

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting
December 17, 2019**

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

Caroline Thompson	David Bria	Matthew Ross
Bryon Marshall	Ryan Berry	

Council member(s) not in attendance: Mike Ruttle

Also in attendance were Mayor Chris Harding, Chief Joseph Kelly, Engineers Tom Beach and Liz Colletti, Financial Assistant Patty Sargent and Borough Manager Paula Johnson. Council President Marshall called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation-Acknowledge Dedicated Service to Yardley Borough.....Mayor Harding
Mayor Harding recognized Mr. Marshall's eight years of service on Council with the last two as President and thanked him for his service and leadership. Members of the community spoke in recognition of Mr. Marshall.

Minutes (Time Stamp 7:36 pm)

Amendments to the minutes –

The following amendments to the 12/3/19 minutes are proposed by Ms. Thompson:

Mr. Ruttle raised several issues related to the appointment including:
Council's **alleged** abridgement of his right to free speech.

All applicants that applied except Mr. Berry have failed to appear which, **Mr. Ruttle** suggests, **means** the decision has been made already.
Mr. Berry has **allegedly** falsified evidence in a matter pending at the Court of Common Pleas of Bucks County therefore he might not be able to serve or serve a full term if convicted.

Ms. Thompson moves to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2019 meeting as amended, which is seconded by Mr. Berry would like to remind future Councils that Roberts Rules of Order are set forth as a model for meeting etiquette and personal attacks are a violations of Roberts Rules.

Progress Reports (Time Stamp: 7:38 pm)

Solicitor

Nothing to report.

Borough Manager

- Next Council meeting will be Monday 1/6 at 7:30 p.m. and will be a reorganization meeting for the new council and a welcome to new members.
- New trash hauler will start January 2nd.
- Ms. Johnson thanked Mr. Marshall for his guidance and work for the Borough.

Mayor

Nothing to report.

Police Chief

Nothing to report.

Chief Kelly offered thanks to Mr. Marshall from the police department and officers.

Borough Engineer

- Survey work on the Mary Yardley Bridge is completed.
- DCDMTF grant – Decided to follow through with a PA Small Water and Sewer Grant to pay for the drainage portion which was submitted 12/12. Will hear decision in May.
- Growing Greener Grant – Meeting will be held in January to discuss scope and budget.
- Main/Afton – Will be advertising at the beginning of the year
- Liquid Fuels – Put in speedhump markings, no puddle on Breece after recent rain. Whiskey Hill issues are being addressed. Will still come in under budget.
- Yardley Walk – Dam repairs will be done in January

Council Vice President

Nothing to report.

Council President

Nothing to report.

Council Committees

Community Outreach-Ms. Thompson

Parks and Rec is expecting two vacancies and HARB is expecting one in January. Residents are urged to submit applications soon so there is no lapse in coverage on these committees.

General Government-Ms. Thompson

Ms. Johnson's performance review was completed. Contract renewals and changes were discussed.

Community & Economic Development – Mr. Berry

The committee did not meet this month.

Public Safety – Mr. Berry

The committee has not met since the last meeting.

Mr. Berry suggests that next Council should reaffirm the establishment of the Reading Ave committee.

Public Works - Mr. Ross
Nothing to report.

Bill List (Time stamp: 7:45 pm)

Ms. Thompson moves to approve the bills list dated 12/17/19, which is seconded by Mr. Berry. The motion passes.

Correspondence (Time stamp: 7:46 pm)

None

Public Comment (Time stamp: 7:46 pm)

Barry Gaudet, 91 Dolington Road – When will recycles be picked up with next two Wednesdays being holidays. Ms. Johnson responds that it will be collected the next two Thursdays.

Kim Prickett addressed Council to ask if permits expire if they aren't exercised? Paula Johnson says they do and believes there has to be an inspection every 180 days if work is continuing. Is a survey required for a fence? This needs to be addressed to the zoning officer. Ms. Prickett believes Ms. Perlmutter is planning to build a fence. Her permit is from 2008 and she doesn't have a plot plan.

Certificates of Appropriateness (Time Stamp: 7:49 pm)

19-28 180 South Canal Street (AC Unit)

Mr. Berry motions to approve Certificate of Appropriateness 19-28 for 180 South Canal Street as submitted, which Mr. Bria seconds. Motion passes.

19-29 191 South Canal Street (Renovate House)

Mr. Berry motions to approve Certificate of Appropriateness 19-29 as submitted and with HARB recommendations, which Mr. Bria seconds. Motion passes.

19-30 178 South Canal Street (Siding, Windows, Roofing)

Mr. Berry motions to approve Certificate of Appropriateness 19-30 as submitted and with HARB recommendations, which Mr. Bria seconds. Motion passes.

Old Business (Time Stamp: 7:51 pm)

1. Adoption of 2020 Budget.....Ms. Thompson
Ms. Thompson moves to approve the 2020 budget as submitted, which is seconded by Mr. Ross. Motion passes with Mr. Marshall abstaining.

2. Adoption of Ordinance No. 481 Tax Levy for 2020.....Ms. Thompson
Ms. Thompson moves to approve the tax levy ordinance for 2020, which is seconded by Mr.
Ross. Motion passes with Mr. Marshall abstaining.

New Business (Time Stamp: 7:54 pm)

1. Discussion on Proposed “Little Free Library”.....Ms. Thompson
Residents Mike and Sheila Bergey with sponsorship from the Parks and Rec Board propose the
installation of a Little Free Library on vacant Borough property at Morgan/Maple which was part
of an acquisition grant from Pema/Fema. Details of the library are included in the meeting
materials. Ms. Thompson requests consensus from Council to support installation of the Little
Free Library. Tammy Marshall spoke in support of the Little Free Library.
Consensus was granted.

Mr. Ross motions to adjourn the meeting at 7:58, which Mr. Berry seconds.

Submitted by,
Mary Ann McLean