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OFFICIAL MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2020 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NO. 2020-04

The Council meeting of the Town of Sykesville was held on Monday, February 24, 2020. 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, Stacy Link, and Jeremiah Schofield.

ABSENT: Council Member Leo Keenan

STAFF: Joseph Cosentini, Town Manager
Police Chief Michael Spaulding
Craig Weaver, Town Treasurer
Kerry Chaney, Town Clerk
Derek Shreves, Public Works Director
Jared Schumacher, Circuit Rider and Grants Manager
Dennis Hoover, Town Attorney

**CONSENT
AGENDA:**

(2020-14) Minutes from February 10, 2020

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

The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS:** There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS:

I. (2020-15) Consider/Discuss/Act on Awarding the Bid for the Cooper Park Splash Pad

Jared Schumacher, Circuit Rider and Grants Manager, presented this item. He explained that the Town received \$150,000 through the Community Parks and Playgrounds grant to create the splash pad. Four bids were

received during the bid process, and two stood out. Mr. Schumacher called references and determined that DRD Pool Management, Inc had slightly better references and more experience with this type of project. Of the other two proposals, one was incomplete, and one was well over budget.

Mr. Schumacher explained that the Town has a match of \$100,000 that will be taken from money set aside during the Warfield sale specifically for park improvements. That was approved with the current year's budget.

Mr. Schumacher explained that a full rendering will be completed during the engineering phase. He is hopeful that the splashpad will be complete by Memorial Day, however the timeline depends on engineering, permitting, and weather. The park will remain open during construction.

Public Works was consulted on the infrastructure, and they will be trained for the maintenance. The equipment is warrantied through the manufacturer. Mr. Schumacher can put a service warranty in the contract and notice to proceed.

MOTION: Council President Grasley motioned to award the Cooper Park Splash Pad bid to DRD Pools Management, Inc, in the amount of \$240,000. Council Member Link seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

II. (2020-16) Introduction of Ordinance NO. 2020-03 for FY2020 Budget Revisions

Joe Cosentini, Town Manager, presented Ordinance No. 2020-03. He explained that the budget will be reduced by \$20,544 overall. Council thanked Mr. Cosentini for the new format of the budget revisions.

MOTION: Council President Grasley motioned to introduce Ordinance No. 2020-03 for FY2020 Budget Revisions. Council Member Carter seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Mayor and Town Council Meeting is on Monday, March 9, 2020.
- We have volunteer opportunities available on the Historic District Commission, BZA, SPARC, Police Auxiliary, and Crossing Guard. Email town@sykesville.net for more information about volunteering with the Town.

PUBLIC SAFETY

REPORT: Chief Spaulding presented the Public Safety Report for the period of February 4 through February 17, 2020. There was a total of 395 reports including five assist other agencies, three community policing events, 16 incident reports, 232 patrol checks, and 33 traffic enforcement initiatives. Chief Spaulding explained that the two fatalities at the Village House were not related; it was coincidental that they occurred on the same day and in the same building. He

also explained that there was an incident with a 10-year old girl stuck in a swing in Jones Park. Officer Brandenburg responded and called for the fire department to help cut the girl out of the swing. She was not injured.

Chief Spaulding announced that he had the honor of running the Shive Shuffle 5K with Special Olympian Nicole Hurle. Both finished the entire race.

STAFF UPDATES:

Mr. Cosentini announced the following:

- Staff is looking into a noise ordinance for the Town
- We are waiting to hear from Howard County on the parking lot at South Branch Park
- We are waiting to hear back from BGE regarding the streetlight samples.
- Jana returned to work and is healing well.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Raincliffe Home Owners' Association (HOA)** – Council Member Schofield announced that there was not an HOA meeting since the last Council meeting. The next HOA meeting is in March.
 - o Council Member Schofield also announced that the bulk of the work has been completed by the MML Legislative Committee. They reviewed between 160 and 170 bills. Additional meetings will be held in March that he will attend via conference call
- **Historic District Commission (HDC)** – Council Member Carter announced that the HDC has a meeting on Tuesday, February 25, beginning at 7 PM.
- **Museums** – Mayor Shaw announced there are no updates from the Gate House or Schoolhouse Museums.
 - o Mayor Shaw also announced that a letter was sent detailing the Town's opposition to House Bill 203 which would allow Baltimore and Howard Counties to apply for and use Community Parks and Playgrounds money, which is specifically for municipalities.
 - o Mayor Shaw explained that Carroll County is looking for a Human Resources Representative for the South Carroll area. Anyone can volunteer, not just Council Members.
- **Merchants** – Council President Grasley announced that the merchants met with Mr. Cosentini and Mayor Shaw. March 6 is the Harry Potter themed First Friday, and the next merchant's meeting is Friday, February 28.
- **Planning Commission** Council Member Dyer announced that there was not a Planning Commission since the last Council meeting. They are waiting for an answer about which Commissioner will be on the steering committee for the Master Plan update.
- **Sykesville Parks and Recreation (SPARC)** – Council Member Link announced that the next SPARC meeting is on Thursday, February 27, and they will be discussing events, movie selections, movie sponsors, volunteer vests, and the budget.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Council, Council President Grasley motioned and Council Member Link seconded to adjourn meeting at 7:38 P.M.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Town Clerk Kerry Chaney