

APPROVED**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 2016 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**
NO. 16-06

The Council meeting of the Town of Sykesville was held on Monday, April 11, 2016. 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 "Chip" Blean, Anna Carter, Christopher True, and Stacy Link.

STAFF: Dawn Ashbacher, Town Manager
Janice Perrault, Town Clerk
Carl Bird, Sykesville Police Officer
Steven Colella, Director of Economic Development
Evelyn Sweet, Town Treasurer

PUBLIC CONCERNS: No Concerns
Addition to the Agenda – Warfield Land Condominium, INC.
First Amendment to Condominium Declaration

MINUTES: March 28, 2016

MOTION: Council Member Betz motioned and Council Member Blean seconded to approve the March 28, 2016 Minutes as written.

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY

REPORT: Officer Bird, was in attendance for Chief Spaulding and he presented the Public Safety Report on the period from March 23, 2016 through April 5, 2016. There were a total of 355 calls for service, and 7 assists to other police agencies/departments outside the Town.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE

REPORTS: See Council Committee Reports

MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION**REPORT:**

- Council President Keenan and Steven Colella presented information from the Promotions Committee.

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1. Art & Wine Festival – May 1, 2016

- There are 17 wineries and may get as many as 20.
- Recruitment for next year will start earlier since there are many wine events in Maryland.
- There are 28 artist applications with 5-7 live demonstrations.
- There will be 2 stages for music.
- There is an expanded footprint for the festival going further down Main Street.
- They have developed a partnership with St. Paul's Church to have a family area on Church Street with games.

2. Harvest Festival – September 2016

- Initial discussions have started and the format will likely be the same as last year.

3. Farmers Market – Begins Sunday May 15, 2016

4. First Fridays – Every First Friday night from 6-9 pm

- Takes place from June through September
- The Merchants indicated their business has increased and seeing new customers
- They want to have a Block Party to include music, games, and food. Once a plan is put together, they will present it to the Mayor and Town Council.

5. Mile on Main Street - August 5, 2016

- This is a proposal to have a run/jog/walk mile for a 30 minute span on Main Street and coordinate with First Friday in August. This is in the preliminary stages.

6. Branches of Yoga – Ribbon Cutting

- Branches of Yoga relocated on Main Street and a grand reopening was held on April 9.

7. Next Promotions Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 3 at 7 p.m. at the Town House.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Town of Sykesville has entered into a contract for purchase of 714 Sandosky Road.
- Saturday, April 16, Annual Spring clean-up day. Residents are encouraged to place all their unwanted household items at the curb on Friday night April 15 for pick up on Saturday. Any appliance left at the curb will get picked up on Monday, April 18. Please note that this is scheduled earlier than we have in the past.
- Saturday, April 23, Mayor and Town Council retreat follow-up from 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Town House.
- Sunday, May 1, Annual Art and Wine Festival. This event starts at noon and runs until 5:00 p.m. on Main Street. There will be wines to taste and many crafters to see.

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- Saturday, May 14, the first movie in the park. The Lego Movie is the first movie and will be shown at dusk. Bring your chairs and blankets. The snack shack will be open for business.
- Sunday, May 15, Farmers Market. This is the first day of the Farmers Market.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Public Input - Move Recycling pickup from Friday to Thursday** – At the March 28 meeting, Ron Esworthy, Director of Public Works, introduced the plan to move recycling from Friday to Thursday. Per the request of the Mayor and Town Council, voting on this initiative was held off in order to promote the change and to hear any concerns or comments our residents wanted to say about the change. Mayor Shaw opened discussion to the public. He mentioned several residents sent emails to the Town and they were favorable to the change. There were no additional comments.
2. **Consider moving Recycling pick up from Friday to Thursday** – Mayor Shaw opened up discussion with the Council. It was noted that this change will take place on July 1. Many Council Members requested that the change start earlier perhaps in May. Ron Esworthy has indicated he would like to have plenty of time to notify our residents and he believes his team would be ready for the change at the end of May.

MOTION:

Council Member True motioned and Council Member Carter seconded to approve changing the recycling pick up day from Friday to Thursday, with a date to be announced.

The motion carried unanimously.

3. **Resolution NO. 2016-03- Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement – Warfield Complex extension** – On December 14, 2015, the original resolution was passed and The Warfield Collaborative agreed the sale would be executed by March 31, 2016. Because the Purchase Agreement was not signed before March 31, a new resolution needs to be presented and approved to reinstate the designation as PILOT Eligible Property with an expiration date of June 30, 2016.

MOTION:

Council Member Betz motioned and Council Member Link seconded to approve Resolution NO. 2016-03 – Warfield Payment in Lieu of Taxes with an extension until June 30, 2016.

The motion carried unanimously.

4. **Introduction of Ordinance NO. 295 – FY 2017 Capital Budget and tax rate – Introduction of FY 2017-2021 Capital Improvement Plan** – Mayor Shaw presented his budget to the Council along with the Capital Improvement Plan. He indicated that the Council will have an opportunity

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to ask questions and make alternative proposals over the next two weeks. He announced the Public Hearing on the FY 2017 Operating and Capital Budget and the Tax Rate will be held on Monday, April 25. The Mayor and Town Council will review and vote on the Capital Improvement Plan FY2017 – 2021 at the May 9 meeting.

5. **First Amendment to Condominium Declaration** – Dawn Ashbacher, Town Manager, indicated it was necessary to put this amendment in place prior to the settlement of the Warfield Complex. She explained that Unit Owner 11 has the right of first refusal to designate portions of the Future Phases on the plat to Condominium Regime and to grant certain easement rights in and to the Future Phases to Unit Owner 11. This amendment will allow this Unit Owner to do this.

MOTION: Council President Keenan motioned and Council Member True seconded to authorize the Mayor to sign the First Amendment to Condominium Declaration for the Warfield Land Condominium, INC.

The motion carried with Mayor Shaw abstaining.

6. **Public Concern** – Dr. Billet, requested to speak to the Mayor and Town Council. He indicated he is interested in opening a medical cannabis dispensary. It was stated that the state of Maryland has passed legislation to allow this type of facility and he has applied for a license. He would like to open a store here on Main Street or surrounding area in Sykesville. The Mayor and Town Council thanked him for providing this information and will take it into consideration.

MOTION: Council Member Betz motioned and Council Member Link seconded to take a five minute recess at 8:03 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Mayor Shaw motioned and Council Member Link seconded to go back into open session at 8:07 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION: Council Member Betz motioned and Mayor Shaw seconded to go into closed session at 8:08 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION:

The meeting is proposed to be closed pursuant to the General Provisions of the

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Annotated Code of Maryland, Section 3-305(b): (3) to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related to the acquisition and (7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice.

Those in attendance were: Mayor Shaw, Council President Keenan, Council Members Betz, Blean, Carter, Link, True, Town Attorney, Dennis Hoover, Consultant from Morris and Richie, Inc., Sean Davis, and Town Manager, Dawn Ashbacher.

Items discussed were:

- **Legal Consult** – Disposition agreement for 7610 Main Street – No Action
- **Acquisition of Real Property** – Contract implementation for 714 Sandosky Road – No Action

MOTION: Council Member Betz motioned and Mayor Shaw seconded to go back into open session at 9:19 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Betz motioned and Council Member True seconded to adjourn meeting at 9:20 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Respectfully submitted
Janice Perrault
Town Clerk**