

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting  
February 16, 2021**

The meeting was held via video conference with the following members present:

Caroline Thompson	Uri Feiner	Matt Curtin
Kim Segal-Morris	John McCann	David Bria
Matthew Ross		

Council member(s) not in attendance:

Also in attendance were Mayor Harding, Chief Joseph Kelly, Borough Manager Paula Johnson, Solicitors Ernest Closser and Andrew Griffin, and Zoning Officer Wes Foraker.

**I. CALL TO ORDER –David Bria, President**

The meeting, held by video conference, was called to order at 7:30.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

**IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Please stay tuned to Yardley Borough social media for updates regarding weather events.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Jerry Taylor, 35 Lookover Lane, Chairman of HARB.  
Mr. Taylor asked whether an item that has been sent to HARB has been reviewed and signed off on by the zoning officer. An additional question was asked about the building coming up for consideration as part of the 2/16/21 consent agenda.  
A discussion followed regarding the processes between zoning department and HARB.  
Mr. Bria notes that all documents are available for review.  
Mr. Closser notes that the scope of HARB is related strictly to historic matters, not zoning questions per se.
- Dawn Perlmutter, 18 W. College Avenue  
Ms. Perlmutter asked about the nature of the accident on 2/4/21 on Afton Avenue.  
Chief Kelly responded the accident involved a pedestrian but was non-fatal.  
Mr. Feiner notes the importance of knowing about any non-typical accidents that happen in the Borough.  
Mayor Harding is informed of all notable items from Chief Kelly.

**VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED February 16, 2021**

- A. Approval of Minutes dated February 2, 2021
- B. Bills List dated February 16, 2021
- C. Certificate of Appropriateness No 20-24@19 S. Main St - Addition

A motion to approve the consent agenda dated February 16, 2021 was made by Mr. Feiner, which is seconded by Ms. Thompson.

A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.

VII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT

- The audit is underway.
- The wreath program has been very successful, adding 5-7 years of life to existing wreaths.
- Public should keep eye on social media during pending storm.
- Resolution 21-01 - Designation of Agent FMA 2019 Mitigation Construction Project  
Mr. Ross motions to approve Resolution 21-01, which is seconded by Ms. Thompson. A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.

IX. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

X. MAYOR'S REPORT

- May 5<sup>th</sup>, Carry the Load event in Yardley Borough, adhering to all health and safety recommendations.

XI. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. Matthew Curtin – Environmental Advisory Commission, Reading Avenue Committee

Nothing to report.

B. Matthew Ross – Public Works Committee, Planning Commission  
Bridge project moving forward well.

Preliminary discussion of a grading ordinance. More to follow.

C. Kim Segal-Morris – Public Safety Committee, Human Relations Committee, TTN  
Airport Updates

Nothing to report.

D. David Bria – Sewer Authority  
Councilmembers need to file financial disclosures by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

E. Caroline Thompson – General Government Committee, Parks & Recreation Board

3/5/21 Final floodplain webinar of this year – How to prepare and return to your home after a flood.

Indoor cornhole league starting in community center.

Fun runs and charity run events are planned for this year adhering to health and safety guidelines.

F. John McCann – Community & Economic Development Committee, Historic & Architectural Review Board, North Main Street Traffic Committee  
Mary Yardley Bridge – Fundraising is continuing.

G. Uri Feiner – Community Outreach Committee, Experience Yardley, Shade Tree Commission  
Nothing to report.

## XII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Presentation by Experience Yardley regarding “Duck Walk.”

Mr. Applebaum and the committee presented information about the Duck Walk as a community engagement event, a way to promote of Yardley Borough, and a fundraiser during the time of pandemic-related concerns.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding the Duck Walk project and many questions were raised about planning, funding, code enforcement, safety, insurance, etc.

Action item: The borough manager and code enforcement will put together a list of specific questions for Experience Yardley with respects to all aspects of the program and code enforcement requirements. Experience Yardley will respond with answers and more detailed conversations will be undertaken to address all concerns.

## XII. OTHER BUSINESS

none

## XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Thompson motions to adjourn the meeting to at 9:12, which is seconded by Mr. Ross. The motion passes 7-0.

Submitted by,  
Mary Ann McLean