

Yardley Borough Council Meeting
November 3, 2021

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

Caroline Thompson	Uri Feiner (via phone)	Kim Segal- Morris
David Bria	John McCann	
Matthew Ross (entered at 8:07pm)		

Council member(s) not in attendance: Matt Curtin

Also in attendance were Mayor Chris Harding, Chief Joseph Kelly, Borough Manager Paula Johnson, Engineer Patrick Foley, and Solicitor Ernest Closser.

I. CALL TO ORDER – David Bria, President
The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Thompson mentions Canal-O-Ween is looking for volunteers.

Ms. Johnson states Coat Drive starts tomorrow and are looking for gently used coats for code blue.

Susan Taylor representing the Yardley Historical Association is having three opens house, the first three Saturdays in December. The theme is Lake Afton Holiday, and this will include a train and trolley display.

Mr. Bria extends congratulations to all candidates and thanks all that ran for election.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Dawn Perlmutter, 18 West College Ave, asks about the Executive Session Personnel. This is the Chief's contract that up for renewal. Also asks what COOP stands for. Continuity Of Operations Plan. She also congratulates all candidates who won. Ms. Perlmutter also expresses concern about buildings being renovated in the Borough and the Fire Marshall being contacted regarding this. Also mentioned potential violations at 19 West College Ave.
- Susan Taylor, 35 Lookover Lane, representing the Historical Association, asks if Council would waive the building inspection fee for the stairs that need to be replaced at the Old Library by Lake Afton. Council will consider the request once HARB and the building inspector approve the application.
- David Appelbaum, 39 Breece Drive, apologies to the Borough and River Mawr community. Due to lack of volunteers and a transition period, did not inform that section of the town with a letter about Canal-O-Ween.

- Don Carlson, 14 Creekview, representing the board at Yardley Walk Homeowners Association, would like Council to know the developer has expressed desire to pave this month. There are requests to have it done right so hoping for in the spring.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED November 3, 2021

- A. Approval of Minutes Dated October 19,2021
- B. Bills List Dated November 3, 2021
- C. Yardley Farmers Market Winter Season
- D. Banner Permit-Menorah Lighting and Christmas Parade
- E. Appointment to HARB Term Ending December 31, 2023

Ms. Perlmutter questions two bills on the bills list.

Mr. Feiner acknowledges the Farmers Market.

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda November 3, 2021, is made by Ms. Segal-Morris, which was seconded by Ms. Thompson.

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

VII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Police service statistics for October 2021: The department handled 586 calls for service, issued 98 traffic citations, 2 parking tickets, 5 non-traffic citations for criminal matters, investigated 14 traffic accidents, made 3 arrests, none for DUI.

Chief Kelly also recognizes and thanks the Auxiliary Police for a busy weekend.

VIII. MANAGERS REPORT

- 2022 Preliminary Budget Presentation – Manager Johnson gives the budget presentation. Mr. Bria discusses the budget process and how it follows the DCED chart of accounts. Ms. Perlmutter asks for more of a breakdown for engineering, solicitor, and salary for public safety.

A motion to approve the 2022 Preliminary Budget, is made by Ms. Thompson, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris. A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

- A motion to advertise the Public Inspection of 2022 Preliminary Budget, is made by Ms. Thompson, which is seconded by Mr. Ross. A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

IX. ENGINEER'S REPORT

- PennDot MTF Grant Applications – as per submitted report

Mr. Foley discusses the numbers associated with the grants. Council and public have a lengthy discussion about Mary Yardley Bridge including delays and supply issues associated with the bridge. Other options for funding are also discussed.

- Resolution 21-08 Mary Yardley Bridge

A motion is made to adopt Resolution 21-08, by Mr. Ross which is seconded by Mr. McCann. A vote was held, motion carries 6-0.

- Resolution 21-09 Phase III North Main Street Sidewalks

Mr. Foley discusses the Phase III of the sidewalk and costs.

A motion is made to adopt Resolution 21-09 by Mr. Ross, which is seconded by Mr. McCann. A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

X. PROJECT UPDATES

A. Main & Afton Intersection - as per submitted report

B. Mary Yardley Bridge - as per submitted report

C. PECO Property – working with Paula on the Peco Property

D. North Main Street Sidewalks – Phase II and Phase III - as per submitted report

XI. SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Nothing to report.

XII. MAYOR’S REPORT

Nothing to report.

XIII. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

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

B. Matthew Ross – Public Works Committee, Planning Commission
Nothing to report.

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
Thanks Parks and Recreations for Trunk or Treat.

F. John McCann – Community & Economic Development Committee, Historic & Architectural Review Board, North Main Street Traffic Committee
Mary Yardley Bridge will be discussed in the next Public Works meeting.

G. Uri Feiner – Community Outreach Committee, Experience Yardley, Shade Tree Commission
Highlights that Eli Dreyfuss will be good addition to the HARB committee.

XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

XV. OTHER BUSINESS

Adoption of the Amended Coop-Ms. Segal Morris has updated a few things including the chain of command. Ms. Perlmutter questions the chain of command.

Ms. Segal-Morris motions to amend the COOP, which is seconded by Mr. Ross. A vote was held, and the motion carries 6-0.

Designation of Agent-PEMA DAP-1 – applying for reimbursement from Ida.

A motion to apply for reimbursement is made by Mr. Ross, which is seconded by Ms. Thompson. A vote was held, and the motion carries 6-0.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn to executive session at 8:41pm. No vote taken.

Submitted by,
Patty Sargent