

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting**  
**May 3, 2022**

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

Kim Segal-Morris  
Matt Ross

Christopher Campellone  
David Bria

Matthew Curtin

Council member(s) not in attendance: Caroline Thompson and John McCann

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

I. CALL TO ORDER – Kimberly Segal-Morris, Vice President

The meeting was called to order at 7:32.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Michele Sharer, Friends of Lake Afton – Boat Ride fundraiser will be held on Saturday 5/14 from 12-4. A \$10 donation buys a canoe or paddleboat ride on the lake, and there will also be the sale of Yardley-themed merchandise.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Albert Celini, 18 Van Horn, Progress is being made on plantings but there has been no mention of long-term remediation. Russell Sacco is no longer counsel, so please direct all correspondence to Mr. Celini. Mr. Foley provided an update on remediation. The current plan is to remove the debris and install stone to mitigate erosion and the slow the speed of the water on the hill.
- Jonathan Woodring, 14 Van Horn. Thinks the proposed solution is unacceptable and questions when in time the term preexisting flow of water pertains to.
- Don Carlson, 14 Creekview, Yardley Walk Homeowners Association. It has been seven years since the developer started work but the final punch list still has not been finished. There are problems with respect to broken underground pipes that are causing issue with the paving and the developer does not want to fix the pipes the right way. In addition, Mr. Carlson thanks to the Chief for handing problems at the dam over the weekend.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED May 3, 2022

A. Approval of Minutes Dated April 19, 2022

B. Bills List Dated May 3, 2022

C. Certificates of Appropriateness: 22-09 125 South Main Street – Stone Wall

C. Approval of Event Permits: Sunday Concerts at Buttonwood Park

Mr. Ross motions to approve the Consent Agenda dated May 3, 2022, which is seconded by Mr. Campellone.

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

#### VII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Police service statistics for April 2022: The department handled 536 calls for service, issued 4 parking tickets, issued 76 moving traffic citations, issued 0 criminal citations, investigated 9 motor vehicle accidents, and made 3 arrests (2 for DUI.)

#### VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT

- Four applications have been received for Tax Collection position.
- An application was received for an outdoor dining permit for Pretty Bird/Deep Roots. The matter will come before Council in June.

#### IX: ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Yardley Walk – Engineer reported on correspondence received from the developer regarding issues with storm water pipes.
- Next meeting will be a proposal for the Buck Creek Management Plan.
- Ongoing stormwater drainage reviews for 160 Harper and 85 W. Afton Lots 1 and 2.
- Engineer is finalizing the bid documents for elevation projects at 33 Brown, 46 Brown, and 80 N. Delaware. Engineer seeks permission to advertise these elevation projects. Mr. Ross motions to approve advertisement of elevation projects at 33 Brown St, 46 Brown Street and 80 N. Delaware, which is seconded by Mr. Bria. A vote was held, and the motion passes 5-0.

#### XIII. PROJECT UPDATES

##### A. North Main Street Sidewalks – Phase II and III

Phase II – Project is out to bid. Bid opening is scheduled for May 10, 2022.

Phase III – Concept design is completed and will be presented to the public on May 17, 2022.

##### B. Mary Yardley Bridge

Waiting for DEP comments for permitting.

##### C. PECO Property

No update.

#### XI. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

#### XII. MAYOR'S REPORT

Carry the Load Day is tomorrow, May 4, 2022. The walk begins in Washington Crossing at 1:30 to go to Yardley. A rally will be held at 3:00 in Yardley, and the walk resumes at 3:30 to go to Newtown. The mayor will present a check to Carry the Load representing the largest donation to date.

### XIII. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. Kim Segal-Morris – Public Safety Committee, Human Relations Committee, APO, YM Fire Company  
Nothing to report.

B. Matthew Ross – Public Works Committee, Sewer Authority  
Nothing to report

C. Matt Curtin – General Government Committee, Planning Commission  
Nothing to report.

D. John McCann – Community & Economic Development Committee, Historic & Architectural Review Board, Zoning Hearing Board, Shade Tree Commission  
n/a

E. Chris Campellone – Community Outreach Committee, YBA, Experience Yardley, EAC, Parks and Rec  
Wants to fill open spaces on committees, especially EAC and Human Relations. Please consider volunteering for open committee positions.

F. David Bria –  
Nothing to report.

### XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Consideration and Vote on Yardley Borough Council as co-petitioner for Petition Against Trenton/Mercer Airport Expansion

Rich Wayne presented regarding the Trenton Mercer Airport expansion plan and the petition to appeal the FONZI (Finding of No Significant Impact) Report. He requests that the Borough to sign on as a co-petitioner.

Mr. Bria motions for Yardley Borough to sign on as a co-petitioner to appeal the FONZI Report, which is seconded by Mr. Ross.

A discussion was held regarding concerns and impacts regarding the expansion. Several residents spoke of concerns over property values, noise, and quality of life.

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

B. Letter to 85 West Afton Owners – EDW Builders, Inc.

Ms. Thompson prepared a letter asking that the builders take steps to preserve some aspects of the structure known in the community as the Cadwallader House. A copy of the letter is included in the meeting materials.

Anyone may sign the letter and Council members may sign in their individual capacity.

Mr. Bria motion to sign letter to EDW Buildings regarding 85 W. Afton, which is seconded by Mr. Campellone.

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

XV. OTHER BUSINESS

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ross motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:10, which is seconded by Mr. Bria.  
A vote was held, and the motion passes 5-0.

Submitted by,  
Mary Ann McLean