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OFFICIAL MINUTES OF JULY 9, 2018 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NO. 18-12

The Council meeting of the Town of Sykesville was held on Monday, July 9, 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, Chris True, and Stacy Link.

ABSENT: Council Member Leo Keenan

STAFF: Aretha Adams, Town Manager
Police Chief Michael Spaulding
Evelyn Sweet, Town Treasurer
Kerry Chaney, Town Clerk
Derek Shreves, Public Works Director

PUBLIC

CONCERNS: Ross Dangel was in attendance to suggest the Mayor and Town Council consider naming the pedestrian tunnel that goes from Millard Cooper Park to the Warfield property underneath Maryland Route 32 after Jonathan Herman. Mr. Herman was the Mayor of Sykesville for 14 years, from 1995 to 2009, including during the acquisition and annexation of the Warfield property and the reconfiguration and reconstruction of the intersection of Springfield Avenue and Maryland Route 32.

Mr. Dangel also asked if the Mayor and Town Council would be in support of closing River Road on the weekends so pedestrians and bicycle riders would be safer. This road is outside of Town limits. The Mayor and Council will consider if they want to support this and how to best do so.

TREASURER'S

REPORT: Evelyn Sweet, Town Treasurer, presented the May 2018 Treasurer's Report. She explained that the expenditures were greater than the revenues, but it is still on track for the budget year. She also explained that the Town received a dividend check from Chesapeake Employers Insurance Workers' Compensation for having a safe year.

MOTION: Council Member True motioned to approve the May 2018 Treasurer's Report with personal information redacted. Council President Betz seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

REPORT: Chief Spaulding presented the public safety report for June 18 through July 1. There were a total of 271 reports including 9 Assist Other Agencies, 5 community policing events, 9 incident reports, 153 patrol checks, and 26 traffic enforcement initiatives. He explained that Sergeant Kilgore is a certified member of the Critical Incident Stress Management team and he provided support to cadets who responded to the shooting in Annapolis. Three officers have been certified and the remaining officers will complete certification in November.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE

REPORTS:

- Written reports were provided.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Farmers' Markets every Sunday from 9 AM to 1 PM

OPEN SESSION:

Consent Agenda:

- I. **(2018-53) Town Council Minutes from June 25, 2018**

MOTION: Council Member True motioned to approve the item on the consent agenda. Council Member Grasley seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

Business:

- II. **(2018-54) Discussion of and Action on the Proposed Updated Fee Schedule**

Aretha Adams, Town Manager, explained the updates to the schedule since the last version was presented to the Mayor and Council. The parking impact fee has been increased to \$1500 from \$1,000, the solid waste collection permit was updated to reflect what we are actually charging, the solicitation permit fee was increased to match what was requested by the Council, and the overhead signs fee will be added to the Historic District Commission page instead of being on the Miscellaneous Charges page.

The solicitation permit is good for six months and allows the Town to perform a background check on the individuals who are soliciting. Each person would need a permit, not one per company or group.

MOTION: Council Member Grasley motioned to approve the fee schedule with the modifications. Council Member Link seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL AND MANAGER

COMMENTS:

- Council Member Link asked for more clarity and time during a vote and for the vote outcome to be announced to the public. She is concerned over the

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quickness of some calls for votes and the possibility of a lack of understanding by the public.

- There is no update on the credit card machine at the Post Office yet.
- Thank you to the Police Department and Public Works for their help during the parade. Auxiliary Officer Eric Scheller kept pedestrians safe by stopping a vehicle who drove around a road block during the parade.
- Happy birthday to Aretha Adams and Al Grasley!

MOTION: Council Member True motioned and Council Member Grasley seconded to take a five minute recess at 7:32 P.M. and to close the meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Council Member True motioned and Council Member Grasley seconded to end the recess at 7:42 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): (1) To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; (13) To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter.

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

Council Member Keenan was absent.

Items discussed were:

- **Approval of Closed Session Minutes**
 - o April 9, 2018
 - o May 14, 2018
 - o May 29, 2018
 - o June 25, 2018
- **Personnel – Town Manager Performance**

MOTION: Council Member Grasley motioned and Council Member Link seconded to go back into open session at 8:47 P.M.

The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Grasley motioned and Council Member Link seconded to adjourn meeting at 8:48 P.M.

The motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted
Town Clerk Kerry Chaney