

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting
December 1, 2020**

The meeting was held via video conference with the following members present:

Caroline Thompson	Uri Feiner	Matt Curtin
Kim Segal-Morris	John McCann	David Bria
Matthew Ross		

Council member(s) not in attendance:

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

I. CALL TO ORDER –David Bria, President

The meeting, held by video conference, was called to order at 7:30.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Caroline Thompson - General Government is sponsoring the first part of their seminar series around matters of concern to those in the floodplain. This first training concerns Flood Insurance 101 and flood elevation. It will be held via Zoom on 12/9/20 at 7:00 pm via Zoom. The presenters will be Peter Toft of Nottingham Insurance and Susan Mazzitelli, Certified Flood Plain Manager. The suggestion was made to record the sessions and make them available for later viewing.
- John McCann – Fundraising for MY Bridge is ongoing. He encourages all members of Council to donate and asks that Council and the community please support our local restaurants.
- David Applebaum – 39 Breece Drive. Experience Yardley is working with the Spearhead Group in the Grist Mill, who have donated 20,000 masks to distribute to community groups and local service providers and businesses.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED December 1, 2020

- A. Approval of Minutes dated November 17, 2020
- B. Bills List dated December 1, 2020
- C. Certificate of Appropriateness No 20-23, 16 East Afton Avenue (Bollards)
Mr. Ross motions to approve the consent agenda dated December 1, 2020, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris.

Dawn Perlmutter, 18 W. College Avenue – Questioned the content and process of approval of minutes from the 11/3/20 meeting. Mr. Bria and Ms. Closser reviewed the process by which minutes are taken and approved by Council.
A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.

VII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Kelly presented the monthly service statistics for November 2020. Yardley Police responded to 565 calls for service, issued 4 parking tickets and 50 traffic citations, investigated 3 accidents, and made 3 arrests, 1 for DUI.

Chief Kelly noted that traffic safety is significantly improved in the Borough this year. Police are targeting accidents numbering in the low 50s in 2020 whereas the average for previous years has been around 100. He cites decreased traffic due to the pandemic and improved education and enforcement efforts.

VIII. ENGINEER'S REPORT

A. Yardley Walk – HOA did pave the driveways. Lenar will pay the invoice since they have decided not to do any punch list items.

B. 18 Van Horne – Work will be done on Thursday this week. The Engineer is working plan to mitigate property damage issues.

IX. PROJECT UPDATES

A. Main & Afton Intersection – No updates. Waiting for PennDot walkthrough.

B. Mary Yardley Bridge – DCNR did not have as-builts done for elevation that was just completed. At the site visit last week it was determined that additional survey points are needed. This should not require a change order. The estimate is ½ day of work and cost of \$1600.

Mr. Ross moves to approve additional survey work not to exceed \$1600, which is seconded by Mr. McCann. Motion passes 7-0.

C. PECO Property – No updates. Letter is currently being reviewed by Council and will be sent once everyone approves it.

D. North Main Street Sidewalks - Phase II – Engineer needs a check cut for \$325 to Bucks County Conservation District for the Erosion and Sediment Control Permit.

Ms. Thompson motions to approve payment of \$325 to Bucks County Conservation District, which is seconded by Mr. Ross. Motion passes 7-0.

HOP application was submitted 11/20/20. Trying to get all the utility poles left in the Borough moved by PennDot at the same time.

Waiting to have a public meeting with affected residents before finalizing design.

X. MANAGER'S REPORT

- Meeting with snowplow contractor
- Tree lighting at Buttonwood Park 12/5/20
- 12/10 Menorah lighting in front of Borough Hall.
- Floodplain Ordinance has been reviewed and will be presented to Council for a vote to advertise at the next meeting.

- Ms. Thompson noted the budget will be voted on at the next meeting. Please get all questions asked and answered before the next meeting so the budget vote is clean.
- David Applebaum – Experience Yardley would like to exchange some of the lightbulbs on the mural with holiday colors. He will discuss with Manager Johnson offline.

XI. SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Nothing to report.

XII. MAYOR’S REPORT

- Encourages everyone to bring budget concerns to Paula and Patty in advance of the next meeting.
- Encourages Council to attend tree lighting and menorah lighting.
- Radio shows in December will focus on mental health. Mayor Harding asked for suggestions of psychiatrists/psychologists who practice in Yardley or LMT who may be interested in being a guest on the show.

XIII. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. Matthew Curtin – Environmental Advisory Commission, Reading Avenue Committee
EAC will meet 12/16.

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

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

D. David Bria – Sewer Authority
Expect the Floodplain Ordinance to be on next meeting’s agenda.

E. Caroline Thompson – General Government Committee, Parks & Recreation Board
Thanks to all Council members for participating in Manager Johnson’s performance review.

F. John McCann – Community & Economic Development Committee, Historic & Architectural Review Board, North Main Street Traffic Committee
CED – In discussions with Experience Yardley regarding outreach to community and businesses.

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

Ted Smith applied for Civil Service Commission and Mr. Feiner recommends him for appointment.

Mr. Feiner motions to appoint Ted Smith to the Civil Service Commission, filling the existing term per the requirements of the Commission, which is seconded by Mr. Ross. Ms. Perlmutter commented that she applied but did not receive an interview. She is requesting she be interviewed before the appointment is voted on.

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

Susan Taylor - Questions whether it is prudent to make a wide invitation to the public for the tree and menorah lighting considering current restrictions.

XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

XV. OTHER BUSINESS

None

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McCann motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:17, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris. The motion passes 7-0.

Submitted by,
Mary Ann McLean