

APPROVED**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF MAY 26, 2015 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**
NO. 15-11

The Council meeting of the Town of Sykesville was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2015. 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 to the flag and a moment of silence.

PRESENT: Mayor Ian Shaw, Council President Leo Keenan, and Council Members Julia Betz, William Bleam, Anna Carter, Stacy Link, and Christopher True

STAFF: Dawn Ashbacher, Town Manager
Janice Perrault, Town Clerk
Michael Spaulding, Chief of Police
Linda Joyce, Town Treasurer
Dennis Hoover, Town Attorney

PUBLIC CONCERNS: None

MINUTES: May 11, 2015 and May 18, 2015

MOTION: Council Member Betz motioned and Council President Keenan seconded to approve the May 11, 2015 minutes as amended by correcting the actual number of votes for Council Member Betz from 157 to 137.

The motion carried with Council Members Bleam and True abstaining.

MOTION: Council Member Link motioned and Council Member Carter seconded to approve the May 18, 2015 minutes as amended and read into record.

The motion carried with Council Member Betz abstaining.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

Chief Spaulding introduced Ellen Dix who is coordinating National Night Out on Tuesday, August 4 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sykesville Freedom Fire Department. The Town of Sykesville will join in all the activities and promote safety for the Town.

Chief Spaulding presented the Public Safety Report on the period from May 7, 2015 through May 20, 2015. There were a total of 320 calls for service, and 16 assists to other police agencies/departments outside the Town. Chief mentioned the following other items:

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- “Coffee with a Cop” - a few people showed up and he is thinking of other ways to meet with the public. He would like to host a meeting prior to the movies in the park and maybe set up a table at the Farmers Market.
- On Thursday June 4, 2015 at 7:00 pm the Carroll County Community College, Criminal Justice Club will be hosting their first annual Public Safety Awards Night at the college. Chief Spaulding chose PFC Nick Betcher to be our recipient of this award.
- On June 12 Officer Betcher will be honored at West Moose Lodge.
- The car that was damaged beyond repair was officially donated to the Carroll County Tech Center.
- Thefts of personal belongings from cars have increased and the Chief would like everyone to be more cautious and lock their cars.

TREASURER’S

REPORT: March & April 2015 combined report

MOTION: Council Member Betz motioned and Council Member Link seconded to approve the March/April 2015 combined report as written.

The motion carried unanimously.

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REPORTS:

- **Historic District Commission** – Council Member Link announced the next meeting will be held on June 23.
- **Warfield Development Corporation (WDC)** – Mayor Shaw indicated the next meeting is scheduled for June 3.
- **Main Street Association (MSA)** – Council Member Keenan announced there is nothing new to report other than the Farmers Market is every Sunday.
- **Parking** – Council Member Link mentioned that parking at the McElroy parking lot during the Farmers Market has been going well.
- **Parks and Recreation** – Council Member Carter announced the second movie “Night at the Museum 2” will be shown in the park on June 13. The next meeting will be held on May 28.
- **Planning Commission** – Council Member Betz announced the meeting scheduled for June 1 has been canceled and the next meeting will be held on July 6.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

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NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Swearing in of Council Member Betz** – Mayor Shaw administered the oath of office to Julia Betz.
- 2. Council Member Orientation** – Dawn Ashbacher continued Council Orientation.

MOTION: Council Member True motioned and Council Member Carter seconded to take a 2 minute recess at 9:19 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Council Member Betz motioned and Council Member Carter seconded to go back into open session at 9:24 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Council Member Betz motioned and Council Member Link seconded to go into closed session at 9:26 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION:

The meeting is proposed to be closed pursuant to the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Section 10-508(a) to discuss (1)(i) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, designation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction, or (ii) Any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

Those in attendance were: Mayor Shaw, Council President Keenan, Council Members Betz, Blean, Carter, Link, True and Town Manager Dawn Ashbacher.

- **Personnel** – Executive Assistant appointment – confidential personal information - Action

MOTION: Council Member Link motioned and Council President Keenan seconded to go back into open session at 9:31 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

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ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Blead motined and Council Member True seconded to adjourn meeting at 9:32 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Janice Perrault

Town Clerk