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OFFICIAL MINUTES OF MARCH 14, 2022 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING **NO. 22-05**

The Council meeting of the Town of Sykesville was held on Monday, March 14, 2022. Mayor Link called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Town House Conference Room. Mayor Link led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

PRESENT: Mayor Stacy Link, Council President Anna Carter, and Council Members Mark Dyer, Alan Grasley, Elizabeth Guroff, Leo Keenan, and Jeremiah Schofield.

STAFF: Joseph Cosentini, Town Manager
Police Chief Michael Spaulding
Kerry Chaney, Town Clerk
Craig Weaver, Town Treasurer
Derek Shreves, Public Works Director

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments, however Mayor Link announced that comments regarding the Warfield development are welcome during any public comment period between now and the public hearings, or they can be emailed to town@sykesville.net.

MINUTES:

February 28, 2022

MOTION: Council Member Grasley motioned to approve the minutes from February 28, 2022. Council Member Schofield seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- I. **FY2021 Audit Presentation**
Wanda Lynn from Brown Schultz Sheridan & Fritz presented the audit findings for Fiscal Year 2021. The Town received an unmodified result.
- II. **Consider/Discuss/Act on the Capital Purchase of Trash/Recycle Carts**

Mayor Link explained that the Town has been looking into purchasing trash and recycle carts with lids for several years. The cost is included in this year's Capital Improvement Plan. The proposal was advertised, and bids were received on March 9. Approximately 3,000 total carts will be purchased. The trucks are being up fitted with cart tippers to handle the new containers.

Joe Cosentini, Town Manager, explained that the bid includes 2 carts for each household: a black lidded cart for trash, and a yellow lidded cart for recycling.

The existing Town of Sykesville recycling bins will be recycled at the proper facility.

MOTION: Council Member Grasley motioned to approve the purchase of new trash and recycling carts as proposed by Cascade Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$200,000. Council President Carter seconded the motion.

Council Member Schofield asked if residents can reject the Town provided carts if they wanted. Mr. Cosentini explained that they can reject the Town carts and continue using their own.

The motion carried unanimously.

III. **Consider/Discuss/Act on an ADA Sidewalk for Millard Cooper Park**
As part of the splash pad at Millard Cooper Park, an ADA accessible sidewalk connecting the splash pad to the restroom building is required by the Maryland Department of Health. The final plan was chosen due to it limiting the amount of greenspace that is taken up. This project was put out for bid, however, no bids were received. A contractor from the Carroll County prequalification list was chosen for the project.

Council Member Grasley expressed concern about the railings looking like it is fencing off the park. It was explained that the railings are required for ADA access and will also help prevent kids from running into the road from the splash pad. The railings are the same as the type by the north end of the Linear Trail.

Council Member Dyer asked if not receiving bids was cause for concern. Mr. Cosentini explained that the projects are unique, and the timeframe is fairly narrow. He does not believe it will be a persistent problem.

The funding is coming from the remaining funds from the Strategic Demolition grant that was used for the demolition of the Girl's Shelter and Highway User Revenue funding.

MOTION: Council Member Grasley motioned to approve White Pine Paving, Inc. to complete the project construction as shown in the KCI engineering specifications, with a not to exceed cost of \$63,000. Council Member Guroff seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

- The next meeting is Monday, March 28, 2022
- We have volunteer opportunities available on the Historic District Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Police Auxiliary, and Crossing Guard. Email town@sykesville.net for more information about volunteering with the Town.
- Staff Updates
 - Treasurer's Report
Craig Weaver presented the February 2022 Treasurer's Report. He explained that the budget is on track. He announced that there was another attempted fraudulent check. He created an account that is shown on the Treasurer's Report specifically for the payroll and other ACH payments. He is working on creating a process for the transfer of funds into this account.
 - Public Safety Report
Chief Spaulding presented the Public Safety Report for the period of February 22 through March 7. There was a total of 340 reports including nine assist other agencies, nine community policing events, five foot patrols, 230 patrol checks, and 25 traffic enforcement initiatives. Council Member Guroff asked about the gun that was turned into the Police Department. Chief Spaulding explained that even though it was found outside of Town limits, the officers took custody of it to ensure it didn't fall into the wrong hands. Ballistics and records checks are being run on it. The department will either destroy or convert it to department use. Council Member Guroff also thanked the officers for providing education about what to do during a traffic stop for the young gentleman who was just starting to drive.

The officers were thanked for their work during the snow event.

Chief Spaulding announced an offer has been extended to a certified officer. Auxiliary Lieutenant Queen has found two additional people for the Police Auxiliary.

Council Member Keenan thanked Officer Kirkner for his smart thinking during the Oak Street fire.

- Joe Cosentini announced that the Bulk Pickup Day will be changed April 23.
- Council/Committee Reports
 - Council Member Schofield announced that the Planning Commission met on March 7. They will have a special meeting on March 21 for the zoning text amendment for the Warfield Complex. He gave a brief explanation of the text amendment and encouraged the public to read the Comprehensive Plan. Public comment will not be taken at the Planning Commission meeting, but a public hearing will be scheduled

after the Planning Commission process is completed. Written comments can be sent in to town@sykesville.net.

- Council President Carter announced that the Historic District Commission will meet on March 22 at 7 P.M.
- Council Member Dyer announced that he is talk with the Mid Atlantic Gigabyte Internet Collaboratory to hopefully improve internet access for the Town.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Grasley motioned and Council Member Schofield seconded to adjourn meeting at 8:15 P.M.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Town Clerk Kerry Chaney