



## ***Town of Sykesville***

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## ***Town House***

*Stacy Link, Mayor*

*Joseph Cosentini, Town Manager*

*Jennifer Livesay, Town Treasurer*

*Kerry G. Kavaloski, Town Clerk*

### **OFFICIAL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2025 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING** **NO. 25-14**

The Council meeting of the Town of Sykesville was held on Monday, September 8, 2025. 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 Mark Dyer, Elizabeth Guroff, Leo Keenan, Alexandra Ries, and Jeremiah Schofield.

**STAFF:** Joseph Cosentini, Town Manager  
Kerry Kavaloski, Town Clerk  
Shawn Kilgore, Police Lieutenant  
Jennifer Livesay, Town Treasurer

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were no public comments.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

I. Minutes from August 11, 2025

**MOTION:** Council Member Dyer motioned to approve the item on the Consent Agenda as amended. Council Member Keenan seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

II. Consider/Discuss/Act on a Proclamation for Hispanic Heritage Month  
Mayor Link read the Proclamation for Hispanic Heritage Month.

**MOTION:** Council Member Keenan motioned to approve the Proclamation for Hispanic Heritage Month. Council Member Dyer seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS:**

- The next meeting is Monday, September 22, 2025.
- We have volunteer opportunities available as a Crossing Guard and on the Police Auxiliary. Email [town@sykesville.net](mailto:town@sykesville.net) for more information about volunteering with the Town.
- Staff Updates

- Mr. Cosentini announced that the streetscape project on Oklahoma Avenue is almost complete, and the road is expected to reopen by the end of the week. There is still construction behind the French Twist that ties into the stormwater system.

There was discussion about the heavy vehicles using the road and closing Oklahoma Avenue from Main Street to Baldwin Drive indefinitely. The road was designed to specifications that included heavy vehicle use, and the road needs to remain open at least until the construction is complete, as it is going to be used as a detour route during the construction at the intersection of Baldwin Drive and Main Street. That construction is set to begin after the winter holiday season.

The Downtown Sykesville Connection allocated grant funding to install alleyway lighting above the roadway on Oklahoma Avenue.

The stormwater project on Norwood Avenue and Central Avenue is moving forward and should be ready for contract in the next month. The project is budgeted for in the FY2025-2026 budget.

Liberatores has brought in architectural support for their Maryland Historical Trust resubmission for the station building.

The B.F. Shriver Cannery building in South Branch Park cannot be rehabilitated and will have to be demolished or deconstructed. There has been no funding commitment from Howard County for the reuse of the site yet.

Flight Fiber will be knocking on doors and leaving fliers at houses throughout Town on September 9.

- Treasurer's Report  
Jennifer Livesay, Town Treasurer, presented the August 2025 Treasurer's Report. She explained that the Town has received \$294,000 from the Town County Agreement and \$457,000 from real estate tax revenue. The largest expenses for the month included staff salaries and computer software. There was also an expense that offsets some of the Town County Agreement for stormwater infrastructure and maintenance.
- Public Safety Report  
Lieutenant Kilgore presented the Public Safety Report for the period of August 4 through September 1. There was a total of 1,022 reports, including 10 assist other agencies, 23 community policing events, 85 foot patrols, 536 patrol checks, and 103 traffic enforcement initiatives.

Lieutenant Kilgore explained that the two thefts of license plates were not related events. The one is most likely a lost plate, but it was reported as stolen in case it is used on another car.

He does not see any trends or major upticks of note.

Incident # 000143 was malicious destruction at Building A in the Warfield Complex. He is unsure if there are cameras in the area, but he will find out and will let Council know.

Incident # 000140 was between two dogs. One had escaped from its house and was not purposefully off leash.

Sergeant Lacy is handing out Apple Air Tags to Town residents who are owners of commonly stolen cars. He has forms that the owners will need to fill out that will allow the Police Department to access the data if the car is stolen.

Jr. CSI is on September 13 in Millard Cooper Park.

- Council/Commission Updates
  - Council Member Dyer announced that he is the new Carroll Cable Regulatory Commission Chairperson.
  - Council Member Schofield announced that the Planning Commission September meeting was cancelled.
  - Council Member Guroff announced that the Historic District Commission did not have a quorum for their August meeting.

She also passed along comments she has received about how much people like the fence being gone around Fountain Park.

- Council Member Ries announced that SPARC is showing The Croods on September 13. There is a park cleanup on September 20 along with a Concert in the Park. The next meeting is on September 25.
- Council Member Keenan announced that tickets to the Beer Festival are available on the website. The Fall Fest is scheduled for October 18, and Trick or Treat on Main Street is scheduled for October 26. Julie Della-Maria is presenting at the Maryland Main Street conference about the partnership that resulted in 7611 Main Street being purchased. Grant funding leftover from the restoration of 7611 Main Street has been reallocated to the Station building.
- Mayor Link announced that the Springfield Hospital Center will have their annual 5K run and walk on October 11.

**RECESS: Council took a five-minute recess at 7:36 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 Keenan motioned and Council President Carter seconded to go into closed session at 7:37 P.M.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

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

**Items discussed were:**

- **Real Property – Consideration of Purchasing Property within Town Limits – no action**

**MOTION: Council Member Guroff motioned and Council President Carter seconded to go back into open session at 7:57 P.M.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Guroff motioned and Council Member Ries seconded to adjourn meeting at 7:58 P.M.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Respectfully submitted  
Town Clerk Kerry Kavaloski**