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OFFICIAL MINUTES OF APRIL 24, 2023 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING **NO. 23-07**

The Council meeting of the Town of Sykesville was held on Monday, April 24, 2022. 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, Elizabeth Guroff, Mark Dyer, and Leo Keenan.

ABSENT: Council Member Jeremiah Schofield

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA:

I. Minutes from April 10, 2023

MOTION: Council Member Grasley motioned to approve the item on the Consent Agenda with the corrections provided via email. Council Member Dyer seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

II. Consider/Discuss/Act on Resolution NO. 2023-04 – A Resolution Supporting the Allocation of Space at the Site of the Old Robert Moton High School for a Museum

Mayor Link explained that this is a result of the presentation earlier this year from the President of the Former Students and Friends of the Robert Moton High School. Council Member Grasley asked if the resolution was still necessary due to the County Commissioners including funds in the budget for a museum space. The County budget is not finalized yet, so the resolution in support is still necessary. The City of Westminster also passed a resolution supporting the allocation of the space.

MOTION: Council Member Guroff motioned to approve Resolution NO. 2023-04 – A Resolution Supporting the Allocation of Space at the Site of the Old Robert Moton High School for a Museum. Council Member Keenan seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

III. Consider/Discuss/Act on multiple documents for the Circuit Rider program

Mayor Link explained that these documents are the annual documents needed to continue participating in the Circuit Rider program. The Town utilizes this program for an employee who administers the grant programs and special projects for the Town. Council President Carter asked if the additional funding for the position that the Town supplies was ever increased. Joe Cosentini, Town Manager, explained that it was increased last year.

MOTION: Council Member Keenan motioned to approve Resolution NO. 2023-05 and authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary documents related to the Town's continued participation in the Circuit Rider program. Council President Carter seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

- The next meeting is Monday, May 8, 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.
- Election Day is May 2
- Staff Updates
 - Mr. Cosentini announced that there will be a Swearing-in Ceremony for the newly elected Council Members on May 15 at 7 PM.
 - Mr. Cosentini also announced that the first draft of the Historic District Commission Guidelines was received, and staff are reviewing it.
 - Sidewalk improvements at various places throughout Town will be occurring soon.
 - The work on Main Street is progressing as expected. The sewer work will be finished on Springfield Avenue, and then they will start on water repairs. There will be bypass lines during the water repairs.
 - Public Safety Report
Chief Spaulding presented the Public Safety Report for the period of April 3 through April 14. There was a total of 306 reports, including five assist other agencies, four community policing events, 20 foot patrols, 14 incident reports, 148 patrol checks, and 15 traffic enforcement initiatives. Chief Spaulding explained that the report is shorter than normal due to his presence at the Maryland Municipal League Police Executive Association Conference, and Chief Spaulding announced that he was elected President of the Association.

Chief Spaulding thanked Julie Della-Maria and the Main Street Merchants for providing him with a gift basket to raffle off.

Chief Spaulding explained that the indecent exposure incident on Norwood Avenue was a long-term renter who was arrested and charged. He also explained that the ground survey stakes that were stolen in a different incident may have been part of a property dispute. Chief Spaulding also explained that a person can be given an emergency petition if they articulate wanting to cause harm to themselves or others. In that instance, a law enforcement officer is required to take the person to the hospital.

Chief Spaulding also announced that there have been numerous thefts from automobiles in the area. He reminded everyone to lock their doors and, if possible, to park their car in their garage. Sergeant Lacy did a full analysis of catalytic converter thefts and trends in the nearby areas. There was 17 incidents reported in Carroll County, but there was 108 incidents reported in Howard County. Sergeant Lacy wrote a crime watch bulletin that will be mailed out to all residents.

Chief Spaulding also announced that the business directory has been completely updated with correct contact information. His officers will keep it updated.

- Council/Committee Reports
 - Council Member Keenan announced that the Art and Wine Festival is May 6. Volunteer opportunities and tickets are still available. He also thanked the Council for their support of the Downtown Sykesville Connection's purchase of a building on Main Street.

Council Member Keenan asked if there was a procedure for campers that are parked on the street for an extended period of time. There are three on Hawk Ridge and CaraCara. Mr. Cosentini will have staff look into the campers.

- Council Member Guroff announced that the Sykesville Parks and Recreation Commission has a park cleanup on April 22. The Movies in the Park are upcoming this summer.
- Council President Carter announced the Historic District Commission is meeting April 26 to review applications and welcome two new members. There are still openings on the Commission for anyone interested in volunteering.
- Mayor Link announced that there will be an Arbor Day celebration with five trees planted in Millard Cooper Park on April 28 at 9 AM. All are invited to celebrate the Town's designation as Tree City USA.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Grasley motioned and Council President Carter seconded to adjourn meeting at 7:30 P.M.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Town Clerk Kerry Kavaloski