

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF October 9, 2007 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING NO. 07-16**

The regular Council meeting of the Town of Sykesville was held on October 9, 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    Debby Ellis                    Jeannie Nichols    Eugene Johnson  
                  Leo Keenan                Frank Robert                    Scott Sanzone

**ABSENT:**

**STAFF:** Ron Esworthy, Public Works Director  
                  Irma Bast, Town Treasurer  
                  Lorie Sanders, Town Clerk

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

**BUSINESS:**

1. **Bunker Hill Court Utility Repair Work**—Mr. Joe Barrington of Carroll County Utilities was in attendance to explain to residents that were in attendance, the extent of damages and the possible repairs that will be made to the sewer lines in this area. There was extensive discussion and some questions. Mr. Barrington will return in 2 weeks, our next Mayor and Town Council meeting with a plan of attack.
2. **Introduction of New Town Treasurer-Irma Bast**- Mayor Herman introduced the Town's new Treasurer and ask her to tell us a little bit about herself. Mayor Herman welcomed her to the town.

**MOTION TO: RECESS**                    **Council member Robert motioned and Council president Nichols seconded to take a brief recess at 7:50 p.m.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**MOTION:**                    **Council member Robert made a motion and Council president Nichols seconded to return to regular open session at 7:55 p.m.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

3. **Used Dump Truck Purchase**-Public Works Director, Ron Esworthy, was in attendance to explain this purchase, stating that the used International dump truck was purchased at a Howard County Auction at the cost of \$15,000 which is under budgeted amount of \$25,000. The dump is in great shape but will need approximately \$3,000 worth of repair work still keeping within or under budgeted amount.

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4. **Warfield Park Pathway-Bids**-Mayor Herman explained the disbursements of funds used for this project and outlined the area in the Warfield Complex that will be used for the pathway. He also stated that it has changed form the original plan due to funding. Several bids were received. Mayor Herman asked for a motion to award this project to Hoover's Grading and Paving in the amount of \$140,000.

**MOTION:** Council president Nichols motioned and Council member Ellis seconded to Approve Hoover's Grading and Paving bid in the amount of \$140,000.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. **Town Retreat-Summary**- Mayor Herman asked each council member for feedback concerning the retreat. Each member gave a brief summary of his or her interpretation of the retreat that was held on September 30, 2007. There was some additional discussion concerning goals that have been discussed involving creative ways of increasing revenue. All council members agreed that it was a great planning and learning exercise.

Council member Ellis brought to the council's attention three concerns that were brought to her attention by a town resident. She stated that she had helped him with two of them and that the third was one that she would like to see covered on the website. First concern was intersection questions, second was trash removal, and the third was lost pets. Council member Ellis would like to have a link on the town website listing lost pets that the public can access. Council agreed that it was a good idea.

Successful Small Towns seminar November 1, 2007, 7 – 9 pm Carroll Community College Scott Auditorium. Mayor Herman stated this as a reminder.

Mayor and Town Council orientation by Maryland Municipal League on Monday October 22, 2007, 5:30 pm Town House. Mayor Herman stated this as a reminder.

Last Apple Butter market will be on October 28, 2007. Stated as a reminder

**MOTION:** Council president Nichols motioned and council member Ellis seconded to approve minutes of September 24, 2007 to public record as submitted.

The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Council member Ellis motioned and council member Sanzone seconded to approve August 2007 Treasurer's report to public record as submitted.

The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION TO:  
RECESS** Council member Sanzone motioned and Council president Nichols seconded to take a brief recess prior to going into closed session at 8:50pm.

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**The motion carried unanimously.**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** Council member Johnson motioned and Council member Sanzone seconded to go into closed session at 8:55 pm.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

Those in attendance were: Mayor Herman, Council members Robert, Keenan, Ellis, Sanzone, and Johnson. Council president Nichols.

Items discussed were:

**Pool proposals**

**REOPEN SESSION**

**MOTION:** Council member Keenan motioned and council member Sanzone seconded to return to open session at 9:40 pm.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**MOTION TO**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Council, Council member Ellis motioned and council member Sanzone seconded to adjourn at 9:45 pm.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted

Lorie Sanders

Town Clerk