

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting
December 15, 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
 - Mr. Feiner – 1- Resignation of Pete Guidotti due to relocation. 2- Resignation of Tom Cadwallader from the Sewer Authority. Thanks to both of them for their longstanding service to the Borough.
 - Mr. McCann – Fundraising for Mary Yardley Bridge is ongoing.
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT
 - Dawn Perlmutter, 18 W. College – Regarding the civil service commission, there are specific state rules and regulations regarding this commission, which are not currently codified in Borough Code. For example, Mr. Welch is not able to serve on both the civil service commission and the auxiliary police at the same time. Mr. Bria responds that this situation will be reviewed.
- VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED December 15, 2020
 - A. Approval of Minutes dated December 1, 2020
 - B. Bills List dated December 15, 2020Mr. McCann moves to approve the consent agenda dated December 15, 2020, which is seconded by Ms. Thompson seconds. A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.
- VII. POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT
 - Thanks to Experience Yardley and the Spearhead Group for the donation of surgical masks.
 - Parking restrictions will be in place 12/15 and 12/16 due to pending storm to assist in clearing streets.

VIII. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Nothing additional to report.

IX. PROJECT UPDATES

- A. Main & Afton Intersection – No updates.
- B. Mary Yardley Bridge – DVRPC asked for updated budget and have indicated that the application is strong. Additional survey work occurring soon.
- C. PECO Property – Offer letter has been sent to PECO.
- D. North Main Street Sidewalks - Phase II. Moving through the HOP. On schedule for construction drawings to be done early in 2021.

X. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Adoption of 2021 Budget

Ms. Thompson moves to approve the adoption of the 2021 budget, which is seconded by Mr. Ross.

Council members provided comments, most specifically regarding revenue, the real estate transfer tax, and the increase in taxes.

Members of the public commented both in support of and against the tax increase and specifically with respect to real estate transfer tax, increase in taxes and labor outsourcing.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

The motion passes 6-1.

B. Adoption of 2021 Tax Levy Ordinance No 488

Ms. Thompson moves to approve the adoption of the 2021 Tax Levy Ordinance No 488, which is seconded by Mr. Ross.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

The motion passes 6-1.

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

EAC – Meeting will be held 12/16 at 7pm.

Reading Ave Committee – Recognition and thanks for work done in November by community volunteers to improve the aesthetic of the area.

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

Application process will begin to seek a replacement for Tom Cadwallader's spot on the Sewer Authority.

E. Caroline Thompson – General Government Committee, Parks & Recreation Board

- First flood plain seminar was held and was very well attended.
- Seeks permission to start an Adopt-a-Wreath initiative to freshen up the Borough's decorative wreaths. Council supports this initiative. Susan Taylor raised some concerns, which she and Ms. Thompson will discuss one on one.

F. John McCann – Community & Economic Development Committee, Historic & Architectural Review Board, North Main Street Traffic Committee

Happy holidays to all and recognition of the great work being done by the Shade Tree Commission.

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

Nothing to report.

XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

XV. OTHER BUSINESS
None

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ross motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:22, which is seconded by Mr. McCann. The motion passes 7-0.

Submitted by,
Mary Ann McLean