

**STAFF REPORT FOR
MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2014
MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF SYKESVILLE**

CALL TO ORDER:

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

MINUTES: **April 14, 2014**

REPORTS:

**Treasurer's Report
Council Committees**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- On Friday, May 2, First Friday on Sykesville Main Street will start. Live music and the shops will be open late.
- On Sunday, May 4, the Art & Wine Festival will take place on Main Street starting from noon to 5:00 p.m.
- On Friday, May 9, 2 – 4 p.m., Those who have memories or momentos from the Apple Warehouse building at South Branch Park are encouraged to come and share their stories at the Town House. This is in preparation for the buildings 100th Anniversary in 2017.
- On Saturday, May 10, Sykesville Cinema will host the first movie of the season at Millard Cooper Park (new location). The movie will be How to Train your Dragon and will start at dusk.

OPEN SESSION:

1. **Public Hearing for Ordinance 287: Fiscal Year 2015 Operating and Capital Budget**
– Mayor Ian Shaw will present the REVISED proposed budget for FY 2015. The proposed FY 2015 budget is \$2,513,800. The FY 2014 adopted budget amount is \$2,420,432. The FY 2015 budget is balanced with the use of unrestricted fund balance. This is to fund anticipated storm water remediation requirements. This will be discussed in another agenda item. Motion to open the Public Hearing and allow the public to speak about the proposed FY 2015 Operating and Capital Budget.

[NOTE: The Public Hearing can remain open until the next meeting or a motion can be made to close the public hearing.]

Recommended Action: Listen to public input. Council members may also provide input.

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- 2. Update on Stormwater Requirements** – Mayor Shaw signed the Memorandum of Intent with the County and other Carroll County municipalities. This document is an expression of intent to pursue joint participation in a joint National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase I permit and to participate in negotiations with the County and municipalities to develop an operating agreement that implements a shared cost arrangement with respect to storm water remediation. The Town will have to determine a strategy to fund its portion of the funding pool. The Mayor would like Council members to volunteer to help to develop this strategy in advance of the FY 2016 budget process.

Recommended Action: Action as determined by the Mayor and Town Council.

- 3. Employees’ Reformed Contributory Pension System of the Maryland State Retirement and Pension System.** – Dawn Ashbacher will request the Mayor and Town Council to vote on their intentions regarding joining the Maryland State Retirement and Pension System. This is to determine whether or not to proceed with the employee election through May 2. The employees will only be asked to vote if there is Mayor and Town Council support for entering the system. If there is, and then if 60 percent of employees vote to join the state retirement system, a formal resolution will be brought to the Mayor and Town Council at its May 12 meeting. Dawn Ashbacher will also provide the implications of joining the system at 75 percent service credit per current state statute.

Recommended Action: If in agreement, motion to pursue entrance into the Employees’ Reformed Contributory Pension System of the Maryland State Retirement and Pension System.

- 4. Downtown Parking** – The Town Manager has heard concerns about parking availability downtown. She recommends a proactive partnership with the Town, downtown merchants and property owners, and residents to determine possible solutions. It should be noted that the Town repealed an ordinance on October 24, 2011, that limited downtown parking to 16 hours. It would also be helpful to come up with a collective understanding of what constitutes a parking “problem.” It would also be good to get an update on the potential parking agreement with St. Paul’s Methodist Church.

Recommended Action: Action as determined by the Mayor and Town Council.

RECESS:

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, and (7) to consult with

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counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

- Consult with legal counsel regarding potential litigation for storm water management
- Consult with legal counsel to discuss waste oil contract negotiations

- Personnel – Compensation Adjustments for specific employees - confidential personal information
- Personnel - Police Chief Search - confidential personal information

ADJOURNMENT: