

Yardley Borough Council Meeting
July 20, 2021

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

Caroline Thompson	Uri Feiner (via phone)	Kim Segal- Morris
David Bria	Matthew Ross	John McCann
John McCann (entered meeting at 7:44pm)		

Council member(s) not in attendance: Matt Curtin

Also in attendance were Mayor Chris Harding, Sergeant William Golden, Borough Manager Paula Johnson, Engineer Liz Colletti, and Solicitor Ernest Closser.

I. CALL TO ORDER – David Bria, President

The meeting, held in Council Chambers, was called to order at 7:30pm.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Mr. Bria announces the agenda has been changed to remove the vote regarding the Zoning Hearing Board Appeal and moved to an executive session with no vote.

IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Commander Ted Smith, 114 Yardley Commons, addressed Council regarding the flagpole that is in front of Borough Hall. Mr. Smith gave a brief history on the flagpole. In keeping with the original intent of the flagpole, he asks to pass a resolution to permit only the American flag to be flown on this flagpole.
- Albert Celini, 18 Van Horn asks Council for a status of potential fines for ML7 environmental remediations violations. Ms. Colletti reports they could move forward with citations if ML7 did not provide submissions which ML7 did provide.
- Paul Brzozowski, 106 S. Main St, addressed Council regarding the variance for the Taproom stating the applicant must have a hardship. Mr. Brzozowski asks Council to appeal the decision stating a wood smoker will release thousands of pounds of carbon dioxide.
- Scott Burney, 37 S. Main St, addressed Council regarding the gas fired smoker issue. He states over a 12-hour period, 2-3 sticks provide the smoke and is less than what a firepit would have in 2 hrs.
- Susan Taylor, 35 Lookover Ln, addressed Council about the Taproom and states Council should be focusing on the larger issues of proper zoning practices. Mr. Harding thanks Ms. Taylor for her accolades regarding the canal.

- Dawn Perlmutter, 18 W. College addressed Council with a handout and would like handout from last meeting removed from the minutes and replaced with the current handout. Ms. Perlmutter discusses emails about the Taproom and accessory use and her Right to Know. She also addresses the Tannery Taproom listening sessions and who is enforcing the seating capacity.
- Meghan Vokes, 69 Morgan Ave, addressed Council about the Taproom and how they should be allowed to grow their business.
- Mayor Harding, 121 S. Main, addressed Council about American Legion and who they can contact about the flagpole.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED July 20, 2021

- A. Approval of Minutes Dated July 6, 2021
 B. Bills List Dated July 20, 2021

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda July 20, 2021, is made by Ms. Thompson, which is seconded by Mr. Ross.

Dawn Perlmutter, 18 W. College questions Armour & Sons bill which is a maintenance agreement. A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

VII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Resolution No 21-04

Sergeant William Golden presents Resolution No.21-04 for Support of the Senate Bill 535 and House Bill 606 enabling all municipal police to use the same motor vehicle speed-timing equipment as the Pennsylvania State Police.

A motion is made by Mr. Ross and seconded by Ms. Thompson. A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

VIII. MANAGERS REPORT

- Municipal trash cans will be installed soon
- Borough received ½ ARPA Funds
- Scantek gave estimate to digitalize building files
- FZ Media sent preliminary website

Action items:

A. Engineering Proposal for 2020 Elevations

A motion is made by Mr. Ross to approve the engineer's proposal for design services for 93 N. Delaware Ave for \$14,942.00 for elevation project and seconded by Ms. Thompson. A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

A motion is made by Mr. Ross to approve the group proposal for 8 houses (33 Brown St, 46 Brown St, 77 Morgan Ave, 106-110 Morgan Ave, 112-114 Morgan Ave, 25 N. Delaware Ave, 45 S. Delaware Ave, 81 N. Delaware Ave) for elevation at \$79,996.00 which is seconded by Ms. Thompson. A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

A motion is made by Mr. Ross to approve the engineers' proposal for 33 N. Delaware Ave for mitigation reconstruction for a total of \$4,986.00 which is seconded by Ms. Thompson. A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

B. Phase III North Main Street Sidewalk Resolution No.21-05

A motion is made by Mr. Ross to approve Resolution No.21-05 in support of the DCED and MTF grant for Phase III of the North Main Sidewalk for \$573,689 with no match and seconded by Ms. Thompson. A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

IX. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

X. MAYOR'S REPORT

Kayden's Korner is having their 3rd Annual Golf Outing in Yardley

XI. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. Matthew Curtin – Environmental Advisory Commission, Reading Avenue Committee
Not Present

B. Matthew Ross – Public Works Committee, Planning Commission

Public works met and will get HOP for the sidewalks then will send out to bid and get construction started mid-September. Submitted final permitting for MYB and expect to see the resolutions for next meeting and send out to bid next month. Also walked through ML7 to see progress.

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

D. David Bria – Sewer Authority
Nothing to report.

E. Caroline Thompson – General Government Committee, Parks & Recreation Board
2nd Quarter numbers are in and look good.

F. John McCann – Community & Economic Development Committee, Historic & Architectural Review Board, North Main Street Traffic Committee
Thanks the American Legion for the history of the flagpole.

G. Uri Feiner – Community Outreach Committee, Experience Yardley, Shade Tree Commission

David Appelbaum, 49 Breece Dr, Experience Yardley's Music-On-Main will be on Saturdays July 31st through September 4th. There will also be a Mini Music Festival Under The Pavilion for Aug 21st after the Farmer's Market but before Music-On-Main.

XII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Line of Credit Discussion

A discussion was held about the line of credit opened last year which closes in a few weeks to help with cash flow. \$50,000 was already drawn. Ms. Thompson proposes to draw another \$200,000 from the line of credit. Projects to be covered are Peco Lot at \$55,000, MYB \$80,000, and sidewalks at \$115,000. A motion was made by Ms. Thompson to draw down and additional \$200,000, which was seconded by Mr. McCann. A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

XIV. Executive Session-Legal

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn to executive session at 8:19pm by Mr. Ross, which is seconded by Ms. Thompson.

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

Submitted by,
Patty Sargent