

Yardley Borough Council Meeting
April 5, 2022

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

Caroline Thompson	Kim Segal-Morris	John McCann
Christopher Campellone	Matthew Curtin	Matt Ross

Council member(s) not in attendance: David Bria

Also in attendance were Mayor Chris Harding, Chief Joseph Kelly, Borough Manager Paula Johnson, Engineer Pat Foley, and Solicitor Ernest Closser.

I. CALL TO ORDER – Caroline Thompson, Vice President

The meeting was called to order at 7:32.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Yardley Borough resident Mary Arata will celebrate her 100th birthday Wednesday 4/6.
- The Borough is forming a Construction Code Board of Appeals, authorized under PA Code, which is made up of licensed and experienced professionals from the construction industry. Persons interested in participating should contact Manager Johnson.
- Easter egg hunt will be held at 11am Saturday 4/10 in Buttonwood Park.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED April 5, 2022

A. Approval of Minutes Dated March 15, 2022

B. Bills List Dated April 5, 2022

C. Renewal of Outdoor Dining: Rosa Bianca, Continental Tavern, Vault, Yardley Inn, Canal Street Grill.

C. Approval of Event Permits: Carry the Load May 4, 2022
Friends Meeting Movie Nights – 6/11, 7/9, 8/13
Harvest Day September 17, 2022

Mr. Campellone motions to approve the Consent Agenda dated April 5, 2022, which is seconded by Mr. Ross.

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

VII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Police service statistics for March 2022: The department handled 528 calls for service, issued 2 parking tickets, issued 91 moving traffic citations, issued 2 criminal citations, investigated 5 motor vehicle accidents, and made 2 arrests (0 for DUI.)

VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT

Updates

- Audit is completed and submitted.
- Dapper Duck has landed in Buttonwood Park.
- Newsletter arriving this week in mailboxes.

IX: ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Yardley Walk – Looking into storm water piping, will be following up
- 18 Van Horn – Applicant has resubmitted a landscaping plan which is being reviewed
- Issued a storm water management review for 85 W. Afton, Lot 2
- Waiting for response regarding 160 Harper Ave
- Reviewing storm water submission for 85 W. Afton, Lot 1

XIII. PROJECT UPDATES

A. North Main Street Sidewalks – Phase II and III

Phase II – Bid package is being reviewed by Penn Dot. Hoping for approval before next meeting.

Phase III – Sketch plan submission will be submitted to Borough by end of week.

B. Mary Yardley Bridge

Submitted permits. Received conservation district review letter. Waiting for DEP's GP11 permit.

C. PECO Property

DCNR Acquisition Grant – Decision made to not submit for that acquisition grant because it did not provide full funding. Met with DCNR looking forward to additional funding opportunities for 2023.

XI. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

XII. MAYOR'S REPORT

- Carry the Load – Advertising will begin soon. Looking for sponsors and hoping for Council participation to walk from Washington Crossing to Feasterville Trevoise firehouse, which is about 18 miles.
- Bucks Blue Show – 4/19 will feature retired Philadelphia police officer Jesse Hartman telling his story about being ambushed and shot.

XIII. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. Kim Segal-Morris – Public Safety Committee, Human Relations Committee, APO, YM Fire Company

Experience Yardley meeting – Working on vision and mission statements, attracting people to Yardley for a day rather than just a restaurant destination, and parking.

B. Matthew Ross – Public Works Committee, Sewer Authority
n/a

C. Matt Curtin – General Government Committee, Planning Commission
Nothing to report.

D. John McCann – Community & Economic Development Committee, Historic & Architectural Review Board, Zoning Hearing Board, Shade Tree Commission
CED – Committee revisiting question of parking and outdoor seating ordinances and coordinating with planning commission.

E. Chris Campellone – Community Outreach Committee, YBA, Experience Yardley, EAC, Parks and Rec
Nothing to report.

Ms. Thompson - 85 W. Afton received a demolition permit. Previous statement by developers was that they intended to preserve the building. There are no legal means to preserve property and the hope is to preserve the property in drawings and saving at least some of the original stone. The center part of building dates back to 1600's.

XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

XV. OTHER BUSINESS

Res. 22-09 – Purchase of Logger for EAC Project – C. Campellone

The cost is \$350 and is reimbursable through grant funding.

Mr. Campellone motions to approve Resolution 22-09, which is seconded by Mr. Ross.

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

Brainstorming Session

Council and community members met in breakout groups to formulate ideas around completing existing projects, restarting stagnant projects, and planning for wish list projects as part of 5 and 10 year financial plans and the 2024 comprehensive plan.

Results of the surveys and the brainstorming session will be made available to the public.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ross motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 Ross, which is seconded by Mr. McCann. A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

Submitted by,
Mary Ann McLean