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OFFICIAL MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING
NO. 20-06

The Council meeting of the Town of Sykesville was held on Monday, April 6, 2020. Mayor Shaw called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. via Zoom.us. 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
Craig Weaver, Town Treasurer
Kerry Chaney, Town Clerk
Derek Shreves, Public Works Director
Jana Antrobus, Executive Assistant
Mark Onheiser, Special Projects Coordinator

NEW BUSINESS

Consider/Discuss/Act on awarding the bid for the Girls' Shelter Demolition to Tri-County Services Group LLC

Joseph Cosentini, Town Manager, explained that a Request for Proposals was issued by Town staff for the demolition. The low bid was from Tri-County Services, LLC. Their bid amount did not include fill dirt and sealing and capping the septic system. With those additional items included, the total bid is \$18,650. The Town received a grant for the work. The grant will cover all except the Town's matching portion of \$4,000.

Council Member Keenan asked if there was any consideration as to why Tri-County Services, LLC came in so much lower than the other bidders. Tri-County Services, LLC is located in Pennsylvania, so the disposal costs may be lower. Also, materials will be recycled as much as possible. Council Member Link thanked staff for looking into donations of the interior furniture and materials.

MOTION: Council President Grasley motioned to award the bid for the Girls' Shelter demolition to Tri-County Services, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$18,650. Council Member Carter seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

- Next Mayor and Town Council Meeting is on Monday, April 13, 2020. This will be a Zoom.us meeting.
- 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.

Commission Ed Rothstein was in attendance to provide an update from Carroll County. He explained that the Commissioners are considering changes to the Solid Waste Site Operations including beginning to charge for recycling tipping and eliminating the free dump coupons given to each County resident with their tax bill. These changes are not final yet. Commissioner Rothstein has been pushing for no tax or fee increases for the budget. There will also be no penalty or late fee issued on property taxes past due.

Commissioner Rothstein recommended everyone sign up for the Carroll County Health Department COVID-19 updates. He will have signup information sent to Kerry Chaney, Town Clerk, for disbursement.

The County has authorized a Small Business COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund to offer working capital to assist small businesses that have been disrupted due to COVID-19. The applicants will be approved based on which meets the criteria and was turned in first. Questions should be referred to Carroll County Economic Development.

Volunteers are working through a group called Neighbors in Need in the Sykesville/Eldersburg area. Julie Della-Maria has worked to create the group and continue it. They have a Facebook page and an Amazon page for donations to be sent directly to them.

Council Member Schofield asked if there were plans for widespread testing for COVID-19 in Carroll County. The Commissioners are looking into the possibilities along with the State allowing tests to be purchased from private companies. The Carroll County Ag Center will be used as a field hospital. They are working with the Army Corps of Engineers to create it. The Westminster Armory will be used for temporary housing for the homeless population in Carroll County.

- **Staff Updates**
Joe Cosentini, Town Manager, announced that the Schoolhouse, Gate House Museum, and Old Main Line Visitors' Center and Post Office have been closed. There is limited access at the Police Department and Town House and the staff members that can work from home are working from home. All Town playgrounds and South Branch Park have been closed. The other open spaces of the parks remain open. Events through the end of May have been cancelled.

The Spring Cleanup has been postponed until after the dangers of COVID-19 have passed.

Information on the Town Budget will be sent to the Council, a workshop will be scheduled, and there will be information about how COVID-19 will affect the budget.

- Council/Committee Reports
Council Member Schofield announced that the Raincliffe HOA would like a closed sign for their playground. Other committees and commissions have cancelled their meetings.

Council President Grasley asked for all information regarding the Small Business Funds be sent to him so he can pass it on to the Merchants.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Council, Council President Grasley motioned and Council Member Link seconded to adjourn meeting at 7:53 P.M.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Town Clerk Kerry Chaney