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OFFICIAL MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7, 2019 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NO. 19-14

The Council meeting of the Town of Sykesville was held on Monday, October 7, 2019. 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 Alan Grasley, and Council Members Anna Carter, Mark Dyer, Leo Keenan, Stacy Link, and Jeremiah Schofield.

STAFF: Joseph Cosentini, Town Manager
Police Chief Michael Spaulding
Kerry Chaney, Town Clerk
Derek Shreves, Public Works Director
Jared Schumacher, Circuit Rider/Grants Manager

PUBLIC
COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

TREASURER'S
REPORT: Evelyn Sweet, Town Treasurer, was not in attendance to discuss the Treasurer's Report, however it had been provided to the Council in advance of the meeting. There was a question regarding where the Gate House donations end up in the budget.

MOTION: **Council President Grasley motioned to approve the August 2019 Treasurer's Report. Council Member Link seconded the motion.**

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY
REPORT: Chief Spaulding presented the Public Safety Report for the period of September 16 through September 30. There was a total of 333 reports including eight assist other agencies, seven community policing events, 37 foot patrols, 12 incident reports, 150 patrol checks, and 38 traffic enforcement initiatives.

Chief Spaulding explained that incident report number 19-SPD-00214 was youths found in and on the Joy property, the abandoned service station on Springfield Avenue. Sergeant Kilgore detained the youths, made contact with their parents to come pick them up, and contacted the owner of the property to see if he wanted to press charges. The owner did not want to press charges, and the youths and he are working through the Carroll County Mediation Office for restitution for broken windows.

Chief Spaulding also explained that incident report number 19-SPD-00223 was handled by Officer Schlaerth. He received a call about a stolen vehicle. He talked with the vehicle owner and his father together and then talked individually with the vehicle owner. The owner managed to remember that he left his car in Baltimore County and that it was not stolen.

Council Member Dyer asked about four-wheelers on the Linear Trail. He explained that he saw an officer looking for the four-wheelers. He also asked when the work on the pond will be finished. Derek Shreves, Public Works Director, explained that the work is mostly done, however it is still in the hands of the contractor. They are still in the sediment control portion, and then they will seed and plant the areas. He expects it to be fully finished by spring 2020. There will be no trees planted around that pond by the County or the contractors.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Sykesville Parks and Recreation (SPARC)** – Council Member Link announced that SPARC is looking to get volunteer vests to wear during the events. The Halloween movie double feature of *Beetlejuice* and *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown* is on Saturday, October 12. They are still working on plastic reduction and a water filtration system for the snack shack for events. Their next meeting is on October 24.
- **Planning Commission** – Council Member Dyer announced that the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8.
- **Downtown Sykesville Connection (DSC)** – Council Member Keenan announced that the DSC Board meets next week. The Promotions Committee meets on October 8. They are working on the upcoming Beer Festival on November 9 and Santa's Arrival on December 7.
- **Merchants** – Council President Grasley announced that the merchants are having their next meeting on October 25, Trick or Treat on Main Street on October 26, and the Cider Stroll on October 27.
- **Gate House and Schoolhouse** – Mayor Shaw announced that the Schoolhouse will be having an open house on October 27. Children will be able to make corn husk dolls and creepy critters. The Snallygaster reading at the Gate House was rescheduled. The Gate House curator will also be looking into starting a board for the museum.

- **Historic District Commission (HDC)** – Council Member Carter announced that the HDC met on October 1 to review window and door signs. The next HDC meeting is on October 22.
- **Raincliffe Home Owners' Association (HOA)** – Council Member Schofield announced that the HOA was happy with the restriped crosswalk on Willow Bottom Road. They are now wondering when the rest of the crosswalks will be restriped.

Council Member Schofield also announced that he is on the Maryland Municipal League's Legislative Action Committee. They will be meeting to discuss upcoming legislation at the Fall Conference.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Mayor and Town Council Meeting is on Monday, October 28, 2019.
- We have volunteer opportunities available on the Historic District Commission, BZA, Police Auxiliary, and Crossing Guard. Email town@sykesville.net for more information about volunteering with the Town.

OPEN SESSION:

Consent Agenda:

I. (2019-76) Minutes from September 23, 2019

MOTION: Council President Grasley motioned to approve the item on the Consent Agenda. Council Member Schofield seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Business:

II. (2019-77) Consider/Discuss/Act on purchase of a new Garbage Truck
Derek Shreves, Public Works Director, and Joseph Cosentini, Town Manager, explained that they would like to have this item tabled so they can discuss and determine if the addition of a snowplow to the garbage truck would be worth considering. The truck would not get to the Town until summer 2020, so there is no rush for the snowplow decision.

III. (2019-78) Public Hearing and consideration/discussion/action on Charter Amendment Resolutions NO. 2019-01 through 2019-06
Mayor Shaw called for any public comments regarding the Charter Amendment Resolutions NO. 2019-01 through 2019-06. There were no public comments.

MOTION: Council President Grasley motioned to close the public hearing. Council Member Carter seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Council Member Carter motioned to approve Charter Amendment Resolutions NO. 2019-01 through 2019-06. Council Member Keenan seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

IV. (2019-79) Public Hearing and consideration/discussion/action on Ordinance NO. 304 – Stormwater Management

Mayor Shaw asked for any public comments regarding Ordinance NO. 304 – Stormwater Management. There were no public comments.

MOTION: Council President Grasley motioned to close the public hearing. Council Member Schofield seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Council Member Keenan motioned to adopt Ordinance NO. 304. Council Member Carter seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

**COUNCIL AND
MANAGER
COMMENTS:**

- Council welcomed Joseph Cosentini to his first Council meeting as Town Manager. Mayor Shaw thanked Frank Schaeffer for stepping in as the Interim Town Manager during the hiring process.
- Jared Schumacher, Circuit Rider and Grants Manager, gave a brief update on the Program Open Space grant the Town received for a playground at Millard Cooper Park. The existing playgrounds will remain in place; the new playground will be on the top two tiers right across from the Gate House Museum. The bottom tier will have the splash pad. Mr. Schumacher is planning on having the new playground be an obstacle/net course with a zipline to set it apart from the existing playgrounds in Millard Cooper Park. The netting would be cut resistant, and if one section was damaged, it would not affect the rest of the course. Due to the budget constraints, wood fiber will have to be used as the ground cover at first. This will hopefully be phased out in the future. SPARC was also interested in having the Expression Swing moved from Jones Park to Millard Cooper Park.
- Mr. Schumacher also gave a brief update on the splash pad portion of Millard Cooper Park. He explained that he is trying to do his due diligence since it is such a new area. This project will need to go out to bid, but he is still working on the info to put into the request for proposals.

MOTION: Council President Grasley motioned and Council Member Link seconded to take a five minute recess at 7:47 P.M.

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Council President Grasley motioned and Council Member Link seconded to go back into open session at 7:49 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

MOTION: Council President Grasley motioned and Council Member Link seconded to go into closed session at 7:50 P.M.

The motion carried unanimously.

Those in attendance were: Mayor Shaw, Council President Grasley, Council Members Carter, Dyer, Keenan, Link, and Schofield, and Town Manager Joseph Cosentini.

Items discussed were:

- **Personnel** – Public Works Department – confidential personal information

MOTION: Council President Grasley motioned and Council Member Carter seconded to go back into open session at 7:58 P.M.

The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Keenan motioned and Council Member Carter seconded to adjourn meeting at 7:59 P.M.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Town Clerk Kerry Chaney