

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting
March 3, 2020**

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

Caroline Thompson	David Bria	Ryan Berry
Kim Segal-Morris	John McCann	Uri Feiner
Matthew Ross		

Council member(s) not in attendance:

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

- I. CALL TO ORDER – David Bria, President
The meeting was called to order at 7:31.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
All council members and Mayor Harding present.
- IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
Mr. Bria requests that community members submit announcements of community events in advance of the meeting to himself or to Ms. Johnson and they will be presented in this section of the agenda.
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT
 - David Applebaum, 39 Breece Drive. What provisions have been made in the event of an emergency, coronavirus or otherwise. Any coordinated response would come through the state and the county down to the community level. Ms. Johnson suggests that all community members sign up to receive the county alerts and the Borough is looking into remote computer access for Borough offices in the event quarantines are instituted or office access isn't available for any reason. Chief Kelly notes that in the event of an emergency the Borough will initiate the emergency operations plan.
- VI. RESOLUTION 20-03: Special Rules of Order for Consent Agendas
Ms. Thompson moves to approve Special Rules of Order for Consent Agendas, which is seconded by Mr. Segal-Morris. The motion passes 7-0.
- VII. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED March 3, 2020
 - A. Approval of Minutes dated February 18, 2020
 - B. Bills List dated March 3, 2020Ms. Thompson motions to approve the consent agenda dated March 3, 2020, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris. The motion passes 7-0.
- VIII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT
 - A. Officers Hiring
Ms. Segal-Morris motions that Yardley Borough extend a conditional offer to hire Jake Kulchinsky and Dakota Romberger as part-time Police Officers, pending certification from the Pennsylvania Municipal Officers' Education & Training Commission (MPOETC), which is seconded by Mr. Berry. The motion passes 7-0.

B. Read Along With a Cop will be held at Starbucks 3/17/20, 2:30-4:30 and gives the community an opportunity to meet the new officers.

C. Chief notes that contracted animal control officer Jamie Fazzalore-Truelove has never been sworn in to enforce sections of the Agricultural Code of Pennsylvania pertaining to animals. Chief requests consensus from Council to ask solicitor to draft a resolution and oath on this matter. Consensus granted.

Mr. Berry offers commendation to police and fire departments for their response to the recent fire in Yardley Commons.

IX. ENGINEER'S REPORT

A. EAC Watershed Management Grant. There is now a contract with ASA so they are moving forward with constituent list for sampling followed by quotes and project scope.

B. PECO lot at end of Fuld Rd. If Borough wants to apply for DCNR land acquisition grant for that land the grant is due in April. Part of the application process requires the engineer to get a full appraisal. Council requests that engineer spend the next two weeks getting costs and specs for appraisal and bring back to next meeting for approval.

X. PROJECT UPDATES

A. Main & Afton Intersection

Contracts and preconstruction meeting are completed. Engineer will look into the timing of crossing signals once the new poles and lights are in.

B. Mary Yardley Bridge

Discussion held regarding option of an aluminum bridge coated with epoxy and differences (cost, durability, maintenance, etc) between epoxy coatings versus powder coatings. DCNR says both FRP and aluminum bridge options should be applied for.

Ms. Thompson motions to move forward with submitting application to PHMC for both FRP and aluminum bridge as discussed, which is seconded by Mr. Ross.

Brett Weber, President of Friends of the DE Canal. Mr. Weber encourages Borough to consider carefully their application. FRP wouldn't fall into the agency's guidelines for appropriateness and it sets a bad precedent. An aluminum bridge makes sense and marine coating is recommended which is easily repaired.

Ms. Thompson asks why is FRP is not a good option.

Susan Taylor, Executive Director, Friends of the DE Canal. The aluminum bridge is a compromise in light of the issues of weight. There are metal bridges along the canal. FRP is too modern for a national historical landmark and sets a precedent. Borough's duty regarding the landmark is to document for posterity that if an FRP bridge is chosen it was because of extreme extenuating circumstances and document those specific reasons.

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

C. 2019 Roads Program

Waiting on as-builts from contractor.

XI. MANAGER'S REPORT

- Main Afton starting Monday and should last 1-2 weeks, from 9-3 daily. Expect days and please be patient.
- Field work for annual audit almost done.

- Computer updates starting 3/19.

XII. SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Developing a facility use agreement for rec room. Regarding use and restrictions.

XIII. ZONING HEARING BOARD

A variance was granted to Raymond and Rebecca O’Hara for 160 Harper Avenue.

XIV. MAYOR’S REPORT

Nothing to report.

XV. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. Ryan Berry – Environmental Advisory Commission, Reading Avenue Committee
Nothing to report.

B. Matthew Ross – Public Works Committee, Planning Commission
Next meeting next week.

C. Kim Segal Morris – Public Safety Committee, Human Relations Committee, TTN
Airport Updates
HR Commission needs an additional member. Please repost opening on webpage.

D. David Bria – Sewer Authority
He will attend meeting next Wednesday.

E. Caroline Thompson – General Government Committee, Parks & Recreation
Board
Little Free Library was delivered and an early spring grand opening is planned.
Main Street Mile signup is available.

F. John McCann – Community & Economic Development Committee, Historic &
Architectural Review Board, North Main Street Traffic Committee
Discussions held about Mary Yardley Bridge and materials.
North Main Traffic group – Thanks to Chief for patrols which seem to have
resulted in less speeding and truck traffic. Concerns about speeding school buses.
Questioning feasibility of cross walk study on North Main.

G. Uri Feiner – Community Outreach Committee, Experience Yardley, Shade Tree
Commission
There are vacancies to be filled.

XVI. DISCUSSION

XVII. OTHER BUSINESS

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Berry motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:31, which is seconded by Mr. Bria.

Motion passes.

Submitted by,
Mary Ann McLean