

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting
May 5, 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

Council member(s) not in attendance: Matthew Ross

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

- I. CALL TO ORDER – David Bria, President
The meeting, held by video conference, was called to order at 7:33.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
Six council members and Mayor Harding present.
- IV. Swearing in of Jamie Fazzalore-Truelove as Animal Control Officer by Mayor Harding
- V. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
None
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT
Dawn Perlmutter, 18. W. College Avenue. Ms. Perlmutter would like to make a formal complaint of discrimination, harassment, and retaliation.
Mr. Bria noted that the recent code citation she received was not directed at Ms. Perlmutter due to comments made by her at last council meeting and any formal complaint needs to go through the manager's officer and follow the formal complaint process.
- VII. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED May 5, 2020
 - A. Approval of Minutes dated April 21, 2020
 - B. Bills List dated May 5, 2020
 - C. Banner PermitMs. Segal-Morris motions to approve the consent agenda dated May 5, 2020, which is seconded by Mr. McCann. The motion passes 6-0.
- VIII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT
Updates
 - Service Statistics for April 2020: There were 565 calls for service, 4 traffic citations, investigated 1 traffic accident, and no arrests were made.

- Ms. Perlmutter asked how determination is made about what crimes are published on the Facebook page to which Mr. Bria responded that the police department has policies surrounding what it publishes and what it does not.

IX. ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Construction has restarted and is moving forward on Main/Afton. 80% needs to be invoiced by end of May. Approvals will be done at the next meeting for submission to PennDot.
- Punch list submitted to Yardley Walk.
- Notification was sent to ML7 that they can resume construction, but they were close to being done before the work stoppage.
- Greenways Trails and Recreation Program grant from DCED is due at the end of the month and if granted is earmarked for purchase of PECO land. The appraisal should be done in the next couple of days and a resolution should be presented at the next meeting.

X. PROJECT UPDATES

- A. Main & Afton Intersection – Work is proceeding now that construction has restarted
- B. Mary Yardley Bridge - The application has been submitted to PHMC and awaiting feedback.
- C. PECO Property – See above regarding grant.
- D. EAC grant – Putting together list of what Borough has to buy directly.
- E. PA Small Sewer and Water Grant – Will check on award date. Was July but may have moved forward.

XI. MANAGER'S REPORT

Updates

- Building code official is back in the office and permits are being processed.
- Farmers Market would like to continue beginning Saturday 5/16 with social distancing rules, masks, preorders and table sales, utilizing bathrooms at Wawa. Ms. Johnson seeks Council's support for this request. Market will be held with limited hours – senior citizens 8-10am and full hours 8-12. Support was granted.

XII. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Easement agreement with Fosters was finalized, just needs to be signed and submitted.

XIII. MAYOR'S REPORT

XIV. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

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

- B. Matthew Ross – Public Works Committee, Planning Commission
n/a
- C. Kim Segal-Morris – Public Safety Committee, Human Relations Committee, TTN
Airport Updates
Public Safety met 5/5/20.
- 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.
Community and Economic Development – discussion of zoning ordinance
revisions and working with planning commission. A resident brought up idea of
incentivizing and diversifying businesses in Yardley.
- G. Uri Feiner – Community Outreach Committee, Experience Yardley, Shade Tree
Commission
Community Outreach met 5/5/20 with no attendees.
David Appelbaum from Experience Yardley. The group is thinking about post-
pandemic reality and working on ideas for future which they will provide to
Council.

XV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- The community newsletter is no longer paying for itself. It costs \$800 annually to keep that going and the lead time is 8 weeks, so it isn't really timely. Ms. Thompson is asking Council to consider moving to a virtual newsletter which would save money and be more timely and up to date. Mr. Feiner agrees it is time to move to a new format and asks to brainstorm how to get more e-mail addresses for residents. Maybe neighbors on each block could help collect those missing addresses. Ms. Johnson is concerned about the residents who aren't tech savvy and those missing e-mail addresses in our systems. Ms. Segal-Morris and Mr. McCann and Mr. Berry enjoy the charm of the newsletter in our small town and ask for research on some other alternatives (insert in the Yardley Voice, include with the quarterly trash bill.)
- YTD analysis of financials shows signs of strong financial health, all things considered. Anticipating a worst-case scenario of 30-60k shortfall. Plans are being made to cover the shortfall and financial analysis and cost-cutting measures were included in the meeting packet. Ms. Thompson asks for feedback.

XVI. OTHER BUSINESS

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Thompson motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:23, which is seconded by Mr. Berry.
Motion passes 6-0.

Submitted by,
Mary Ann McLean