

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting
January 21, 2020**

The meeting was held in Council Chambers with the following members present:

Caroline Thompson	David Bria	Ryan Berry
Kim Segal-Morris	John McCann	

Council member(s) not in attendance: Matthew Ross

Also in attendance were Mayor Chris Harding, Chief Joseph Kelly, Engineers Liz Colletti and Leanna Colubriale, and Borough Manager Paula Johnson.

Mr. Bria formally opened the meeting at 7:30 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes (Time Stamp 7:30 pm)

Ms. Segal-Morris moves to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2020 meeting, which is seconded by Ms. Thompson. Ms. Segal-Morris asks to amend the minutes to add “alleged” prior to the word “threat” in the Public Comment portion of the meeting in which Kim Prickett addressed Council. The motion passes as amended. Ms. Prickett addressed Ms. Segal-Morris’ amendment asserting that Ms. Prickett believes the threats are not alleged but real.

Progress Reports (Time Stamp: 7:32 pm)

Solicitor

Mr. Closser advised Council of new bidding thresholds outlined by the State effective 1/1/2020. Bids below \$11,300 do not require a formal bidding process. Bids between \$11,301 and \$21,000 require three written or telephonic quotes. Bids over \$21,000 require the formal bidding process.

Borough Manager

- Audit is in full swing.
- Free electronics recycling at Vintage Tech in Langhorne. Recycling of electronics is open every weekday and is free. Details will be published on social media.

Mayor

Nothing to report.

Police Chief

Officer Gary Zampano has resigned to accept a full-time position in Morrisville. The Chief expects to present a candidate for hire at the next meeting.

Borough Engineer

- Mary Yardley Bridge – A proposal has been presented to Council for approval at next meeting.
- Yardley Walk Dam – Repairs start next week. At the same time punch list will be finalized and final walkthrough done.

- 2019 Road program – Final walkthrough being scheduled.

Mr. Berry – Mary Yardley Bridge. The proposal is for \$46,100 for project work up until awarding the contract. Another budget will be presented for the full project later.

Susan Taylor – 35 Lookover Lane and Executive Director of the Friends of the Delaware Canal. Regarding the fiberglass bridge for Mary Yardley Bridge project, fiberglass is not an appropriate material for a national historic landmark. DCNR and the PA Historical and Museum Commission will have to approve the plans.

Council Vice President

Council in the Community program is starting. Council members will organize and execute service projects in the community addressing issues of personal interest (tot lot, Reading Ave, flower beds, signage, litter cleanup, etc.) The first event, organized by Ms. Segal-Morris, will be a litter cleanup activity on 2/1/2020, 8-10 am. Updates to follow on social media and website.

Council President

- Vacancy on council. Discussion will follow as an agenda item.
- Ongoing meetings with Steve Santarsiero’s office regarding the Trenton-Mercer Airport. Mr. Bria asks if a member of council will volunteer to become the liaison to the meetings to represent Council and provide updates to Council on activity with airport. Kim Segal-Morris volunteered.

Council Committees

Community Outreach-Ms. Thompson

- New applicant for HARB and/or Parks and Rec boards. They will be interviewed before next Council meeting which is open to the public.
- Parks and Rec is interested in starting Instagram and Facebook accounts and would like approval from Council. Approval was given provided that a Council member is given administrative access.
- Events calendar for 2020 will be presented for a vote at the next meeting.

General Government-Ms. Thompson

Nothing to report.

Community & Economic Development – Mr. Berry

Nothing to report.

Public Safety – Mr. Berry

Nothing to report.

Public Works - Mr. Ross

Nothing to report.

Bill List (Time stamp: 7:44 pm)

Ms. Thompson moves to approve the bills list dated 1/21/2020, which is seconded by Mr. Berry. The motion passes.

Correspondence (Time stamp: 7:44 pm)

None

Public Comment (Time stamp: 7:44 pm)

Susan Taylor, 35 Lookover Lane. The guardrail on North Main Street adjacent to Lake Afton has been damaged for over two years. She suggests that the Borough construct a new guardrail with a style (perhaps wooden) that is more harmonious with the lake and the style of the Borough.

Kim Prickett, 20 W. College. Ms. Prickett requests to go on the record asserting that she believes that she was verbally threatened by Ms. Perlmutter and she has witnesses.

Barry Sharer, 31 N. Main. Mr. Sharer seconds Ms. Taylor’s recommendation for a guardrail near the lake be constructed that would be more in character with the lake and Borough.

David Applebaum, 39 Breece Drive. Announces the next event Experience Yardley event, 2nd Saturday, being held on 2/8/20. The Love Yardley theme will be featuring a Chocolate Crawl at business in Yardley and will feature the opportunity to enter a drawing at each participating store for the opportunity to win a \$1500 chocolate-themed gift basket.

Certificates of Appropriateness (Time Stamp: 7:49 pm)

19-16 (update) 41 South Canal Street (Side Door Change)
Mr. Berry motions to approve Certificate of Appropriateness 19-16 (updated) as submitted and approved by HARB, which Ms. Thompson seconds. Motion passes.

20-01 84 South Main Street (3 signs)
Mr. Berry motions to approve Certificate of Appropriateness 20-01 as submitted to HARB, which Ms. Thompson seconds. Motion passes.

20-02 70 South Main Street (Siding and Windows)
Mr. Berry motions to approve Certificate of Appropriateness 20-02 (for siding only) as submitted to HARB, which Ms. Thompson seconds. Motion passes.
Mr. Berry motions to approve Certificate of Appropriateness 20-02 for one-over-one windows, which Ms. Thompson seconds.
Mr. Applebaum asks what are one-over-one windows. Jerome Taylor, chair of HARB, notes that one-over-one means one sheet of glass on top and one on bottom. The style of the home is Queen Anne and one-over-one windows are consistent with that style.
A vote was held and the motion passes.

Old Business (Time Stamp: 7:53 pm)

1. 57 South Main Street Extension.....Mr. Bria

Russ Sacco appeared to give history on the building and the approval that had previously been given for the construction of a building containing eight one-bedroom apartments on the property. The plans have not changed since the original approval.

Mr. Berry motions to extend the land development plans at 57 S. Main Street through February 28, 2022, which was seconded by Mr. McCann. The motion passes.

2. Update and Quote for The Buck Creek Watershed Assessment.....Mr. McCann
Mr. Mc Cann motions to approve ASA Analysis and Communications, Inc to be the direct contractor to fill the requirements of the EAC grant for the Buck Creek Watershed, which Ms. Thompson seconded.

Ms. Thompson - Why was there a difference between the two quotes? Clarifications on need for training of volunteers and software changed the cost.

A vote was held and the motion passes.

3. Vote to Advertise Green Light Go Request for Bids.....Mr. McCann
Mr. McCann motions to advertise the Green Light Go request for bids for work on the Main and Afton signal, which Ms. Thompson seconds.

The project is for updating signal and timing. There will be a flashing yellow. Estimating the work to be completed by the end of May 2020.

Pete Guidotti, 44 S. Bell – Does the signal include generator functionality? Probably but Liz will confirm.

A vote was held and the motion passes.

Mr. Bria – Looking forward to having this long-standing project finally completed.

New Business (Time Stamp: 8:05 pm)

1. Harper Avenue Sub-Division Final.....Mr. Bria
Mr. William Scott, Attorney representing Ray and Becky O’Hara at 160 Harper, corner of Harper and Van Horn.

There is no intent by the O’Hara’s to build anything on the subdivided property. There is a garage on the property and a variance is required regarding the property. Engineer’s plans need to be recorded on the plan and approvals and variances will be needed in the future if development by a future owner is requested.

Mr. Bria read the following draft motion:

I make a motion to APPROVE the minor subdivision plans of Raymond J. O’Hara, Jr. and Rebecca A. O’Hara for the property located at 160 Harper Avenue, TMP#54-007-021, with the following conditions:

1. Applicant shall comply in all respects with the recommendations set forth in the November 11, 2019 review letter of the Borough Engineer, except to the extent revised by the Borough Council during the approval process;

2. Applicant shall comply in all respects with the recommendations set forth in the Borough Planning Commission’s Review and Recommendations memo, dated December 9, 2019, except to the extent revised by the Borough Council during the approval process;

3. The Borough grants a waiver of Section 22-609.1 of the Borough Zoning Ordinance requiring sidewalks along frontage of both lots;
4. Applicant shall sever any and all utilities between the two (2) lots prior to recording the final record plan;
5. Applicant shall carry out the project in strict accordance with the application, testimony, evidence and representatives of the Applicant and its representatives at the Borough meeting;
6. Confirmatory deeds shall be prepared and recorded at the time of plan recordation confirming the new legal descriptions for the two (2) created lots. The deeds shall be in a form acceptable to the Borough Solicitor prior to recording with the Bucks County Recorder of Deeds; and
7. All approvals and waivers granted by Borough Council are conditional upon submission of a Final Record Plan that adequately memorializes and/or incorporates all of the conditions of the Final Minor Subdivision Plan Approval, in a form that complies with the Borough Code of Ordinances and is reasonably acceptable to the Borough Engineer and Borough Solicitor. The Final Record Plan will not be executed for recording by the Borough until there is full compliance with all of the conditions.

Mr. Berry makes a motion referencing in total the draft read by Mr. Bria, which is seconded by Mr. McCann.

Mr. Closser noted that if new construction is undertaken in the future all ordinances and requests for variances will need to be followed.

A vote was held and the motion passes.

2. Discussion of Council Vacancy Process.....Ms. Thompson
 Ms. Thompson moves to formally accept the Council vacancy, which Mr. Berry seconds.
 The motion passes.

A discussion of the appointment process was presented. Two complete applications have been received and others have expressed interest. All applications must be received by 11:59 pm on 1/31. That date can be extended if need be. Interviews will be held on 2/4 and/or 2/11 in public forum. The date(s) depend on the number of applicants and their availability.

Mr. Berry – The vacancy needs to be filled by 2/20 otherwise the issue moves to the Vacancy Board. Mr. Berry suggests not doing the interviews during a regular Council meeting because it will take too much time if there are more than one or two candidates.

The information will be posted to social media and the application is on website.

Mr. Bria requests consensus for the process Ms. Thompson outlined. Consensus granted.

Ms. Thompson motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:22, which is seconded by Berry. Motion passes.

Submitted by,
 Mary Ann McLean