

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting
January 17, 2023**

The meeting was held in Borough Hall with the following members present:

Kim Segal-Morris
Matthew Curtin

Caroline Thompson
John McCann

David Appelbaum
Don Carlson

Council member(s) not in attendance:

Also in attendance were Mayor Chris Harding, Chief Joseph Kelly, Borough Manager Paula Johnson, Engineer Patrick Foley, and Solicitor Andrew Griffin.

I. CALL TO ORDER – Caroline Thompson, President

The meeting was called to order at 7:30.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

David Appelbaum – Gather Place has established regular opening hours. Learn more at www.gatherplace.org.

Fred Rabena – Yardley Winter Restaurant week will be held 1/30-2/5. Learn more at www.yardleyboroeats.com.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Roger Crook, 104 N. Main – Expressed happiness with the sidewalk and thanks the Borough and the Engineer.

Fred Rabena 35 S. Main – Following up on public safety discussion 6 weeks ago. Ms. Thompson reports the topic is being considered for the next council meeting's agenda for discussion.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED January 17, 2023

A. Approval of Minutes Dated January 3, 2023

B. Certificates of Appropriateness:

a. 23-1 – 90 South Main Street Window/Door

b. 23-2 45 East Afton Sign

C. Reappointments to Boards and Commissions

Park & Recreation Carol Such Term ending 12/31/2025

Planning Comm Richard Hodge and Matthew Sinberg Term Ending 12/31/2026

HARB Jerry Taylor Term Ending 12/31/2026

Civil Service Brian Welch Term Ending 12/31/2028

Vacancy Board Brian Welch Term Ending 12/31/2023

Mr. Appelbaum motions to approve the Consent Agenda dated January 17, 2023, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris.

Dawn Perlmutter, 18 W. College. Questions process for board and commission vacancies, specifically the civil service position and the lack of diversity on the commission and on the police force.

A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

VII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Thanks to FC Creative and FC Works for the redesign of the police department's website at no charge to the Borough.

VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT

Accept Finance Report Dated January 17, 2023

Consensus is granted.

- There is a ZHB meeting on 1/23 with two matters before the Board.
- Business tax bills coming out in the next two weeks.

IX. ENGINEER'S REPORT

A. Consideration of North Main Street Sidewalk Phase II – Change Order 1

Mr. Curtin motions to approve Change Order 1, which is seconded by Mr. Carlson.

A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

B. Consideration of North Main Street Sidewalk Phase II – Change Order 2

Mr. Curtin motions to approve Change Order 2, which is seconded by Mr. McCann.

A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

C. Consideration of North Main Street Sidewalk Phase II – Payment Certificate 2

Mr. Carlson motions to approve Payment Certificate 2, which is seconded by Mr. McCann.

A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

X. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

XI. MAYOR'S REPORT

Thanks to David Appelbaum for taking over the radio show the last few weeks.

XII. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. Kim Segal-Morris – Public Safety Committee, Human Relations Committee, Experience Yardley had board elections recently.

B. Vacant – Public Works Committee, Sewer Authority, APO

Mr. Carlson – Public Works met to discuss current projects. They are researching funding for Phase 3 of the Sidewalk Project.

Mary Yardley Bridge – Is under construction and due to be delivered in April and installation project will begin.

C. Matt Curtin – General Government Committee, YMFC
Work has begun on the 2022 audit. Manager Johnson is reaching out to other municipalities to research accounting software for enhanced budgeting and financial forecasting.

D. John McCann – Community & Economic Development Committee, Historic & Architectural Review Board, Shade Tree
Sidewalk looks fantastic and being really used and appreciated by the community.

E. David Appelbaum – Community Outreach Committee, YBA, Parks and Rec
Local resident and actor, Joey Perillo, was interviewed today on the Mayor’s radio show. Experience Yardley received a \$3000 grant from the Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance to support their programming.

F. Caroline Thompson – Planning Commission
No report.

G. Don Carlson – ZHB, Sewer
No report.

XIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

XIV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. 2022 Manager Performance Evaluation

Council President Thompson reviewed the criteria for the manager’s yearly review and indicated that in 2023 the reviews will be held quarterly.

3% increase recommended

Mr. Curtin motions to approve the salary increase of 3% for Manager Johnson, which is seconded by Mr. McCann.

A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

Dawn Perlmutter – Commented at length about Manager Johnson’s review process and her poor job performance.

Several community members and Councilmembers spoke in favor of Ms. Johnson and her excellent job performance.

B. Interviews and Appointment - Borough Council Term Ending 12/31/23

Council interviewed the following applicants.

- a. Zachary Bark
- b. Lyle Hough, Jr.
- c. Michelle Sharer
- d. Dawn Perlmutter
- e. Uri Feiner

f. Earl Markey (via Zoom)

C. Resolution 23-01 Council Appointment

Mr. Curtin motions to appoint Uri Feiner to Borough Council with the term ending 12/31/23, which is seconded by Mr. Appelbaum.

A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Segal-Morris motions to adjourn at 10:01, which is seconded by Mr. Curtin.

A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

Submitted by,
Mary Ann McLean