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OFFICIAL MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2023 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING **NO. 23-05**

The Council meeting of the Town of Sykesville was held on Monday, March 13, 2023. Mayor Link called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Town House Council Chambers. Mayor Link led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

PRESENT: Mayor Stacy Link, Council President Anna Carter, and Council Members Alan Grasley, Mark Dyer, Leo Keenan, and Jeremiah Schofield.

ABSENT: Council Member Elizabeth Guroff

STAFF: Joseph Cosentini, Town Manager
Police Chief Michael Spaulding
Kerry Kavaloski, Town Clerk
Craig Weaver, Town Treasurer

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mark Franz, member of the S&P Railway, made a public comment regarding the Pullman car and caboose steps and deck. He explained that other outside work has been completed on the Pullman car and the caboose, but they would like the entry steps and deck refurbished or replaced by the Town.

CONSENT AGENDA

- I. **Minutes from February 13, 2023**
- II. **Appointment of Eric Manas to the Historic District Commission for a 3-year term expiring March 2026**

Mayor Link announced that she asked Kerry Kavaloski, Town Clerk, to add the entirety of her statement regarding the Open Meetings Act decision to the minutes from February 13.

MOTION: Council Member Grasley motioned to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. Council President Carter seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION

III. Bill Hudson, President of the Former Students and Friends of Robert S. Moton High School

Mr. Hudson presented a history of the Robert S. Moton High School and the organization that he is president of, which is trying to get a dedicated space in the building for a museum. He explained that the school closed in 1965, and the building currently houses the Carroll County Recreation and Parks office and the Carroll County Board of Elections. The Former Students and Friends of Robert S. Moton High School have approached the Carroll County Commissioners regarding creating the museum, and he is asking for support from the Towns in Carroll County.

NEW BUSINESS

IV. Consider/Discuss/Act on Cancelling the March 27 meeting

Joe Cosentini, Town Manager, explained that he and the Mayor will both be at the National Main Street Conference on March 27. The agenda for the meeting would have a limited number of business items on it. He recommends cancelling the March 27 meeting and having the next meeting be on April 10.

Council President Carter asked if the candidates for the upcoming election would be posted on the website due to March 27 being the last day for the submittal of candidacy filing paperwork. Mr. Cosentini explained that they could be, and the ballot would be finalized on April 10.

MOTION: Council President Carter motioned to cancel the March 27 meeting. Council Member Schofield seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

- The next meeting is Monday, April 10, 2023
- We have volunteer opportunities available on the Historic District Commission and Police Auxiliary. Email town@sykesville.net for more information about volunteering with the Town.
- Candidacy filing forms must be submitted by noon on March 27. Mail-in ballot request forms are available on the Town's website. Election Day is May 2.
- Staff Updates
 - Joe Cosentini, Town Manager, announced that the road closure on Main Street started the week prior. A complaint was received and passed to the contractor and State Highway regarding the use of the variable message boards while the road work was not occurring.

He also announced that the Post Office will be closed Wednesday to Monday for interior painting.

Spring Cleanup Day with a free bulk pickup is April 15. Mayor Link announced that Habitat for Humanity is staging a Fill-The-Truck event in the Little Sykes Railway parking lot.

- Treasurer's Report
Craig Weaver, Town Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report for February 2023. He explained that the revenues are currently over the expenditures. He announced that Farmers and Merchants Bank is aware of the ongoing issues with several banks closing. He is working on the Fire Department annual donation and the Raincliffe trash reimbursement. He further explained that the Comcast payments for internet are not an overlap, however it is a description issue with where the service is actually located.
- Public Safety Report
Chief Spaulding presented the Public Safety Report for the period of February 21 through March 5. There was a total of 401 reports, including 23 assist other agencies, eight community policing events, 14 foot patrols, 14 incident reports, 194 patrol checks, and 27 traffic enforcement initiatives.

Chief Spaulding explained that the "illegal dumping" incident did not result in a citation due to the individual leaving the scene before the officers arrived. The dog bite incident is required to be reported because medical response was necessary. Chief Spaulding also explained that Officer Jacobs was on his way to work when he responded to an incident occurring in Mt. Airy and stopped to assist. Officer Hoppa was also on her way to work when she was able to assist with an overdose. She had naloxone as part of her uniform equipment.

There was a question about incident report # 23-SPD-0029 which was a theft from a residence. There was a cleaning crew at the residence when some money disappeared. Officer Pichardo is fluent in Spanish and was able to communicate with the cleaning crew. The money was returned.

Officer Annelise Young was named the Officer of the Year, and Auxiliary Officer Ian Ward was named the Auxiliary Officer of the Year.

- Council/Committee Reports
 - Council President Carter announced that the Historic District Commission will have a special meeting regarding the Guidelines update on Wednesday, March 15, at 2 P.M.
 - Council Member Schofield announced that the Planning Commission met on March 6 to approve the annual report for 2022.

The Council took a five-minute recess at 7:52 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION:

The meeting is proposed to be closed pursuant to the General Provisions of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Section 3-305(b): (3) To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto.

MOTION: Council Member Grasley motioned and Council Member Schofield seconded to go into closed session at 7:58 P.M.

The motion carried unanimously.

Those in attendance were: Mayor Link, Council President Carter, Council Members Dyer, Grasley, Keenan, and Schofield, Town Manager Joseph Cosentini, and Town Clerk Kerry Kavaloski.

Items discussed were:

- **Acquisition of Property – Downtown Sykesville Connection Proposal – action**

MOTION: Council Member Grasley motioned and Council Member Schofield seconded to go back into open session at 8:35 P.M.

The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Grasley motioned and Council Member Schofield seconded to adjourn meeting at 8:36 P.M.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Respectfully submitted
Town Clerk Kerry Kavaloski**