

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF March 24, 2008 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING NO. 08-06

The regular Council meeting of the Town of Sykesville was held on March 24, 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 Frank Robert
Scott Sanzone Leo Keenan Jeannie Nichols

ABSENT: Eugene Johnson Debby Ellis

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Mayor Herman then called for additions to the agenda. There were three.

- #7 Update on Parks and Events
- #8 Economic Development Committee Update
- #9 Boy Scout trailer request update

BUSINESS:

1. **South Branch Park Update-** Mr. Sean Davis was in attendance to share his cost estimates to implement the proposed conceptual site plan. Mr. Davis briefly explained each phase of the plan and the proposed cost of each. Phase One being \$767,632. Phase Two and Three combined being \$375,379. Phase Four being \$226,895 and Phase Five being \$54,877, for a total of \$1,424,783. John Byrd, from Howard County was also in attendance and spoke briefly regarding the project. There was some discussion and questions. Mr. Davis asked that the Council take time to look over the proposal and he will return to the next council meeting on April 14, 2008.
2. **Public Safety Report-Chief Williams-** at this time stated that this report covers a period from March 10, 2008 to March 23, 2008 with a total of 131 calls for service and 1.22% of the officer's time being spent out of the jurisdiction. Chief Williams also stated that his department had conducted a traffic speed survey on Harlan Lane at Gray Way on March 31, 2008 at two different times on that day. He reported his findings. There was some discussion concerning what type of traffic and speed control devices being placed at the problem spots. Chief also stated that his department would be hosting two "Round-Table" discussions in May, one on May 14, 2008 for all town residents and the second on May 21, for the youth of Sykesville, which would give the public the opportunity to voice concerns and become more involved. Chief Williams at this time stated that Officer

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Matthew Kurtz has successfully completed his probationary period and has performed very well. Chief is recommending that he be promoted to the rank of Private First Class and receive the salary increase for that promotion.

Chief also stated that his department is going to run a junior CSI Academy for middle schools students in the area, for one day a week for 4 weeks, starting sometime in June.

MOTION: Council president Nichols motioned and Council member Keenan seconded to approve promotion of Officer Matthew Kurtz and to increase his salary to \$36,504 to reflect that promotion.

This motion carried unanimously.

3. **Infrastructure Financing- Davenport & Company-** Irma Bast, Town Treasurer, has reviewed the Davenport proposal and has evaluated and talked with representatives for the Local Government Infrastructure Financing program. She was in attendance to explain options and to make a recommendation as to which program we should use for our infrastructure financing this fiscal year. There was some discussion and questions.
4. **Solid Waste and Recycling Initiatives-** Town Manager, Matthew Candland stated that the first public workshop to share an abbreviated version of the presentation Intern, Brad Dyjak gave at the Mayor and Town Council Retreat will be held at the Mayor and Town Council meeting on April 14, 2008. There are two additional public workshops planned for the May 12, 2008 and June 9, 2008 meetings.
5. **Budget Committee-** Town Manager, Matthew Candland stated that now that this Committee has been formed the first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at the Town House. This meeting is open to the public.
6. **Recycling Poster Contest-Selection of three judges-** James Fleming requested that the Town select three judges to judge the submissions for his poster contest. Town Manager, Matthew Candland at this time suggested that the Mayor and Town Council appoint Mr. Cliff Engle, Carroll County Bureau Chief of Solid Waste, and Brad Dyjak, Town of Sykesville Intern as judges. James Fleming would also appreciate it if Mayor Herman were willing to do it.

MOTION: Council member Robert motioned and Council member Keenan seconded to appoint Mr. Cliff Engle, Mr. Brad Dyjak, and Mayor Herman to judge the submissions to the poster contest.

This motion carried unanimously.

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7. **Parks and Events Update-** Liaison Frank Robert gave a brief update and thanked everyone that helped with the Easter Egg Hunt, it was a great success. He also stated that the Golf Tourney will be on Friday, April 18, 2008, and thanked the Town for turning on the electric at South Branch Park. Ivy Wells, P & E Committee member, gave a quick rundown of Concerts in the Park and also gave the date for the Sykesville Family Fun Weekend which is planned for the last weekend in July 2008.
8. **Economic Development Committee-** Council member and liaison Leo Keenan stated that the first EDC meeting will be on Tuesday, April 8, 2008.
9. **Boy Scout Troop Trailer Request-** Town Manager, Matthew Candland gave a brief update and stated that there has been no decision made on this matter and that he is still looking into it.

MOTION: Council president Nichols motioned and Council member Sanzone seconded to approve minutes of the March 10, 2008 meeting as submitted to public record.

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Council president Nichols motioned and Council member Sanzone seconded to approve Treasurers Report for February 2008 as submitted to public record.

The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION TO:
RECESS** Council member Keenan motioned and Council president Nichols seconded to take a brief recess at 8:55 pm.

The motion carried unanimously.

**CLOSED
SESSION**

MOTION: Council president Nichols motioned and Council member Keenan seconded to go into closed session at 9:05 pm.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

Items discussed were:

E. W. Beck Request

Warfield Update

Prologue Housing

Southern States Property/River Place

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REOPEN SESSION

MOTION: Council president Nichols motioned and Council member Sanzone seconded to reopen regular session at 10:15 pm

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION TO

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Council member Robert motioned and Council president Nichols seconded to adjourn meeting at 10:16 pm.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Lorie Sanders

Town Clerk