

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting
February 6, 2024**

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

David Appelbaum
Michele Share

Jared Stump
Caroline Thompson

Kim Segal-Morris
Don Carlson

Council member(s) not in attendance: Uri Feiner

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

I. CALL TO ORDER – Caroline Thompson

The meeting was called to order at 7:30.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Parks and Recreation Board presented charitable donations to:

\$3,000 to Sons of the American Legion

\$2,000 to Gather Place

\$1,500 to Friends of Lake Afton

\$1,500 to Yardley Historical Association

\$500 to DCNR

Yardley Business Association will have a business card exchange on 2/15 from 6-8 at the Refillery.

Shirley Lee Corsey – Gather Place

Black History Month

2/10/24 - The Underground Railroad Revealed Lecture

2/17/24 - Gather Place – Harriet Tubman Live 2-3 pm

Susan Taylor – Yardley Historical Association

2/10/24 Book Swap

2/17/24 A Different Downtown Walking Tour of Yardley

Membership renewal month – renew or join this month

Yardley Winter Farmers Market – moving indoors at the LMT Community Center starting 2/17

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Patty Kleiner, 45 S. Delaware Ave., addressed Council regarding the elevation project at her property. Ms. Thompson will speak directly to the resident in depth.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED February 6, 2024

- A. Approval of Minutes Dated January 16, 2024
- B. Certificate of Appropriateness 24-01 16 S. Main Sign
- C. Consideration of FEMA Funded 45 South Delaware Avenue Elevation Payment Certificate No. 6
- D. Consideration of FEMA Funded 46 Brown Street Payment Certificate No. 7, Final
- E. Consideration of FEMA Funded 25 North Delaware Avenue Elevation Change Order No. 1.

Ms. Thompson requested that Item A be removed and considered separately.

A motion was made by Ms. Segal-Morris to approve the Consent Agenda dated February 6, 2024, items B-E, which is seconded by Ms. Sharer.

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

A motion was made by Ms. Sharer to approve the Consent Agenda dated February 6, 2024, Item A, which is seconded by Mr. Carlson.

A vote was held, and the motion passes 5-0-1.

VII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Police service statistics for January 2024:

In January 2024 the Police Department responded to 562 calls for service, issued 10 parking tickets, issued 87 moving traffic violations, investigated 3 traffic accidents, and performed 0 arrests.

VIII. FINANCE REPORT

Consideration to Accept the February 6, 2024, Finance Report
Consensus was granted.

IX. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Manager Johnson presented her monthly report.

X. ENGINEER'S REPORT

FEMA projects will be advertised on 2/8 and 2/15. Bid opening scheduled for 3/8. After this bid there are two remaining projects to go out to bid.

A. Mary Yardley Pedestrian Bridge

Discussions regarding PECO property with Attorney Griffin.

Scheduling temporary construction to begin 2/19, lasting less than one week.

RVE will be coordinating with DCNR and Borough.

B. Consideration of FEMA Funded 93 North Delaware Avenue Elevation Bid
Bids opened 1/12 and a total of 3 bids were received. Low bid received from Cadduck Construction for \$475,200.

Mr. Carlson motions to accept the bid from Cadduck Construction, which is seconded by Ms. Sharer.

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

XI. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Progress is ongoing with the acquisition of the PECO lot.

Updated State bidding requirements:

No bids required up to \$12,600

Three bids required for \$12,600-\$23,200

Formal bidding required over \$23,200

A. Public Hearing Adoption of Ordinance No. 493 Amendment to the Pension Plan

Ms. Segal-Morris motions to adopt Ordinance No. 493, which is seconded by Ms. Sharer.

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

XII. MAYOR'S REPORT

XIII. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. Kim Segal-Morris– Public Safety Chair, General Government Member

- Experience Yardley received a \$5,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Cultural Alliance
- Experience Yardley also received a \$6700 grant from Visit Bucks County

B. Uri Feiner– Public Works Committee Chair

n/a

C. Jared Stump– Community Outreach Chair, Public Works Member

- Met new business owners in the community, Yardley Piercing
- Wildflower Valley is moving to town, construction ongoing

D. Don Carlson– General Government Chair, Community & Economic Development Member

Nothing to report

E. David Appelbaum– Community & Economic Development Chair, Public Works Member

- Meeting to discuss areas of focus: Airbnb, short term rentals, storm water ordinance review
- Watershed grant, met with Spearhead Earth, got commitment from Shade Tree Committee to assist with grant project
- Ms. Thompson - Request for sidewalk on Afton connecting LMT and Borough – LMT resident Bob Cummings has done a tremendous amount of research and planning to get

this project underway. Will start having meetings with LMT to work together on grant funding.

- Reading Ave railroad tunnel – research on project to restore or replace mural

F. Michelle Sharer-Public Safety Member, Community Outreach Member

- Nothing to report

XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

XV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Vote to Authorize Submittal of MAP Grant for the Yardley Borough 2024 Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Carlson motions to authorize submittal of MAP Grant, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris.

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

B. Resolution 20-01 MAP Grant Matching Funds

Ms. Segal-Morris motions to approve Resolution 20-01, which is seconded by Ms. Sharer.

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

C. Vote to Authorize Borough Manager to Solicit Responses to Comprehensive Plan RFP from Qualified Planning Consultants

Ms. Sharer motions to authorize Borough Manager to Solicit Responses to Comprehensive Plan RFP, which is seconded by Mr. Stump.

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

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Segal-Morris motions to adjourn at 8:10, which is seconded by Ms. Sharer.

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

Submitted by,
Mary Ann McLean