

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF March 10, 2008 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING NO. 08-05

The regular Council meeting of the Town of Sykesville was held on March 10, 2008. 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 Frank Robert
Scott Sanzone Leo Keenan Jeannie Nichols
Eugene Johnson

ABSENT:

STAFF: Matthew Candland, Town Manager
John Williams, Chief of Police
Lorie Sanders, Town Clerk
Brad Dyjak, Town Intern
Irma Bast, Town Treasurer
Dennis Hoover, Town Attorney for closed session

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Mayor Herman then called for additions to the agenda. There were none.

BUSINESS:

1. **Infrastructure Financing-Davenport & Company-** Mr. Joe Mason was in attendance to introduce his-self and explain how his company can help the town with financing. Town council discussed this item and the matter of infrastructure financing at the Mayor and Town Council Retreat on March 8, 2008. Mr. Mason was here to answer any questions regarding the financing.
2. **South Branch Park- Charrette Continuation** –Mr. Sean Davis will be at the March 24, 2008 meeting. He had not received all of the cost estimates and should be receiving them by the next meeting.
3. **Public Safety Report-** Chief Williams at this time stated that this report covers a period from February 25, 2008 to March 9 2008 with a total of 154 calls for service and .76% of the officer's time being spent out of the jurisdiction. Mayor Herman at this time thanked Chief Williams for his presentation at the Mayor and Town Council Retreat.
4. **Parks and Events Committee-Appointment-**Mayor Herman recommended that Mr. Chris Tru be appointed to the Parks and Events Committee.

MOTION: Council member Ellis motioned and Council member Keenan seconded to appoint Mr. Chris Tru to the Parks and Events Committee.

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This motion carried unanimously.

5. **Economic Development Committee-Appointments** Mayor Herman recommended that the following persons be appointed to the Economic Development Committee:

Mr. Matthew Feola
Ms. Donya Oneta
Ms. Rosa Topper
Ms. Elaine McLeod
Ms. Jennifer DeArmey

Mayor Herman also stated that Council member Keenan is the liaison for this committee.

MOTION:

Council member Keenan motioned and Council member Ellis seconded to appoint Mr. Matthew Feola, Ms. Donya Oneta, Ms. Rosa Topper, Ms. Elaine McLeod, and Ms. Jennifer DeArmey to the Economic Development Committee

This motion carried unanimously.

6. **Budget Committee-Appointments** Mayor Herman recommended that the following persons be appointed to the Budget Committee:

Mr. Al McEvoy
Mr. Howard Saslow
Mr. James Koppmann

MOTION:

Council president Nichols motioned and Council member Keenan seconded to appoint Mr. Al McEvoy, Mr. Howard Saslow, and Mr. James Koppmann to the Budget Committee.

This motion carried unanimously.

7. **Annual Town Retreat-** Town Manager Matthew Candland gave a brief update regarding the Retreat stating that the "theme" for this years retreat was Solid Waste and Recycling and Financing. He also gave a brief summary of Brad Dyjak's, Intern for the town, power point presentation concerning recycling, and stated that the town would have some discussions at the council meetings starting in April with the public concerning what direction they would like to go regarding recycling. The second part was to explain the concept of possibly borrowing money to pay for some of the capital items that are in the budget. The council members and Mayor had some brief comments about the retreat. There was some discussion concerning judges for the poster contest being sponsored by the Town with Piney Run Elementary School student James Fleming. Judges will be selected sometime before the April deadline. Town Manager Matthew Candland and Intern Brad Dyjak are working on getting prizes.

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8. **Solid Waste and Recycling Initiatives**-This item was covered in Agenda Item # 7.

At this time Mayor Herman stated, as a reminder, that there will be a Destination Sykesville Meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2008, at 6:30pm at the Town House, with free pizza.

Carroll County Chapter of MML Dinner, Wednesday, March 19, 2008 in Westminster, also stated as a reminder.

- MOTION:** Council member Ellis motioned and Council member Sanzone seconded to approve minutes of the February 25, 2008 meeting as submitted to public record with the following changes:
- Listing Brandenburg Circle Parking issue suggestions from public.
 - If one-way designation occurs, ban parking inside circle
 - Avoid parking on inside near fire hydrants
 - Ban parking on both sides, nearest corners only
 - Driveway aprons limit parking spaces on outside
 - Allow parking on both sides
 - Yield two (2) feet of property on each side of street for curb removal and road widening
 - Move bus stop to Norris/Brandenburg intersection
 - Only limit parking during school hours or bus hours
 - Install sloped curbs
 - Alternate parking days
 - Provide overflow parking

The motion carried unanimously

- MOTION TO:
RECESS** Council president Nichols motioned and Council member Keenan seconded to take a brief recess at 8:05 pm.

The motion carried unanimously

**CLOSED
SESSION**

- MOTION:** Council member Johnson motioned and Council president Nichols seconded to go into closed session at 8:15 pm.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

Items discussed were:
Employee Salaries

REOPEN SESSION

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MOTION: Council president Nichols motioned and Council member Keenan seconded to reopen regular session at 8:30 pm

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Council president Nichols motioned and Council member Ellis seconded effective July 1, 2009, beginning next fiscal year, allocate \$25,000 for salary adjustments, which includes fringe benefits, for town employees.

This motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Council member Ellis motioned and Council president Nichols seconded to go into closed session at 8:35 pm.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

Items discussed were:

Warfield Update

Prologue Housing

Boy Scout Troop 716

Southern State Property/River Place

Springfield Avenue/Gas Station Properties

REOPEN SESSION

MOTION: Council president Nichols motioned and Council member Sanzone seconded to reopen regular session at 9:35 pm

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Council president Nichols motioned and Council member Ellis seconded to adjourn meeting at 9:36 pm.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted
Lorie Sanders
Town Clerk