

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting
June 6, 2023**

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

John McCann	Caroline Thompson	David Appelbaum
Matthew Curtin	Don Carlson	Kim Segal-Morris
Uri Feiner		

Council member(s) not in attendance:

Also in attendance were Chief Kelly, Borough Financial Assistant Patty Sargent, Engineer Patrick Foley, and Solicitor Ernest Closser.

I. CALL TO ORDER – Caroline Thompson, President

The meeting was called to order at 7:32.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- July 4th and August 1st Council meetings are cancelled. They will not be rescheduled. Meetings during the summer will be held July 18th and August 15th. Council committees will meet at the pleasure of the committee chairs.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED June 6, 2023

- A. Approval of Minutes Dated May 16, 2023
- B. Event Permit Harvest Day Canal, E. College, Bell, and FitzGerald Field 9/23
- C. Banner Permit Harvest Day – September 9-24- Main Street
- D. Event Permit Juneteenth Celebration – June 19th - 6:30 – Borough Hall
- E. Certificates of Appropriateness
 - 23-24 – 41 E Afton Ave – Fence
 - 23-25 – 30 S. Main Street – Sign
 - 23-26 – 43 South Main Street – Sign
 - 23-27 – 136-138 South Main Street – Overhang

Mr. Curtin requests to remove item A due to his absence from the meeting.

Ms. Segal-Morris motions to approve the Consent Agenda dated June 6, 2023, minus Item A, which is seconded by Mr. Carlson.

A vote was held, and the motion passes with a vote of 7-0.

Ms. Segal-Morris motions to approve the Minutes dated May 16, 2023, which is seconded by Mr. Appelbaum.

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

VII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Police service statistics for May 2023. The department handled 615 calls for service, issued 2 parking tickets, issued 67 traffic citations, investigated 5 motor vehicle accidents, and made 2 arrests, 0 for DUI.

Mr. Feiner made the observation that there seems to be more aggressive driving lately. He asks if Chief Kelly has observed the same issue. Chief Kelly notes that their statistics remain consistent with respect for accidents. The Chief also notes that bus monitoring happens with the Pennsbury school buses and when a car illegally passes a bus a photograph is taken, and the police issue a citation.

VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Consideration to Accept the June 6, 2023 Finance Report

Consensus was granted.

Manager's monthly recap was presented by Patty Sargent.

IX. ENGINEER'S REPORT

X. PROJECT UPDATES

A. Permission to advertise the bid for the FEMA funded 25 N. Delaware Avenue Project provided the owner and agency comments are addressed by RVE.

Mr. Feiner motions to grant permission to advertise the bid for FEMA funded 25 N. Delaware Avenue, which is seconded by Mr. Appelbaum.

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

B. Permission to assist Yardley Borough in the preparation and submission of the DCED multimodal Transportation Fund Grant for North Main Street Sidewalk Phase III.

Mr. Feiner motions to grant permission for RVE to assist Yardley Borough in the preparation and submission of the DCED multimodal grant, which is seconded by Mr. Curtin.

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

C. Consideration of FEMA funded 45 S. Delaware Avenue – Change Order No. 1

Mr. Feiner motions to approve Change Order No. 1 for N. Delaware Avenue, which is seconded by Mr. McCann.

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

D. Consideration of FEMA funded 45 S. Delaware Avenue – Change Order No. 2

Mr. Carlson motions to grant permission to approve Change Order No. 2 for 45 S. Delaware Avenue, which is seconded by Mr. Feiner.

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

E. Consideration of FEMA funded 81 N. Delaware Avenue – Change Order No. 2

Mr. Feiner motions to approve Change Order No. 2 for 81 N. Delaware Avenue, which is seconded by Mr. Carlson.

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

F. Mary Yardley Pedestrian Bridge

RVE is still awaiting signed agreements from the state and from PECO. There is no estimated time for approvals. President Thompson will work with Manager Johnson to get local representatives involved to move these approvals forward.

The bridge is constructed but located at the manufacturer's site.

G. North Main Street Sidewalk – Phase II

The contractor is working on addressing the punch list.

XI. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

A. Vote to Authorize the Assessment Appeal Regarding the Yardley Inn

Mr. McCann motions to authorize the assessment appeal regarding the Yardley Inn, which is seconded by Mr. Appelbaum

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

XII. MAYOR'S REPORT

Thanks to all who participated to make the Memorial Day celebrations meaningful.

XIII. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. Kim Segal-Morris – Public Safety Committee, Human Relations Committee, EY, EAC

Public Safety met – discussed air quality, lack of water in the canal, speed and traffic issues

EY – new website will be up and running in two weeks, porch party 7/14, Music off Main beginning this weekend

B. Uri Feiner - Public Works Committee, Sewer Authority, APO

Discussed the issue of how all the pieces are in place for the Mary Yardley Bridge and the issues preventing it from being installed.

C. Matt Curtin – General Government Committee, YMFC

Will present a mid-year budget review at the July meeting.

- 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
Thanks Parks and Rec for two successful races. Thank Ye Olde Flower Shop for donations to the race winners.
Watershed Grant resubmitted for \$10,000 for waterway cleanup.
LGBTQ+ ceremony held to recognize Pride Month.
June 14th – Flag Day
- F. Don Carlson – ZHB, Sewer
No report
- G. Caroline Thompson – Planning Commission
No report.

XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

XV. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Authorization for Congressman Fitzpatrick delivery of TTN Environmental Studies
Letter signed by Yardley Borough Secretary.
Letters will be hand delivered to Transportation Secretary Buttigieg stating the Borough's position against federal funding for the airport expansion until all environmental and health impacts have been completed.
Mr. Appelbaum motions to authorize signing this letter, which is seconded by Mr. Feiner.
A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Segal-Morris motions to adjourn at 8:22, which is seconded by Mr. McCann.
A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.

Submitted by,
Mary Ann McLean