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## *Town House*

*Stacy Link, Mayor*

*Joseph Cosentini, Town Manager*

*Craig Weaver, Town Treasurer*

*Kerry G. Kavaloski, Town Clerk*

## **OFFICIAL MINUTES OF APRIL 25 10, 2022 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING** **NO. 22-08**

The Council meeting of the Town of Sykesville was held on Monday, April 25, 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, Mark Dyer, Leo Keenan, and Jeremiah Schofield.

**STAFF:** Joseph Cosentini, Town Manager  
Police Chief Michael Spaulding  
Jana Antrobus, Development Coordinator  
Derek Shreves, Public Works Director  
Craig Weaver, Town Treasurer

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**I. Consider/Discuss/Act on the Introduction of Ordinance NO. 2022-02: FY2023 Annual Budget**

Joe Cosentini, Town Manager, explained that this is just the introduction of the budget, so everyone has a chance to review it. He further explained that the budget will be discussed on May 9 and May 23.

Overall, there is a 20% increase in this budget from the previous fiscal year. The main reason for the increase is the American Rescue Plan Act funding that is included in the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) or budget write up. A fully staffed Police Department is also budgeted for, which would allow for a 24-hour staffed department. The tax rate will remain the same, which is over the constant yield rate. Mr. Cosentini also explained that color coding has been added to the CIP for different funding locations.

Council President Carter asked why housekeeping was under Parks instead of Public Works. Mr. Cosentini explained that housekeeping is under each of the respective categories.

Council Member Schofield asked why there was no funding in the CIP for the Apple Butter Building in FY2024 and 2025. Mr. Cosentini explained that the funding in FY2023 will allow for more information and the funding requirements that would be needed for the building. He asked if it would

be possible to have something in the CIP for the future years and the work to be done. He thinks it is similar to the funding in the 714 Sandosky building.

**MOTION: Council Member Guroff motioned to introduce Ordinance NO. 2022-02: FY2023 Annual Budget. Council Member Dyer seconded the motion.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS**

- The next regular meeting is Monday, May 9, 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 ReportChief Spaulding presented the Public Safety Report for the period of April 4 through April 14. There were 240 total events including six incident reports and 5 community policing events.

Chief Spaulding announced that Officer Revelo completed his field training and is patrolling on her own. Officer Young still has some field training left since she was an entry level recruit. The Auxiliary force is doing well even with Lt. Queen on extended leave for his work.

- Council/Committee Reports
  - Council Member Keenan announced the DSC did nonprofit training. Art and Wine will be on May 7, and the Farmers' Market will begin on May 15. Work continues on the Fourth of July Parade and Little Sykes cleanup. Volunteer opportunities are available
  - Council Member Guroff announced the egg hunt was a huge success. It was over in about one minute. There were several scavenger hunt entries. There are sponsors for each movie. The cleanup picked up about five industrial sized trash bags worth of trash and recycling.
  - Council President Carter announced the Historic District Commission is meeting on May 10.
  - Council Member Schofield announced the Planning Commission will meet on May 2.
  - Council Member Dyer attended his first Cable Regulatory Commission meeting. Dr. Whack will be invited to a future Council Meeting to present information regarding broadband connectivity.
  - Mayor Link reported that Habitat for Humanity was able to pick up two trucks full of items. There was an overall reduction in pickup from Public Works by seven tons from last year.
- Mr. Cosentini thanked Public Works for all their hard work on Bulk Pickup Day.

**ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Council, Council President Carter motioned and Council Member Schofield seconded to adjourn meeting at 7:32 P.M.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Respectfully submitted  
Town Clerk Kerry Kavaloski**