

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

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

David Appelbaum  
Don Carlson

Matthew Curtin  
Kim Segal-Morris

Uri Feiner

Council member(s) not in attendance: Caroline Thompson

Also in attendance were Chief Kelly, Borough Manager Paula Johnson, Zoning Officer Wes Foraker, Engineer Patrick Foley, and Solicitor Andrew Griffin

I. CALL TO ORDER – Kim Segal-Morris, Vice President  
The meeting was called to order at 7:30.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Mayor Harding called for a moment of silence for the residents Upper Makefield and Washington Crossing and the victims and families.

IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- David Appelbaum reviewed upcoming events.
  - The Way We Were photography exhibit Main Street
  - Gather Place 7/22 – Shirley Corsey will present a one-woman show
  - Yardley Farmers Market – Saturdays
  - Music Off Main - Saturday
  - Restaurant Week - August 14-19

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Chris Keilman, 66 N. Edgewater, addressed Council regarding the safety issue of the rocks at the intersection on Maple Avenue. The Manager and the Chief viewed the property and the rocks are not in the right of way. Attorney Griffin will investigate the ordinance and councilpersons will meet with Mr. Keilman and walk the site to investigate.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED July 18, 2023

A. Approval of Minutes Dated June 20, 2023

B. Kayden's Korner Foundation on Lamp posts October 9-16, 2023

Mr. Appelbaum motions to approve the Consent Agenda dated July 18, 2023, which is seconded by Mr. Feiner.

A vote was held, and the motion passes with a vote of 5-0.

VII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

A. Police service statistics for June 2023. The department handled 810 calls for service, issued 4 parking tickets, issued 88 traffic citations, investigated 4 motor vehicle accidents, and made 3 arrests, 3 for DUI.

B. Amendment to the Fee Schedule Act 134

Mr. Curtin motions to establish a set fee of \$250 to comply with Act 134, which is seconded by Mr. Appelbaum.

A vote was held, and the motion passes with a vote of 5-0.

C. Police Hiring Part-Time

Mr. Curtin motions to extend a conditional offer of part-time employment to Daniel B. Winter, which is seconded by Mr. Feiner.

A vote was held, and the motion passes with a vote of 5-0.

Mayor Harding swore in Daniel B. Winter.

VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT

Thanks to Chief and Wes Foraker for their work on Saturday to avoid flooding in Rivermawr.

Jeff Schrader, CPA, has donated a printer copier and chairs to the Borough.

Manager Johnson reviewed her monthly report.

A. Consideration to Accept the July 18, 2023 Finance Report

Consensus was granted.

B. Consideration to Adopt the 2024 Budget Calendar

Mr. Curtin motions to accept the 2024 Budget Calendar, which is seconded by Mr. Appelbaum.

A vote was held, and the motion passes with a vote of 5-0.

C. Permission to Advertise for Bids for the 2024 Trash Collection Service

Mr. Carlson motions to advertise for Bids for the 2024 Trash Collection Service, which is seconded by Mr. Feiner.

Brad Levine – Suggests moving trash pickup to Tuesday from Wednesday to alleviate some of the trash issues in Yardley Commons. It is possible to ask the hauler for a change to the schedule.

A vote was held, and the motion passes with a vote of 5-0.

IX. ENGINEER'S REPORT

A. FEMA Funded 46 Brown Street Elevation Payment Certificate No. 4

Mr. Carlson motions to approve 46 Brown Street Elevation Payment Certificate No. 4, which is seconded by Mr. Feiner.

A vote was held, and the motion passes 5-0.

- B. FEMA Funded 81 North Delaware Elevation Payment Certificate No. 4  
Mr. Feiner motions to approve 81 North Delaware Elevation Payment Certificate No. 4, which is seconded by Mr. Curtin.  
A vote was held, and the motion passes 5-0.
  
- C. Alternate – 81 N. Delaware Elevation Payment Certificate No. 1  
Mr. Curtin motions to approve 81 N. Delaware Elevation Payment Certificate No. 1, which is seconded by Mr. Feiner.  
A vote was held, and the motion passes 5-0.
  
- D. FEMA Funded 45 South Delaware Elevation Payment Certificate No. 2  
Mr. Curtin motions to approve 45 S. Delaware Elevation Payment Certificate No. 2, which is seconded by Mr. Carlson.  
A vote was held, and the motion passes 5-0.
  
- E. Change Order – 81 North Delaware Elevation No. 3  
Mr. Appelbaum motions to approve 81 N. Delaware Elevation Change Order No. 3, which is seconded by Mr. Feiner.  
A vote was held, and the motion passes 5-0.
  
- F. Change Order – 81 North Delaware Elevation No. 4  
Mr. Curtin motions to approve 81 N. Delaware Elevation Change Order No. 4, which is seconded by Mr. Feiner.  
A vote was held, and the motion passes 5-0.
  
- G. Resolution 23-05 – Phase III North Main Street – Sidewalk Grant Submission  
Mr. Feiner motions to approve Phase III North Main Street, Sidewalk Grant Submission, which is seconded by Mr. Curtin.  
A vote was held and the motion passes 5-0.

X. PROJECT UPDATES

No report

XI. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No Report

XII. MAYOR'S REPORT

Thanks to all who stepped up during rain event this week.

XIII. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

- A. Kim Segal-Morris – Public Safety Committee, Human Relations Committee, EY, EAC  
EY – Starting to work on Canal-O-Ween

- B. Uri Feiner - Public Works Committee, Sewer Authority, APO  
Mary Yardley Bridge – Waiting on coordinating with acquisition of the PECO property and working out the grading/easement for that property.  
Work should begin in August for everything that can be done without the finalization of the PECO property.  
Wes Foraker addressed questions about the fluctuation of canal levels. In the normal course of events, the Park Rangers manage the gate which controls the water levels but in an emergency the Yardley Police can address issues with the canal gate.
- C. Matt Curtin – General Government Committee, YMFC  
No report.
- D. – Community & Economic Development Committee, Historic & Architectural Review Board, Shade Tree  
N/A
- E. David Appelbaum – Community Outreach Committee, YBA, Parks and Rec  
Thanks EY for porch party last week.  
YBA Beer Fest will not be taking place this year.  
Parks and Rec – Accreditation of runners in races.  
Thanks to local restaurants for providing food for responders during the weekend’s water event.
- F. Don Carlson – ZHB, Sewer  
No report
- G. Caroline Thompson – Planning Commission  
N/A

#### XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. 2023 Mid-Year Budget Discussion  
Check-in on mid-year budget projections.  
Mr. Carlson and Mr. Curtin reviewed revenue and expense numbers through June 2023.  
Of note are unexpected consulting fees for RTK services, which are unfavorable 22k YTD and unfavorable 40k projected. These fees are primarily the result of legal fees related to appeals to the OOR initiated by a very small number of Borough residents.  
Budget is overall favorable 52k YTD and overall unfavorable 22k forecasted.

#### XV. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Vote to Advertise Graffiti Ordinance No. 491  
Mr. Feiner motions to advertise Graffiti Ordinance No. 491, which is seconded by Mr. Curtin.  
A lengthy discussion was held about the particulars of the ordinance.  
Mr. Curtin suggests amending the ordinance to apply only to commercial businesses.  
A vote was held, and the motion fails 2-3.
- B. Interviews and Appointment Borough Council Terms Ending 12/31/23
  - a. Michelle Sharer
  - b. Jason Goldstein

c. Brad Levine

The candidates were invited to give personal statements and answered questions from Council.

C. Resolution 23-06 Council Appointment

Mr. Curtin makes a motion to adopt Resolution 23-06 appointing Michelle Sharer to Borough Council, which is seconded by Mr. Appelbaum.

A vote was held, and the motion passes 5-0.

Ms. Sharer was sworn in by Mayor Harding.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Curtin motions to adjourn at 10:15, which is seconded by Mr. Appelbaum.

A vote was held, and the motion passes 5-0.

Submitted by,  
Mary Ann McLean