

Yardley Borough Council Meeting
May 17, 2022

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

David Bria	Caroline Thompson	Matthew Ross
Christopher Campellone	Matthew Curtin	Kim Segal-Morris
John McCann		

Council member(s) not in attendance:

Also in attendance were Chief Joseph Kelly, Borough Manager Paula Johnson, Engineer Pat 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

- Yardley 5k and Main St. Mile will be held 5/22 and 5/30. Register online for \$25 each or both for \$45. Day-of registration is \$30.
- The Borough website is currently down as the new website is being implemented. Thank you for your patience, and if community members have any questions, they should call the office.
- No Council meetings will be held 7/5 or 8/2. Council is only required to meet one time per month and summer is normally a very light schedule. If something requiring Council's attention arises then a meeting will be called.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED May 17, 2022

A. Approval of Minutes Dated May 3, 2022

B. Bills List Dated May 17, 2022

C. Event Permit - Dbs Fan Club Meeting June 4, 2022

D. Certificates of Appropriateness: 22-10-189 South Canal St. – Shed
22-11-90 South Main – Roof, Shutters and Stairs

Mr. Ross motions to approve the Consent Agenda dated May 17, 2022, which is seconded by Ms. Siegel-Morris.

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

VII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

A. Res. No 22-13 Purchasing of a New Police Vehicle

The details of the resolution and purchase are included in the meeting materials.

Mr. Ross motions the Yardley Borough authorize the purchase of one Ford Explorer from Fred Beans Doylestown, PA and upfitting by Tryon SKD of Croydon, PA utilizing the funds of ECCD Grant #C000082776 when transferred and available, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris.

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

B. Chief Kelly notified Council of the Resignation of Officer Joseph Harris as of 6/3. He is relocating out of state. The Civil Service Commission will initiate a search for a replacement right away. Thanks to Officer Harris for his dedicated service over the last 7 years.

VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT

- Street sweeping will happen next week. Email blast will be sent notifying residents.
- Tax collector position – 12-15 people attended the information session. Applications are due by 5/23. Four applications have been received so far.
- Zoning Hearing Board will be June 27th. Two applications will be considered: Yardley Inn parking and La La Lobster outdoor dining. In addition, there is one application for appeal to the UCC board.

IX. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

X. MAYOR'S REPORT

- Thanks to Senator Santarsiero for grant funding to purchase new police vehicle.
- Thanks to Officer Harris for his service.
- Events for Memorial Day – Rifle salutes will begin at 7am. Gather at 6:45 am at American Legion to process to area cemeteries to honor local veterans.

XI. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. Kim Segal-Morris (Public Safety – chair) – Police Department Liaison, Human Relations Liaison, YBA Liaison

A community member is interested in human relations commission so she will follow up on that.

B. Matt Ross (Public Works - chair) - Sewer Authority Liaison, APO Liaison
Public Works met and discussed Phase III of sidewalk project with residents.

C. Matt Curtin (General Government – chair) Tax Collector Liaison, Yardley-Makefield Fire Company Liaison

1. Update on Q1 performance with slideshow
2. Met with AV firm to get a better broadcasting system for meetings to meet this 2022 goal.

D. John McCann (Community and Economic Department - chair) HARB Liaison, Shade Tree Liaison
Nothing to report.

E. Chris Campellone (Community Outreach - chair) – ZHB Liaison, Parks & Rec Liaison, EAC Liaison
Thanks to Parks and Rec Board. Each event is a tremendous amount of work, and the volunteers are very much appreciated.

F. Caroline Thompson – Planning Commission
Review of outdoor dining ordinance is complete and some areas for improvement have been outlined. The recommendations are now passed to CED for consideration.

XII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- David Bria – There may be an opportunity to leverage some government investment pools to receive more interest.
- The Borough incurred approximately \$4,000 in legal fees in April related to Right to Know requests. There is a considerable time and financial cost to these requests. Mr. Closser noted that there have been proposals in the legislature to address abuse of the RTK laws but no changes to the law have yet been made so municipalities must comply. He suggests that Council prepare a statement to present to state legislators outlining how the law is being abused in our small municipality and the costs and time commitment required to comply with the law as it is currently written.

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Vote to accept bid for Phase II of North Main Street Sidewalks

The Engineer recommends a rejection of the bid received because errors were found in the low bid and the second bid was \$160,000 over the low bid. The Engineer is asking to reject the bid and rebid.

Mr. Ross motions to reject the Phase II bid, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris.

Mr. Bria requests to amend the motion to cap re-bid preparation at \$2000, which is moved by Mr. Ross.

Bidders and engineer are committed to completing the project this year.

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

B. Easement with Yardley Borough Sewer Authority

The Yardley Borough Sewer Authority has requested to utilize a portion of an existing storm water easement for the sewer line improvement project. The Solicitor has reviewed the request and believes all is in order.

Mr. Ross motions to enter into an easement agreement between Yardley Borough and Yardley Borough Sewer Authority for Bucks County Parcel #54-003-148, which is seconded by Mr. Bria.

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

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ross motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:06, which is seconded by Ms. Campellone.
A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.

Submitted by,
Mary Ann McLean