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OFFICIAL MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 28, 2022 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING **NO. 22-04**

The Council meeting of the Town of Sykesville was held on Monday, February 28, 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 Alan Grasley, Elizabeth Guroff, Leo Keenan, and Jeremiah Schofield.

ABSENT: Council Member Mark Dyer

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:

January 24, 2022
February 10, 2022

Council Member Grasley asked if minutes are still required since the meetings are recorded. Joe Cosentini, Town Manager, explained that the minutes are the official record of the meetings.

MOTION: Council Member Schofield motioned to approve the minutes from January 24, 2022, and February 10, 2022. Council President Carter seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- I. **Downtown Sykesville Connection Annual Presentation**
Julie Della-Maria, Executive Director of the Downtown Sykesville Connection (DSC), presented the annual report for the DSC.

Council Member Guroff asked if there was consideration for re-establishing a family friendly fall festival. Ms. Della-Maria explained that the DSC is working with Friendship Baptist Church, however, a date has not set for it yet.

Council Member Grasley asked if a diversity committee was a requirement to apply for the Choose Civility designation or mandated for Main Streets in Maryland. Ms. Della-Maria explained that the diversity committee will allow for a direction for the DSC and programs. Diversity will include gender, race, age, and disability as well. For example, disability diversity will allow for more thoughts on connectivity. Dana Alonzi, Board President of the DSC, explained that the DSC is a non-profit in addition to being a Main Street organization. A diversity initiative for a non-profit is very common.

Council Member Keenan noted that this is the best partnership between the Town and the DSC since the beginning of the Main Street Association.

- II. **Consider/Discuss/Act on Resolution NO. 2022-02 for Alcohol at DSC Events**

Mayor Link explained that this resolution is required for the DSC to be able to apply for a liquor license for their events. The Farmer's Markets occasionally have vendors who offer samples.

MOTION: Council Member Keenan motioned to approve Resolution NO. 2022-02 for alcohol at DSC events. Council Member Carter seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

- The next meeting is Monday, March 14, 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
 - Public Safety Report
Chief Spaulding announced that, according to the crime statistics from Carroll County, Eldersburg is a hotspot for crime. The public safety report for February 8-21 includes four incident reports. One was a sensitive case involving a domestic situation. Sergeant Kilgore and Officer Kirkner responded. The victim was left without a way to get her prescription medication, so Sergeant Kilgore picked it up for her, and Corporal Bird drove the victim to Westminster in order to receive a protective order.

Chief Spaulding announced that Annelise Young graduates from the academy on April 1. Officer Kirkner will then begin field training her. Two other recruits started the academy today.

- Joe Cosentini, Town Manager, announced that there is a strategic planning session on March 12.
- Council/Committee Reports
 - Council Member Schofield announced that the Planning Commission will meet on March 7 at 7 PM. The Warfield development is on the agenda, along with several other applications.
 - Council President Carter announced that the Historic District Commission met and approved a DSC mural. Another application is pending for more information.
 - Council Member Guroff announced that the Sykesville Parks and Recreation Commission met and began planning their events.
 - Council Member Keenan announced that the DSC held a retreat to plan for next year.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Grasley motioned and Council Member Schofield seconded to adjourn meeting at 7:45 P.M.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Town Clerk Kerry Chaney