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OFFICIAL MINUTES OF OCTOBER 22, 2018 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NO. 18-19

The Council meeting of the Town of Sykesville was held on Monday, October 22, 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, Chris True, and Stacy Link.

STAFF: Aretha Adams, Town Manager
Police Chief Michael Spaulding
Kerry Chaney, Town Clerk
Derek Shreves, Public Works Director
Dennis Hoover, Town Attorney

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Resident Steve Ruths was in attendance to discuss the neighborhood entrance sign on Norris Avenue. He said the Harlan Lane entrance signs are well maintained, but the Norris Avenue signs are overgrown, bare, not well maintained, and overall give a bad first impression of the Town.

Resident John Barranco was in attendance to discuss the neighborhood entrance signs as well. He explained that he maintains the one on his property. He also wanted to bring the snow plowing job on his street to the Council's attention. He explained that in years past, the plowing was disproportionate with the even side of the street having to clear an additional 12 to 15 feet of snow at the end of the driveways.

PUBLIC SAFETY

REPORT: Chief Spaulding presented the Public Safety Report for the period of October 1 through October 14. There was a total of 326 reports including 13 assist other agencies, 12 community policing events, 16 incident reports, 164 patrol checks, and 28 traffic enforcement initiatives.

Chief Spaulding announced that Officer Betcher was the Officer of the Quarter for his efforts coordinating the Sykesville Apartments investigation along with his usual duties.

Chief Spaulding also drew the Council's attention to one of the community policing events. He explained that a parent had called the station and asked for their biggest, meanest officer to help explain consequences to her child. Sergeant Kilgore was dispatched and handled the situation. The mother wrote a note back to

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Sgt. Kilgore after the interaction thanking him for taking the time out of his day to come help her and her family.

Council Member True thanked Chief Spaulding and the officers for their hard work during the Harvest Festival.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE

REPORTS:

- Written reports were provided

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Mayor and Council Work Session – Tuesday, November 13, 2018
- Trick or Treat on Main Street – October 27, 2018 from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M.
- Farmers' Markets and Little Sykes Railroad ending for the year – October 28, 2018
- Halloween Trick or Treating in Town – October 31, 2018 from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M.

OPEN SESSION:

Consent Agenda:

- I. **(2018-75) Town Council Minutes from October 9, 2018**
- II. **(2018-76) Approval of Proclamation for Municipal Government Works Month**

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Business:

- III. **(2018-77) Proclamation for Detective Earl Kratsch for his 10 years of service to the Sykesville Police Department Jr. CSI Academy**
This item was postponed until Detective Kratsch can be in attendance.
- IV. **(2018-78) Consider/Discuss/Act on Resolution NO. 2018-11 Regarding the Buttercup Property Annexation**
This item was postponed so proper notification could be given to the public.
- V. **(2018-79) Presentation of the Downtown Sykesville Connection 2019 Events**
Mary Vaccarino, the Vice President of the Downtown Sykesville Connection (DSC), presented the list of events for 2019. She explained that the merchant events, such as Mimosas on Main Street and the First Fridays, are separate and not DSC events. The Coolest Mile on Main Street would have the same rolling road closure as it has in years past.

Council President Betz encouraged Ms. Vaccarino and the DSC to have discussions regarding the Farmers' Markets and the ongoing issues with church parking. These issues may resolve with a change in the Farmers' Market location.

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COMMENTS:**

- Aretha Adams, Town Manager, announced that there will be a visit to the Manchester Town Hall on October 24, 2018 at 6 P.M.
- Mayor Shaw announced that he and Council Member Grasley attended the Fall MML Conference which was a great learning experience.
- Thank you to staff and Council for volunteering at the Harvest Festival.

MOTION: Council Member Grasley motioned and Council Member True seconded to take a five minute recess at 7:34 P.M.

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Council Member True motioned and Mayor Shaw seconded to go back into open session at 7:43 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): (7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

MOTION: Council Member True motioned and Council Member Carter seconded to go into closed session at 7:44 P.M.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

Items discussed were:

- Consult with Legal Counsel – Town Owned Rental Property

MOTION: Council Member True motioned and Council Member Carter seconded to go back into open session at 8:42 P.M.

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Council Member True motioned to approve a Phase I and Phase II environmental consult not to exceed \$6,000. Council Member Carter seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Grasley motioned and Mayor Shaw seconded to adjourn meeting at 8:43 P.M.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Town Clerk Kerry Chaney