

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting
October 3, 2023**

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

David Appelbaum
Michele Sharer
Caroline Thompson

Matthew Curtin
Uri Feiner

Kim Segal-Morris
Don Carlson

Council member(s) not in attendance:

Also in attendance were Chief Kelly, Borough Manager Paula Johnson, Emergency Management Coordinator Wes Foraker, Engineer Patrick Foley, and Solicitor Ernest Closser.

I. CALL TO ORDER – Caroline Thompson, President

The meeting was called to order at 7:30.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to Election Day on Tuesday 11/7/23, the Council meeting scheduled for that day will be moved to Wednesday 11/8/23 at 7pm.

Yardley Florist will sponsor Petal it Forward on Wednesday 10/18/23

Harvest Day was postponed and is now scheduled for October 14, 2023. Volunteer opportunities are available to assist. Please contact Mr. Appelbaum. Friends of Lake Afton will be hosting rides on the lake that day as well as selling Yardley-themed gifts to support care of the lake.

Parks and Rec will be hosting a Halloween Costume parade on 10/28 at 11am. Rain date is 10/29. Meeting spot is in front of Borough Hall.

Experience Yardley – Carve-a-Thom and Canal-O-Ween are happening again this year during the last week of October.

Shirley Corsey, The Gather Place Museum

- Will host a Harry Potter themed costume parade on 10/28/23 for youngsters.
- Gather Place is also seeking grant funding in collaboration with the Borough and Steve Santarsiero's office to restore the AME church to its original design.
- Slate Hill Cemetery Ghost Tour 10/14/23, rain date 10/15/23.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

- VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED October 3, 2023
- A. Approval of Minutes Dated September 19, 2023
 - B. Banner Permit – Kayden’s Korner 10/9-16/2023
 - C. Event Permit – Author Workshop and Book Signing 11/4 Buttonwood Park
 - D. Certificates of Appropriateness
 - i. 23-33 – 189 S. Canal Street - Fence

Ms. Segal-Morris motions to approve Consent Agenda dated October 3, 2023, which is seconded by Mr. Feiner.
A vote was held, and the motion passes with a vote of 7-0.

VII. POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT

Police service statistics for September 2023. The department handled 455 calls for service, issued 5 parking tickets, 48 traffic citations, investigated 12 motor vehicle accidents, and made 4 arrests.

VIII. MANAGER’S REPORT

- A. Consideration to Accept the October 3, 2023 Finance Report
Consensus was granted.

Manager Johnson’s monthly report was presented.

- B. Consideration to Accept 2023 DCED Audit Proposal from Bee Bergvall
Mr. Curtin motions to accept the 2023 DCED Audit Proposal from Bee Bergvall, which is seconded by Ms. Sharer.
A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.

IX. ENGINEER’S REPORT

- A. FEMA Funded 81 N. Delaware Avenue Elevation – Payment Certificate 6
Mr. Carlson motions to accept Payment Certificate 6, which is seconded by Mr. Feiner.
A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.

- B. FEMA Funded 81 N. Delaware Avenue Elevation – Payment Certificate 3 Alternates
Ms. Sharer motions to accept Payment Certificate 3 Alternates, which is seconded by Mr. Feiner.
A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.

C. 81 N. Delaware Avenue Elevation - Change Order No. 5

Mr. Feiner motions to accept 81 N. Delaware Avenue Elevation Change order No. 5, which is seconded by Ms. Sharer.

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

D. Consideration of FEMA Funded 25 N. Delaware Ave Elevation Bid

Mr. Feiner motions to approve the Elevation Bid for 25 N. Delaware, which is seconded by Ms. Sharer.

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

Mr. Foley provided an update on all current elevation projects in the Borough.

Mary Yardley Bridge – The bridge has been installed. Construction is paused at the moment awaiting authorization from PECO to perform the necessary grading.

X. SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Consideration of Adoption of Graffiti Prohibition and Remediation Ordinance #492

The ordinance was published and this meeting acts as a public hearing on the ordinance. No public comment was made.

Mr. Appelbaum motions to adopt the Graffiti Prohibition and Remediation Ordinance #492, which is seconded by Mr. Feiner.

Mr. Appelbaum and Ms. Sharer will be reaching out to community members and businesses to raise the \$1500 needed to enroll in the program.

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

XI. MAYOR’S REPORT

Nothing to report.

XII. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. Kim Segal-Morris – Public Safety Committee, Human Relations Committee, EY
No report.

B. Uri Feiner - Public Works Committee, Zoning Hearing Board, PC
No report.

C. Matt Curtin – General Government Committee, YMFC
Budget presentation for 2024 will be done at the next meeting.
Public Safety met with YMFC – budgetary increase down the road was discussed.

D. Don Carlson – Community & Economic Development Committee, Historic Architectural Review Board, Sewer Authority
No report.

E. David Appelbaum – Community Outreach Committee, YBA, Parks and Rec
A \$10,000 grant was made to Spearhead Project Earth for waterway cleanup which will benefit waterways throughout the Borough, inclusive of the river.

- F. Michelle Sharer –Shade Tree, EAC
Nothing to report.

XIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

XIV. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. CRS Progress Report – presented by Wes Foraker

This year is a five-year review required by the program. Residents currently receive a 10% reduction in floor insurance premiums, and the current goal is to get to a 15% reduction. The report for Council's review is in their meeting packets. The report is also available to media. All objectives have been met except increased storm water capacities in River Mar, which was cost prohibitive. Mr. Foraker has also prepopulated the substantial damage estimator for all the homes in floodplain which was a very large project to accomplish but it does qualify Yardley for an additional discount.

Council recognized and thanked Mr. Foraker for the substantial amount of work that went into completing this report.

Consensus was granted to submit the report.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Segal Morris motions to adjourn at 8:12, which is seconded by Mr. Carlson.

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

Submitted by,
Mary Ann McLean