

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting
April 18, 2023**

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

Kim Segal-Morris
Matthew Curtin
Don Carlson

Caroline Thompson
Uri Feiner

David Appelbaum
John McCann

Council member(s) not in attendance:

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

I. CALL TO ORDER – Caroline Thompson, President

The meeting was called to order at 7:30.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Michele Sharer – Friends of Lake Afton. Spring cleanup day Saturday 4/22 8-12. Bring your own gloves and small gardening tools.
- Shirley Lee Corsey – Gather Place Museum. On Sunday 4/30 from 2-3:30, Corie Feiner will be conducting a Community Poetry Writing Workshop for all ages. Please register online or visit in person Sunday 12-3. Gather Place is also open by appointment.
- Councilman Appelbaum:
 - Parks and Rec Tot Lot Cleanup on 4/23.
 - Yardley General – Offers weekly open Mic and Trivia events
 - Music on Main – Schedule for the season has been announced
 - Carry the Load – May 3rd

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED April 18, 2023

A. Approval of Minutes Dated March 21, 2023

Ms. Segal-Morris motions to approve the Consent Agenda dated April 18, 2023, Items C-G, which is seconded by Mr. Feiner.

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

Mr. Appelbaum motions to approve minutes from the 3/21/23 meeting, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris.

A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0-1.

- B. Approval of Minutes dated April 4, 2023
Ms. Segal-Morris motions to approve minutes from the 4/4/23 meeting, which is seconded by Mr. Carlson.
A vote was held, and the motion passes 4-0-3.

- C. ROW at Delaware Canal State Park
- D. Event Permit – Canal O Ween 10/29-11/4 North Edgewater Avenue
- E. Banner Permit – Restaurant Week 8/6/23-8/21/23
- F. Banner Permit – Canal O Ween 10/23/23-11/5/23
- G. Certificates of Appropriateness
 - i. 23-17 – FOLA Lake Afton – Handrail
 - ii. 23-18 – 2 South Main Street – Fascia Boards
 - iii. 23-19 – 7 South Main Street-Sign

VII. POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT

- A. Police Hiring – Part Time
Mr. Appelbaum motions to extend a conditional offer to hire Richard Chekay as part-time Police Officer, pending eligibility from the Pennsylvania Municipal Police Officers’ Education & Training Commission, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris.
A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.

VIII. MANAGER’S REPORT

- A. Consideration to Accept the Finance Report Dated April 18, 2023
Consensus was granted.

The office is beginning to use One Drive to store and share building and zoning permits, and HARB materials for easier access when away from the office. Access is only granted for those with Yardley Borough email addresses and who have been granted specific access to these materials.

Manager Johnson and Financial Assistant Patty Sargent attended the Bucks County Consortium meeting which offered great networking opportunities with other municipalities.

IX. SOLICITOR’S REPORT

None.

X. MAYOR’S REPORT

Carry the Load will be held May 3, 2023. Yardley Borough is promoting the Washington Crossing to Yardley Borough and Yardley Borough to Newtown legs. A rally will be held at 3:00 at the Veterans Monument between the two sections of the walk.

XI. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

- A. Kim Segal-Morris – Public Safety Committee, Human Relations Committee, EY, EAC- No report.
- B. Uri Feiner - Public Works Committee, Planning Commission
 - North Main construction is complete.
 - Mary Yardley Bridge – right of way has been approved. Waiting for approval in Harrisburg, which hopefully won't take too long.
 - Main/Afton walk signal is broken and being investigated.
- C. Matt Curtin – General Government Committee, YMFC- No report.
- D. John McCann – Community & Economic Development Committee, Historic & Architectural Review Board, Shade Tree-No report.
- E. David Appelbaum – Community Outreach Committee, YBA, Parks and Rec
 - Duck dedication was held 4/15/23
 - Thanks to Tom Cadwallader for the art donated to the Yardley Historical Society fundraiser.
- F. Don Carlson – ZHB, Sewer-No report.
- G. Caroline Thompson – Planning Commission-No report.

XII. DISCUSSION ITEMS-None

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Consideration of Bid for FEMA Funded 33 Brown Street Elevation – Payment Cert #6
Mr. Feiner motions to approve Payment Certificate #6, which is seconded by Mr. Carlson.
A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.
- B. Consideration of Bid for FEMA Funded 81 North Delaware – Payment Cert #1
Mr. Feiner motions to approve Payment Certificate #1, which is seconded by Mr. Carlson.
A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.
- C. Consideration of the Amendments to the Outdoor Dining Ordinance
Mr. McCann reviewed the process for deriving the amendments to the ordinance and the many parties involved in the process.
Mr. McCann and Community and Economic Development recommend advertising the ordinance.
Packets have been distributed to Yardley Borough business owners regarding the changes to the ordinance and what can be expected once the ordinance is approved.
- D. Vote to Advertise the Outdoor Dining Ordinance
Mr. McCann motions to approve advertising of the Outdoor Dining Ordinance, which is seconded by Mr. Appelbaum.
A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Segal-Morris motions to adjourn at 8:02, which is seconded by Mr. McCann.
A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.

Submitted by,
Mary Ann McLean