

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF MAY 14, 2018 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NO. 18-09

The Council meeting of the Town of Sykesville was held on Monday, May 14, 2018. Mayor Shaw called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Meeting Room at the Town House. Mayor Shaw led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

PRESENT: Mayor Ian Shaw, Council President Julia Betz, and Council Members Anna Carter, Alan Grasley, Leo Keenan, and Stacy Link.

ABSENT: Council Member Chris True

STAFF: Aretha Adams, Town Manager
Police Chief Michael Spaulding
Sergeant Shawn Kilgore
Evelyn Sweet, Town Treasurer
Kerry Chaney, Town Clerk
Derek Shreves, Public Works Director
Dennis Hoover, Town Attorney

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Kathy Fuller introduced herself. She is running for County Commissioner.
Dave Greenwalt introduced himself. He is also running for County Commissioner.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Evelyn Sweet, Town Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report for March 2018. There were no questions regarding the report.

MOTION: Council President Betz motioned to approve the March 2018 Treasurer's Report. Council Member Grasley seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY

REPORT: Chief Spaulding presented the Public Safety Report for the period of April 16 through May 6. There were a total of 536 reports including 15 assists of other agencies, 10 community policing events, 23 incident reports, 260 patrol checks, and 79 traffic enforcement initiatives.

Chief Spaulding announced that the second annual Chamber of Commerce Awards ceremony will be held on May 17, 2018. Lieutenant Kevin Cox, PFC Eric Almenas, and PFC Jason Kirkner are all nominated to receive awards.

Chief Spaulding also thanked Barbara Prawdzik, the administrative assistant at the Police Department. She fielded numerous calls from multiple states and as far away as Italy regarding the groundhog shooting video. The video was incorrectly tagged as a Sykesville Police Officer.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

- Written reports were provided.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Farmers' Markets begin on Sunday, May 20, 2018 from 9 AM to 1 PM
- The Town offices will be closed on Monday, May 28, 2018 for Memorial Day
- The Next Mayor and Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.
- The June 2018 meeting will be held on Monday, June 25, 2018.

OPEN SESSION:

Consent Agenda:

- I. **(2018-26) Town Council Minutes from April 23, 2018**

MOTION: Council President Betz motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Link seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

Business:

- II. **(2018-27) Discussion of the Petition for Buttercup Annexation**
Brooks Leahy was present to discuss this petition. They would like to annex in 9.7 acres adjacent to the Raincliffe Community and rezone the area from Industrial to Residential. Mr. Leahy explained that they are only planning on developing less than half of the 9.7 acres to allow for a buffer between the Baltimore Gas and Electric (BGE) owned property, another industrial building, and the proposed residential. The BGE owned property and the industrial building are not part of the annexation. They also plan on maintaining connectivity throughout the area by connecting with the Raincliffe trails and the existing sidewalk.

MOTION: Council Member Grasley motioned to verify the petition for the Buttercup Annexation. Council Member Keenan seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

- III. **(2018-28) Discussion and Action of Street Closure for August First Friday Food Truck Event**
This is a merchant led event that was originally planned to have no road closures. Due to the limited sidewalk space in locations, it is safer to close Oklahoma Avenue from Baldwin's Drive to Main Street. Chief Spaulding does not anticipate any police issues arising from the road closure and will work with the merchants through the event process.

MOTION: Council Member Keenan motioned to approve a road closure of Oklahoma Avenue from Main Street to Baldwin's Drive on August 3, 2018. Council Member Link seconded.

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The motion carried unanimously with Council Member Grasley stepping out of the room.

IV. (2018-29) Discussion and Action on Cider Stroll and the Required Liquor License: Resolution NO. 2018-05

After brief discussion, it was determined to table this item until the next meeting so the merchants can decide if they would like to pursue a liquor license for this event or proceed with a non-alcoholic event.

V. (2018-30) Public Hearing on the Town's Entrance into LEOPS

Mayor Shaw opened the public hearing on the Town's entrance into the Law Enforcement Officers Pension System (LEOPS). Aretha Adams, Town Manager, gave some background regarding this item.

Mark Dyer, citizen, expressed his support for the entrance into LEOPS. He believes it is important for the Town to enter into it.

Dan Andersen, citizen, also expressed his support for the entrance into LEOPS.

Mayor Shaw closed the public hearing.

VI. (2018-31) Discussion and Action on LEOPS: Resolution NO. 2018-02 and 2018-03

MOTION: Council Member Link motioned to approve Resolution NO. 2018-02 and 2018-03 for entrance into the Law Enforcement Officers Pension System. Council Member Keenan seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

VII. (2018-32) Public Hearing on Ordinance NO. 302 – FY19 Operating and Capital Budget and FY19-23 Capital Program

Mayor Shaw opened the public hearing on Ordinance NO. 302 – FY19 Operating and Capital Budget and FY19-23 Capital Program. There were no comments at this time. The hearing will remain open for the next Mayor and Council meeting on May 29, 2018.

VIII. (2018-33) Public Hearing on the FY 2019 Real and Personal Property Tax Rates (Same as FY2018)

Mayor Shaw opened the public hearing on the FY 2019 Real and Personal Property Tax Rates. There were no comments at this time. The hearing will remain open for the next Mayor and Council meeting on May 29, 2018.

COUNCIL AND

MANAGER COMMENTS:

- Aretha Adams, Town Manager, thanked the Public Works and Police Departments for all of their hard work during the Art and Wine Festival.
- Ms. Adams also thanked Kerry Chaney, Town Clerk, for all of her hard work. She wished her a happy Municipal Clerks' Week.

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- Ms. Adams announced that because of the weather, the striping of 714 Sandosky Road has been pushed back.
- Council Member Carter announced that the Movies in the Park was cancelled on Saturday, May 12, due to weather. She thanked staff for working on a Saturday to post notifications. Parks and Recreation will be examining the May movies and will consider moving them to a different date in the future due to continuing weather delays.
- Council Member Carter also announced that the new mascot for Parks and Recreation had arrived, Sparky the Squirrel.

MOTION: Council President Betz motioned and Council Member Keenan seconded to take a five minute recess at 8:04 P.M.

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Council Member Grasley motioned and Council President Betz seconded to go back into open session at 8:15 P.M.

The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION:

The meeting is proposed to be closed pursuant to the General Provisions of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Section 3-305(b): (2) To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals with respect to a matter that is not related to public business; (3) To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto; and (7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

MOTION: Council President Betz motioned and Council Member Grasley seconded to go into closed session at 8:16 P.M.

The motion carried unanimously.

Those in attendance were: Mayor Shaw, Council President Betz, Council Members Carter, Grasley, Keenan, and Link, Town Manager Aretha Adams, and Town Attorney Dennis Hoover.

Council Member True was absent.

Items discussed were:

- I. Privacy** – Town Engineering Costs Considerations – Protection of Privacy and Reputation
- II. Property** – Town Asset Acquisition
- III. Consult with Legal Counsel** – Discussion of Warfield

MOTION: Council Member Keenan motioned and Council Member Grasley seconded to go back into open session at 9:46 P.M.

The motion carried unanimously.

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ADJOURN: **There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Shaw motioned and Council President Betz seconded to adjourn meeting at 9:47 P.M.**

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Town Clerk Kerry Chaney