

Yardley Borough Council Meeting
March 20, 2018

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

Ryan Berry	David Bria	Caroline Thompson
Matthew Ross	Bryon Marshall	Sandi Brady

Also in attendance were Mayor Chris Harding, Assistant Borough Manager Paula Johnson, Chief Joseph Kelly, Solicitor E. Closser and Borough Engineer Thomas Beach. Vice President David Bria called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Mr Berry moves to approve the minutes of March 6, 2018, which is seconded by Mr Marshall. Motion carries.

Mr Ross moves to elect a new Council President. Motion is seconded by Ms Brady, which passes unanimously.

Ms Brady nominates Bryon Marshall for Council President, which is seconded by Mr Ross. Motion passes unanimously.

Progress Reports;

Solicitor

No report

Borough Assistant Manager

No report

Mayor

Mayor Harding urges residents to call PECO to report any power outages.

Police Chief

Chief Kelly reports that the department has posted no parking signs on Main Street and E Afton Ave, in anticipation of the snow storm.

Borough Engineer

- The North Main Street Sidewalk project is still waiting for Harrisburg to execute the grant, but the Borough has received a letter of non-prejudice, which allows the Borough to move forward. A pre-construction meeting will be set up, and work should be starting in April. A letter will go out to the residents involved.
- The Main & Afton signal improvement project is currently in design phase.
- The Engineers looked at the old stone foundation of the Mary Yardley Bridge and believe it may be modified, and made safe and able to use.

Council Vice President

Mr Bria attended the Yardley-Makefield Fire Company's Annual Banquet, where Borough Businessman and Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator Barry DiNola was honored as Fireman of the Year. Mr Bria notes that the Fire Company has handled an above average number of calls, due to the 4 recent storms in March.

Council President

President Marshall encourages participation and questions from Borough residents, and will try and be responsive to their concerns.

Council Committees

Community Development

No report

Public Safety

Mr Bria reports that the Borough is looking to purchase two pieces of equipment, and with the help of Mayor Harding, is raising the necessary funds.

Community Outreach

Ms Brady states that the Committee is accepting applications to the new Human Relations Commission, and hope to make appointments at the next Council meeting.

Public Works

No report

General Government

No report

Bill List

Ms Thompson moves to approve the Bill List dated March 20, 2018, which is seconded by Mr Berry. Ms Brady points out an item on the Bill List to pay the outgoing Borough Manager for accumulated sick time and credited vacation time. Tammy Marshall, 31 S Bell Ave and Michelle Smull of 181 S Canal St, want to know who oversees the Borough Manager. It is explained that that the Borough Manager reports to Council President. Motion carries.

Public Comment

- John McCann, 174 N Main St, asks if the Borough could set up a pickup for leaves and branches. Lower Makefield was allowing Yardley Borough residents to bring yard waste to their facility up until March 17th. The Borough will request that again from Lower Makefield.
- Michele Smull, 181 S Canal St, asks if South Canal St is a dedicated street. Council will investigate this.
- Dawn Perlmutter, 18 West College Ave, has concerns about the property at 20 West College Ave, and believes there is work being done without the proper permits, and feels that she is being retaliated against by Borough officials.

- Kim Prickett, owner of 20 West College Ave, states that all work being done on her property is legal and permitted. Ms Prickett would like to be included in future communications that involve her property.

Certificates of Appropriateness

1. 18-07 188A South Canal St (Solar Panels).....Mr Ross
Mr Ross moves to approve Certificate of Appropriateness 18-07, which is seconded by Mr Berry. Motion carries.
2. 18-08 8 South St (Generator).....Mr Ross
Mr Ross moves to approve Certificate of Appropriateness 18-08, which is seconded by Mr Bria. Motion carries.
3. 18-09 122-124 South Main St (roof).....Mr Ross
Mr Ross moves to approve Certificate of Appropriateness 18-09, which is seconded by Mr Bria. Motion carries.

Old Business

1. Adoption of Ordinance No 475 Natural Resources Protection Ordinance.....Mr Bria
Mr Bria moves to adopt Ordinance No 475, which is seconded by Mr Ross. This Ordinance would restrict building within 150 feet of a waterway. Ms Brady does not want to put too many restrictions on property owners living near the canal or the river. Ms Brady moves to table the motion which is seconded by Mr Berry. Motion carries, with Mr Bria voting against.
2. Lakeview Properties Modification to Final Plan.....Mr Ross
Mr Ross moves to approve the modifications to the Lakeview Properties final plan, which is seconded by Mr Bria. Motion carries.

New Business

1. Appointment of Interim Borough Manager.....Mr Bria
Mr Bria moves to appoint Paula Johnson as Interim Borough Manager, until a new Borough manager is hired. Motion is seconded by Ms Brady. Motion carries.
2. Resolution 18-03 Sidewalk Phase II Grant Submission.....Mr Berry
Mr Berry makes a motion to apply for a 30% match for \$433,333 for Phase II of the North Main St Sidewalk project. Motion is seconded by Mr Ross which passes unanimously.
3. Proposal for Engineering and Design for 2018 Road Program.....Mr Ross
Mr Ross moves to approve the proposal for Engineering and Design for the 2018 Road Program, which is seconded by Ms Brady. Motion carries.
4. Change Order #2, 59 Morgan Ave, Cert #6 Final.....Mr Ross
Mr Ross moves to approve Change Order #2, for 59 Morgan Ave, which is seconded by Mr Bria. Motion carries.
5. Letter of Support for the Newtown to Delaware Lehigh Trail Feasibility Study.....Mr Berry
Mr Berry makes a motion for the Borough to write a letter of support for the Newtown to Delaware Lehigh Trail Feasibility Study, which is seconded by Ms Brady. Motion carries.

6. Special Event Permit (Yardley 5K 6/3/18).....Ms Brady
Ms Brady moves to approve the Special Event Permit for the Yardley 5K on June 3rd, 2018, which is seconded by Mr Ross. Motion carries.
7. Banner Permit (Yardley 5K) installation 5/21, removal 6/4.....Ms Brady
Ms Brady moves to approve the Banner Permit for the Yardley 5K, installation 5/21 and removal 6/4, which is seconded by Mr Berry. A Beer Fest Banner has already been approved for this same time. Motion is withdrawn and tabled, until a decision can be made.

Adjournment 8:35pm

Executive Session (Personnel)

Executive Session Adjourned 9:15pm

Respectively Submitted,

Cheryl Cler