

Yardley Borough Council Meeting
April 3, 2018

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

Ryan Berry Caroline Thompson Sandi Brady
Matthew Ross Bryon Marshall

Also in attendance were Mayor Chris Harding, Interim Borough Manager Paula Johnson, Chief Joseph Kelly, Solicitor E. Closser and Borough Engineer Thomas Beach. President Marshall 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 20, 2018, which is seconded by Ms Thompson. Motion carries.

Progress Reports;

Solicitor

No report

Borough Assistant Manager

No report

Mayor

Mayor Harding reports that the upcoming Carry the Load event is on Thursday, May 3rd. A Rally will be at the Veterans Monument, across from the Yardley Inn from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. On Friday, May 4th from 5-7pm at the Continental Tavern a post fund raising event will be held. The Travis Manion Foundation will be the primary sponsor of the Carry the Load event.

Police Chief

Chief Kelly reports that for the month of March, the department answered 543 calls for service, issued 16 parking tickets, 114 traffic citations, investigated 10 traffic accidents, and 4 arrests, 2 of which were DUI's.

There will be a press conference on April 11th, at 12 noon, at Borough Hall, to announce the purchase of equipment for the police department, donated by five local businesses.

Borough Engineer

Mr Beach notes that a pre-construction meeting for the North Main Street Sidewalk project will be on April 12th at 1pm, at Borough Hall.

Council Vice President

No report

Council President

No report

Council Committees

Community & Economic Development

Mr Ross reports that the Committee met to discuss the progress of the North Main St Sidewalk project.

Public Safety

Public Safety Committee will now be meeting in the conference room, downstairs in Borough Hall, from 7:00 to 7:30, before the Council meeting.

Community Outreach

Ms Brady reports that the Communication Advisory Board will meet April 4 at 7pm, and will discuss televising meetings and updates to the Borough website.

Public Works

No report

General Government

No report

Bill List

Ms Thompson moves to approve the Bill List dated April 3, 2018, which is seconded by Ms Brady. Motion carries.

Public Comment

None

Certificates of Appropriateness

No activity

Old Business

Music on Main Addendum.....Ms Brady

Ms Brady states Music on Main has submitted an updated Special Event Permit application, requesting a Cinco de Mayo event on May 5. Ms Brady moves to approve the updated Music on Main Special Event permit, contingent on insurance being provided. Motion is seconded by Mr Ross, which passes unanimously.

New Business

1. Modified Pay Progression-Part-Time Police..... Ms Thompson

In an effort to be more competitive and encourage part-time officers to stay on, a pay progression schedule is being proposed, which would bring the rate of pay to \$22 per hour, beginning with the officer's 2 year anniversary. A 4% pay raise each year is also in the schedule. Ms Thompson moves that Yardley Borough adopt the Modified Pay Progression for part-time Police Officers, as detailed in the proposal, which is seconded by Mr Berry. Motion carries.

2. Appointments to Human Relations Commission.....Ms Brady

Ms Brady moves to appoint Jaqueline Giacobbe to the Human Relations Commission, for a term expiring 12/31/2021. Motion is seconded by Ms Thompson. Motion carries. Ms Brady moves to appoint Kimberly Segal-Morris to the Human Relations Commission, for a term expiring 12/31/2020. Motion is seconded by Mr Berry. Motion carries. Ms Brady moves to appoint Alyson O'Rourke-Barrett to the Human Relations Commission, for a term expiring 12/31/2019. Motion is seconded by Mr Berry. Motion carries

3. Resolution 18-04 Preserve Reading Ave.....Mr Berry

This Resolution states the intent of Council to preserve the Borough owned property on Reading Avenue. Nikki Yanchunas, 175 Harper Ave, is concerned about using proper wording, to insure there is no sale of the property in the future. Council explains that the Resolution is only a first step. Mr Berry moves to adopt Resolution 18-04, to preserve Reading Avenue. Motion is seconded by Ms Brady, which passes unanimously.

4. Change Order #3 59 Morgan Ave Cert #7 Final.....Mr Ross

Mr Ross makes a motion to approve Change Order #3 for 59 Morgan Ave, which is seconded by Ms Brady. Motion carries.

5. Event Permit, Carry the Load.....Ms Brady

Ms Brady moves to approve the Special Event Permit for the Carry the Load Event on May 3rd, which is seconded by Mr Berry. Motion carries.

Adjournment 8:30

Executive Session (Personnel)

Cheryl Lowe
Recording Secretary