

**STAFF REPORT FOR
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2014
MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF SYKESVILLE**

CALL TO ORDER:

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

MINUTES: January 13, 2014

**REPORTS: Public Safety Report
 Council Committees**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Maryland Municipal League will award three \$1,000 Scholarships this year. Information is available in the Town House and on our website.
- State Highway Administration (SHA) Streetscape Concept Plan – The Town has received funding of \$500,000 over the next two fiscal years from the State Highway Administration to develop a streetscape plan along Main Street/Springfield Avenue. This is to develop a concept to better coordinate with planned work by Carroll County to replace water and sewer lines on Main Street in fiscal years 2017 and 2018, the Maryland State Highway Administration planned enhancements to the drainage system along MD 851 (Main Street/Springfield Avenue), and Town enhancements to the drainage system along Central Avenue. The development of the concept will help serve as a vision for MD 851 to allow us to coordinate the project scope and schedules as well as maximize economies of scale amongst all the projects. The initial meeting was today, January 27.

OPEN SESSION:

1. **Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Cities Resolution** – Mayor Shaw would like to pursue the resolution to outline the Town’s effort to promote healthy eating and active living lifestyle. Attached is the resolution for review.

Recommended Action: If in agreement, motion to approve the resolution.

2. **Raincliffe Public Works Agreement (PWA) Amendment** – The current agreement requires the enhancements to the intersection to be completed by December 31, 2013, at the latest. Due to issues with the SHA, the project was not able to be completed. The attached amendment extends the deadline. It also sets a limit to the number of building permits that will be issued by the Town before the intersection is substantially complete.

Recommended Action: If in agreement, motion to approve the amendment.

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- 3. Donation of the Blue Caboose to Howard County Farm Museum** –The Howard County Farm and Antique Machinery Museum (a nonprofit, not a part of Howard County government) would like to procure the Blue Caboose located just west of Baldwin Station. The museum is planning on putting a small railroad on their property (located directly across the street from the Howard County Fair Grounds). They have already purchased a small locomotive but would like to have a caboose for their exhibit as well. By all accounts, this caboose is in disrepair and has been stationary for a long period of time. Dave Shackelford from the B&O Museum recalled that when he saw the caboose in approximately 2010, the caboose was in disrepair and could likely cost around \$100,000 to restore with an additional approximately \$20,000+ to relocate it. If the Town is willing to donate it to the farm museum, they will rehabilitate it. They would also make all arrangements for its removal, including all technical notifications to those affected agencies. The Howard County Farm Museum is

Recommended Action: If in agreement, approve the donation of the Caboose.

- 4. Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment – Conservation District** – After consulting with all Council members, there is enough interest to pursue a Zoning text amendment to allow for age-restricted housing in the Conservation District. Proposed text to allow for age-restricted housing will be presented. The text amendment shall be reviewed by the Planning Commission and then the Mayor and Town Council will have to hold a public hearing before the text amendment can be adopted.

Recommended Action: Refer zoning amendment proposal to the Planning Commission for report and recommendations per §180 114 -116 of the Town Code.

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CLOSED SESSION:

The meeting was 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, (ii) Any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals

- Personnel—Appointment of employees—confidential personal information

ADJOURNMENT: