

Yardley Borough Council Meeting
April 17, 2018

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

Ryan Berry	David Bria	Sandi Brady
Matthew Ross	Bryon Marshall	Michael Ruttle

Also in attendance were Mayor Chris Harding, Assistant Borough Manager Paula Johnson, Chief Joseph Kelly, Solicitor E. Closser and Borough Engineer Leanna Colubriale. 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 April 3, 2018, which is seconded by Mr Bria. Motion carries, with Mr Ruttle abstaining.

Progress Reports;

Solicitor

No report

Borough Assistant Manager

No report

Mayor

No report

Police Chief

Chief Kelly thanks Apex Financial, Liberation Way, Icon, Red Nucleus, an anonymous company and all involved in the press conference that took place on April 11th, to announce the purchase of the new ticketing equipment for the police department.

Borough Engineer

1. Ms Colubriale reports that the North Main Street sidewalk project phase one pre-construction meeting will be taking place on April 18th.
2. The Borough is working with PennDot on the Green Light Go grant, which involves the traffic signal at Main and Afton, to coordinate the location of the new signal poles.
3. The 2014 FMA program is nearing a close, with two issues needing to be resolved. The 2015 FMA program is ongoing.

Council Vice President

No report

Council President

Mr Marshall requests that item 6 under New Business be taken off the Agenda, which involves the hiring of an Interim Borough Treasurer.

Council Committees

Public Works

1. Mr Berry reports that the Park & Recreation Committee will be submitting a letter with their thoughts about the Reading Avenue property. The Planning Commission will also be discussing the property.
2. Members of Public Works will be walking in the areas of North Main Street affected by phase one of the Sidewalk Project, to let residents know what to expect. Contractors will also issue notices.

Community & Economic Development

No report

Public Safety

Public Safety meetings will now be held downstairs in the conference room at 7:00, before the Council meeting. Ms Brady will be assigned to this Committee, and Mr Marshall will be leaving that committee.

Community Outreach

No report

General Government

No report

Bill List

Mr Berry moves to approve the Bill List dated April 17, 2018, which is seconded by Ms Brady. Motion carries.

Public Comment

Brian Welsh, 22 Reading Ave, notes that the EAC is scheduled to come to the Reading Avenue property on Saturday April 21st, at 11am, and encourages Borough residents to join them and walk the property.

Tom Posey, 120 South Main Street, asks about the Borough taking steps towards Net Neutrality, which, according to Wikipedia, means that internet providers would treat all data on the Internet the same and not discriminate by user, content, website, platform, and application type of attached equipment or method of communication. It was noted that there could be legal ramifications to this, and no action will be taken at this time.

Sandy Bowker, 84 North Main Street, has ongoing concerns about the truck traffic along Main Street, and asks about the traffic study from Perry Warren’s office. Mr Bria will check with the State Representative’s office.

Kim Prickett, 20 W College Ave, states that a meeting pertaining to her property was held on March 29th, and asks to have the names of the people attending that meeting. Ms Prickett was previously supplied that information through a Right to Know request, but claims the information was incomplete. It is explained that the person named as companion is unknown.

Tom Posey, 120 South Main Street, asks about an accident involving a pedestrian at College and Main St. Chief Kelly confirms that there was an accident, and there was no wrongdoing on the part of the motorist. The investigation is ongoing.

John McCann, 174 N Main Street, comments that the truck traffic affects the entire Borough, and not just North Main Street.

Certificates of Appropriateness

No activity

Old Business

1. 5K Banner 5/21 to 6/4.....Ms Brady
Ms Brady explains that the Recreation Board and the Yardley Business Association have agreed to share the Banner for that week, for the 5K Run and the Yardley Beer Fest. The Banner permit for the Beer Fest was previously approved by Council, and the two banners will be hung back to back. Ms Brady moves to approve the 5K banner for 5/21 to 6/4, which is seconded by Mr Bria. Motion carries.

New Business

1. Appointments to Shade Tree Commission Term Ending 1/2/2023.....Ms Brady

Ms Brady moves to appoint Derek Bilcik to serve on the Shade Tree Commission for a 5 year term ending January 2, 2023. Motion is seconded by Mr Berry, which passes unanimously
2. Bucks County Restaurant Week Banner 4/22 to 5/6.....Ms Brady

Ms Brady notes that 5 restaurants will be participating in the Bucks County Restaurant Week, and would like to put up a banner. Ms Brady moves to approve the banner request, which is seconded by Mr Bria. Mayor Harding points out that in the past, the banner has been used only for events specific to Yardley Borough. Motion carries.
3. CAB-FZ Creative Website Training.....Mr Ross

Mr Ross requests website admin access is granted to certain Council members and content editing access to members of the Communications Advisory Board (CAB). FZ Creative website training would be administered to Paula Johnson,

Caroline Thompson, Matthew Ross, Irene Silveus, David Appelbaum, Adam Hiner, and any additional attendees who would like to be trained. Training costs would be \$437.00. Mr Ross moves that Council grant admin website access to Caroline Thompson and Matthew Ross and content editor access to Irene Silveus, David Appelbaum, and Adam Hiner. Motion seconded by Mr Berry. Mayor Harding suggests that instead of granting access to specific people, it should be granted to the position, such as Borough Manager, Borough Assistant Manager. Mr Ross amends the motion to grant admin access to Borough Manager, Assistant Manager, Council members and Borough Staff, and Content editor access granted to members of CAB. Motion seconded by Mr Berry.

David Appelbaum, 39 Breece Dr and CAB member, feels that money would be better spent having FZ Creative clean up the website and make the needed changes, and not spend money on training for a platform that may be replaced in the near future.

Adam Hiner, 108 S Bell Ave and member of CAB, agrees that the Square Space platform is user friendly, and would not require much training. Motion is withdrawn and tabled.

4. CAB Website Access.....Mr Ross

Mr Ross moves to grant website access to Borough Manager, Assistant Manager and Council members and Emergency Management Coordinator, which is seconded by Mr Bria. Motion carries.

5. CAB User of Surveys..... Mr Ross

Mr Ross moves that CAB be allowed to draft and distribute surveys to Borough residents, for the purposes of collecting communication related opinions and ideas, which is seconded by Mr Bria. Motion carries.

Adjournment 8:20 to Executive Session (Personnel)

Council reconvenes. Mr Marshall has recused himself from the discussion, and Mr Bria is running the meeting in his place. Mr Ruttle moves to adjourn the meeting without taking a vote, in the absence of Caroline Thompson. Motion not seconded, motion fails. Mr Berry makes a motion that the position of Borough Manager be part time, which is seconded by Ms Brady. After some discussion, Motion is withdrawn, and the issue is tabled.

Meeting adjourns at 9:00pm

Submitted by,
Cheryl Cler