

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF November 26, 2007 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING NO. 07-19

The regular Council meeting of the Town of Sykesville was held on November 26, 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: Matthew Candland, Town Manager
 John Williams, 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. **Richard Doxzen-Recognition of Service-** The Mayor and Town Council at their last meeting agreed to recognize Mr. Doxzen's years of service by naming the Little Sykes Railroad Station "Doxzen Station". Mayor Herman presented Mr. Doxzen with a sign to be hung at the Little Sykes Railroad station on Sandosky Road.
2. **Bunker Hill-Sewer Line Repair-** Mr. Joe Barrington from Carroll County Utilities Department and Mr. Hap Witmer from Abel Recon were in attendance to explain the process and materials that will be used for repairing the sewer lines in this area. There were some questions from the council and public and some discussion concerning the time frame that repairs will be complete.
3. **FY 2006-2007 Town Audit-** Ms. Wanda Lynn and Mr. Sam Miller with Rager, Lehman and Houck, P.C. were in attendance to explain the FY 06/07 Town Audit. The audit went very well considering that the town was in transition between treasurers. Ms. Lynn went over the audit with the council and made some suggestions concerning Warfield. Ms. Lynn also stated that the town records were in good order and they did not find anything alarming while performing the audit process. There were some questions and discussion from council concerning the audit.
4. **Public Safety Report-Chief William-** Chief Williams gave this report stating that this report covers a period of November 13, 2007 to November 26, 2007 with a total of 132 calls for service, with 2.36% of officers time being spent out of Sykesville's jurisdiction. There was some discussion concerning the amount of times that we have called the State Police to assist our Department. There was also some discussion concerning the type of backup that we have if there is an electric or phone outage that will allow us to continue the level of service to our residents. Mayor Herman asked Chief William to gather some information concerning generators. Chief Williams stated that he would have that

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information for the members of the CIP meeting. There was no further discussion or comment.

5. **Economic Development Committee**- At the council meeting on November 13, 2007 Council members Keenan and Robert were asked to prepare a mission statement and goals and objectives for the committee to present to the Mayor and Town Council. There was some discussion and several questions from the council. Mayor Herman also suggested that the town look into the possibility of having an outside company do a “demographic” survey that would give us some insight on the businesses that might be well fitted for our town.

MOTION:

Council member Ellis and Council member Johnson seconded to approve the mission stated for the Economic Development Committee as submitted with the following changes:

- **First Paragraph; remove word “retail”, add Warfield Development Corp. to list, and remove word “retail” in next to last sentence and replace with “commercial”.**
- **Second bullet item to read –promoting downtown vitality, development of our local economy and cultural opportunities.**
- **Third bullet item to read – Working with Town residents, Sykesville business owners and committee members to determine what type of businesses to attract to Sykesville.**
- **Fourth bullet item: add Warfield Development Corp. to list.**
- **Remove fifth bullet item from mission statement completely.**

The motion carried unanimously

MML Dinner, December 6, 2007, Baldwin’s Station, 6:00 pm; this was stated as a reminder.

MOTION:

Council member Sanzone and Council member Ellis seconded to accept October 2007 Treasurers Report to public record as submitted. Council member Keenan asked that the treasurers report also be e-mailed with agenda and staff report.

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Council president Nichols motioned and council member Sanzone seconded to approve minutes of the November 13, 2007 meeting with the following changes:

Motion concerning the appointment of a town resident to the P & E committee to serve as a liaison to the CIP committee. Motion was stated incorrectly in the minutes and should be stated as follows: That council member Robert have the option to appoint a member to the P & E committee to serve as a liaison to the CIP committee. The vote was also incorrect as heard, the vote was, council members Johnson, Keenan, Robert, and Sanzone were in favor and Council member Ellis, Council president Nichols were in favor and the motion carried unanimously. The vote should read council members Keenan, Robert, and Sanzone were in favor and Council

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members Ellis, Johnson, Council president Nichols, and Mayor Herman were opposed and the motion failed.

This motion carried unanimously.

Due to the confusion concerning the previous motion on November 13, 2007 the Mayor asked that the motion be redone. The motion reads as follows:

MOTION: Council member Robert motioned and council member Sanzone seconded that a committee have the option of appointing someone not currently residing on a committee to represent that committee on other town committees such as CIP.

Council members Robert, Sanzone, and Keenan were in favor
Council president Nichols, council members Johnson and Ellis and Mayor Jonathan Herman were opposed.

The motion fails

There was a question concerning the activity of bulldozers on Raincliffe and Mayor Herman stated that the bulldozers are essentially collecting dirt because the owner of that property needs dirt for another project that he is currently working on.

Mayor Herman also stated that all leaves were to be placed in brown paper (Kraft bags) and gave a short explanation to the reasons for this. There was some discussion added from other council members and Town Manager Candland.

**MOTION TO:
RECESS** Council member Johnson motioned and council member Sanzone seconded to take a brief recess at 8:40 pm.

The motion carried unanimously.

**CLOSED
SESSION**

MOTION: Council member Sanzone motioned and Council member Robert seconded to go into closed session at 8:48 pm.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

Items discussed were:

Legal Consultation, Property Acquisition, and Personnel

REOPEN SESSION

MOTION: Council member Sanzone motioned and Council president Nichols seconded to reopen regular session at 11:04pm.

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The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION TO
ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Council president Nichols motioned and Council member Keenan seconded to adjourn meeting at 11:05 pm.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted
Lorie Sanders
Town Clerk