

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting
April 21, 2020**

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

Caroline Thompson	David Bria	Ryan Berry
Kim Segal-Morris	John McCann	Uri Feiner
Matthew Ross		

Council member(s) not in attendance:

Also in attendance were Mayor Chris Harding, Chief Joseph Kelly, Engineers Tom Beach and Liz Colletti, and Borough Manager Paula Johnson.

- I. CALL TO ORDER – David Bria, President
The meeting, held by video conference, was called to order at 7:31.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
All council members and Mayor Harding present.
- IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - A. Memorial Day Parade Cancelled
 - B. Memorial Mile is rescheduled to Sunday before Veterans’ Day and 5K is rescheduled to October 25th.
 - C. Rotary Club Car Show Cancelled
 - D. PUA – Pandemic Unemployment Assistance is available to small business owners and self-employed folks. The application went live over the weekend.
 - E. Census forms – Please complete via paper form or online.
 - F. PA primary election has been moved to 6/2. Mail-in voting is available for everyone in the state. Sign up for ballots at votespa.com/applymailballot. This issue is especially important for Yardley Borough which has one polling location.
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT
Dawn Perlmutter, 18 W. College Avenue.
Are committees holding meetings at the present time? Mr. Bria - Committees of Council will be meeting by Zoom. Ms. Perlmutter requests that access to the meetings be public and information about attending be made available on the webpage. Also is code enforcement officer working during this time and being paid at this time? Ms. Johnson – Wes Foraker is working as needed on the same part-time basis as before.
- VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED April 21, 2020
 - A. Approval of Minutes dated April 7, 2020
 - B. Bills List dated April 21, 2020
 - C Certificates of Appropriateness: 20-06 Sign, 20-08 Screened Porch

Ms. Thompson motions to approve the consent agenda dated April 21, 2020, which is seconded by Mr. Berry. The motion passes 7-0.

VII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Updates

- Yardley Borough Police awards ceremony will be postponed until August and they may combine the ceremony with a promotion ceremony if the timing coincides.
- There was a fatal accident involving one person on the 30 block of S. Delaware on the morning of 4/21/20.

VIII. ENGINEER'S REPORT

A. Resolution 20-05 PECO Lot

Mr. Berry motions to approve resolution 20-05 in regards to a grant application for the PECO Lot, which is seconded by Ms. Thompson.

Ms. Thompson notes that the match will be from a reserve account or from a line of credit due to constriction of budget this year.

Dawn Perlmutter, 18 W. College Ave. Why do we need to pay the engineer to submit a grant? Ms. Colletti notes that engineering work is required by the grant application.

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

Approval of the appraiser for the PECO lot. Three quotes were received as per policy. Ms. Thompson moves to move ahead with the appraisal in the amount of \$1150, which is seconded by Mr. Berry.

The motion passes 7-0.

B. Easement-Fosters

Mr. Berry motions to approve the traffic signal easement conditional upon agreement from the Fosters, which is seconded by Mr. Ross.

Dawn Perlmutter, 18 W. College Avenue. Are legal fees covered by the grant? Mr. Beach will look into that question.

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

C. Updates

EAC held a watershed management meeting. They have a game plan to move forward with the project while following social distancing rules. They are looking at testing locations and will be purchasing equipment which is covered by the grant.

IX. PROJECT UPDATES

A. Main & Afton Intersection

Still back and forth with PennDot to get construction up and running again. All materials are ordered, expecting early July arrival.

B. Mary Yardley Bridge

PHMC application going out at the end of this week. Turnaround is quick right now.

C. PECO Property

A letter of support was received from the Bucks County Planning Commission.
Peter Guidotti, 44. S. Bell – Emphasizes that the appraisal needs to be based specifically for a non-buildable lot.

X. MANAGER’S REPORT

Updates

2019 annual audit should be done by end of the week and Q1 numbers are being worked on now.

XI. SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Governor Wolf signed Senate Bill 841 yesterday. This bill legally validates virtual meetings during the emergency period, among other things. Mr. Closser’s office is preparing a summary for the Borough.

Tax Deadline Resolution 20-06

This resolution defers payment of tax by one month without penalty. This aligns with Bucks County’s extended deadlines and extends until the end of July.

Ms. Thompson moves to approve Resolution 20-06, which is seconded by Mr. Ross to approve Resolution 20-06 to delay tax collection dates for 2020.

Mr. Feiner encourages those who can make their payments on time to do so to help with the cash flow to the Borough.

Mr. Berry – Does this address the occupation tax? Mr. Closser indicates this may be limited by the statute and he will check for next meeting.

Ms. Thompson notes that the Borough has enough cash on hand through 7/30.

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

XII. MAYOR’S REPORT

- Gather to watch Gene Cadwallader’s funeral procession at the Yardley fire station 4/22 at 10am.
- St. Ignatius has started a fund to help community members in need.
- Thanks to Chief Kelly and the force during this time.

XIII. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. Ryan Berry – Environmental Advisory Commission, Reading Avenue Committee
Nothing to report

B. Matthew Ross – Public Works Committee, Planning Commission
Nothing to report
Zoom meeting for public works scheduled for May.

C. Kim Segal Morris – Public Safety Committee, Human Relations Committee, TTN
Airport Updates
Nothing to report

Public Safety meeting via Zoom scheduled for May.

D. David Bria – Sewer Authority
Nothing to report

E. Caroline Thompson – General Government Committee, Parks & Recreation
Board
Nothing to report

F. John McCann – Community & Economic Development Committee, Historic &
Architectural Review Board, North Main Street Traffic Committee.
Nothing to report
Community and Economic Development will meet in May

G. Uri Feiner – Community Outreach Committee, Experience Yardley, Shade Tree
Commission
Nothing to report
Community outreach will meet in May.

XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

XV. OTHER BUSINESS

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Berry motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:24, which is seconded by Ms. Thompson.
Motion passes 7-0.

Submitted by,
Mary Ann McLean