on all of the concerns. Some discussion concerning next step in Riverfront Project.
6. **Pool and Parks & Events Update-** Council member Robert gave a brief explanation concerning the community pool and distributed brochures of a possible idea. Mr. Candland stated that the monies allotted in 2003 were based on a very “bare bones” plan. Council member Robert wanted to be clear on the possible ways to approach this. Some discussion. There was also some discussion on possible locations for the pool. Council member Robert will contact prospective pool developers and other municipalities for ideas, info etc. Some discussion and questions from public. Council member Robert stated that the Parks and Events committee would have a meeting next week. Some questions concerning budget line item for that committee. Some discussion on process for appointing/interviewing volunteers for committee. Questions and discussion concerning purchase/donation of benches in parks.
7. **Roads and New Intersection Update** –Council member Robert asked for an update. Council member Johnson stated that he will meet with Ron concerning roads and would have an update at the next Council meeting. Council member Robert also stated that he has received several complaints about the signage at the Rte 32 and 851 intersection. Mr. Candland stated that he has had conversations with the state highway and town engineers concerning signage that is needed and recommended and that he will follow up on those conversations.
8. **Handicap Parking-** Mr. Candland stated that technically the town is in compliance. He is making a recommendation the town install a handicap spot on E. W. Beck’s parking lot behind rear entrance door and to improve the signage on the handicap spot on the parking lot behind the bank on Main

Street. Mr. Candland will also speak with Ron about moving/relocating dumpsters on that parking lot.

**9. Offer to Donate Log Home to Town** –Mr. Candland stated that he had received a call from a homeowner in Eldersburg asking if the town would have a use for a log home. Mr. Candland at that time told her that he didn't think that we would, but took a look at it anyway. He stated to her that it was not his decision to make but he would certainly take the information to them. After some discussion concerning this item the council decided that although it is a generous offer we do not have a use for it. Mr. Candland will send a letter to the homeowner to follow up.

**10. Mellor Avenue Properties**- Mayor Herman gave an update on this particular item. He stated that this is a very delicate situation and would like to handle it by giving the homeowners some incentives instead of "heavy-handedness". Mr. Candland stated that he has been having subsequent conversations with the homeowners and that progress is being made. There is still a lot of work to be done. Mayor Herman recommended that the council allow additional time for Mr. Candland and himself to continue working with the homeowners. Council was in agreement but would like Mr. Candland to follow up with the neighbors that brought their concerns to the meeting.

Apple Butter Market is on Sunday, June 24, 2007 Mayor Herman stated this as a reminder and asked for volunteers to assist with parking. Some discussion on possible volunteer options.

Joint Carroll/Frederick Chapter of MML is Wednesday, June 13, 2007, 6:00 pm, this was stated as a reminder

MML Convention is June 24, 2007 – June 27, 2007. Mayor stated this as a reminder.

**MOTION: Council member Ellis motioned and Council member Robert seconded to approve the May 29, 2007 minutes as submitted with the following changes:**

**# 8 should read:**

- **John Ellis, Town webmaster, handed out a draft of a data bank structure for a volunteer bank data base and examples of possible reports that could be produced from this database. There was additional discussion concerning the type questions that should be asked on the form.**

**The motion carried unanimously**

**MOTION TO: Council member Robert motioned and Council member Ellis seconded  
RECESS to take a brief recess prior to going into closed session at 9:38 p.m.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** Council member Keenan motioned and Council member Ellis seconded to close the session at 9:50 p.m.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

Those in attendance were: Mayor Herman, Council members Ellis, Robert, Keenan, Johnson, Nichols, and Sanzone, and Town Manager Matthew Candland, and Dennis Hoover.

Items discussed were:

**Warfield Update**

**Personnel**

**Armiger Case**

**REOPEN SESSION**

**MOTION:** Council President Nichols motioned and Council member Ellis seconded to reopen the meeting at 11:10 p.m.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

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**MOTION TO  
ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Council President Nichols motioned and Council member Sanzone seconded to adjourn at 11:11 p.m.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted  
Lorie Sanders  
Town Clerk

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