

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting
January 2, 2018**

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

Mike Ruttle	Ryan Berry	David Bria	Caroline Thompson
Matthew Ross	Bryon Marshall	Sandi Brady	

Also in attendance were Mayor Chris Harding, Borough Manager John Boyle, Chief Joseph Kelly, Solicitor E. Closser, and Borough Engineer Tom Beach. Mayor Harding called the meeting to order at 7:30pm, and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Nominations for Council President

After the swearing-in ceremony for the Mayor, and the four newly elected Council members, Mayor Harding asked for nominations for Yardley Borough Council President. Mayor Harding explained that voting is conducted in the order that nominations are made. Caroline Thompson nominated Mike Ruttle and Sandi Brady nominated Matthew Ross for Council President. Mayor Harding asked for a vote for Mike Ruttle. Mr. Ruttle was elected Council President with 4 votes by Caroline Thompson, David Bria, Ryan Berry, and Mike Ruttle.

Nominations for Council Vice President

President Ruttle asked for nominations for Yardley Borough Council Vice President. President Ruttle nominated David Bria. President Ruttle asked for a vote for David Bria. Mr. Bria was elected Council Vice President with a unanimous vote.

Minutes

Mr. Berry made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2017 Council meeting. Mr. Bria seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Appointment of Solicitor

President Ruttle asked for a motion to reappoint Borough Solicitor E. Closser on behalf of Curtin and Heefner. Mr. Berry made the motion and Mr. Marshall seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Appointment of Borough Engineer

President Ruttle asked for a motion to reappoint Borough Engineer Thomas Beach on behalf of Remington & Vernick Engineers. Mr. Berry made the motion and Mr. Bria seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

REPORTS

Progress Reports

Solicitor

Solicitor Closser had no report and congratulated the new Council and thanked the Council for the reappointment.

Borough Manager

Mr. Boyle congratulated the new Council members and looks forward to working with everyone.

Mayor

Mayor Harding congratulated the new Council and thanked Paula Johnson for conducting his swearing in ceremony.

Police Chief

Chief Kelly congratulated the new Council and provided year-end statistics. 6,228 calls for service, 123 parking tickets, 1,201 traffic citations, 39 other citations, 109 traffic accidents, 15 DUIs and 88 arrests.

Borough Engineer

Mr. Beach thanked Council for his reappointment. Mr. Beach also stated that they have received the North Main Street sidewalk paperwork from PennDOT and they are currently in the 30-day waiting period to finish processing the paperwork. Ms. Brady asked about the tight curb and the sidewalk safety. Mr. Beach explained there should be more sightlines when the project is finished, and every effort is being made to consider safety. President Ruttle asked about Green-Light-Go grant and Mr. Beach stated they are still waiting on final paperwork.

Council Vice President (Public Safety Committee)

Mr. Bria thanked everyone for their votes and looks forward to working with the Council as Vice President.

Council President

Mr. Ruttle thanked the Council for their votes and looks forward to working as Council President. Mr. Ruttle also stated that he has reviewed the current committee structure and anticipates leaving the Committees as established.

Council Committees will be as follows:

- Community Outreach – Sandi Brady (Chair) and Caroline Thompson
- Public Works – Ryan Berry (Chair) and Matt Ross
- Public Safety – David Bria (Chair) and Bryon Marshall
- General Government – Caroline Thompson (Chair) and Ryan Berry
- Community & Economic Development – Matt Ross (Chair) and David Bria

Council Committees

Community Outreach

No report

Public Safety

No report

Public Works

No report

General Government

No report

Bill List

Ms. Thompson made a motion to approve the bill list dated January 2, 2018. Mr. Berry seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan Taylor, 35 Lookover Lane – congratulated the new Borough Council and asked the members to remember to do what is best for Yardley Borough and resist partisan politics.

Joe Hunter, 62 Letchworth Ave – congratulated the new Council and congratulated Mike Ruttle as the new Council President.

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Re/Appointments to Borough Boards and Commissions.....Mr. Ruttle****

Mr. Marshall made a motion to reappoint Pete Guidotti to the Planning Commission. Mr. Bria seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Ms. Thompson made a motion to reappoint Joy Harrington to HARB. Mr. Berry seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Mr. Berry made a motion to reappoint Anne Heasley to the Parks and Recreation Board. Mr. Bria seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Mr. Marshall made a motion to reappoint Carol Shultz to the Parks and Recreation Board. Mr. Berry seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Ms. Thompson made a motion to appoint Steven Andrews to the Parks and Recreation Board. Mr. Berry seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Mr. Berry made a motion to reappoint Thomas Cadwallader to the Vacancy Board. Mr. Bria seconded. Motion passes with 6 yes votes and 1 no vote.

Mr. Berry made a motion to reappoint Michael Schummer to the Sewer Authority. Mr. Bria seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

2. Reappointment of Borough Solicitor.....Mr. Ruttle****

See above – moved to the beginning of the meeting

3. Reappointment of Borough Engineer..... **Mr. Ruttle**

See above – moved to the beginning of the meeting

4. Hiring of Part-Time Police Officer..... **Mr. Marshall**

Mr. Marshall read statement and made a motion to offer Mr. Kyle Areias conditional employment as a part-time Police Officer with Yardley Borough. Mr. Bria seconded and motion passes unanimously. Mayor Harding conducted the swearing-in and badge pinning ceremony.

Adjournment

At 8:03pm Mr. Berry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bria seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Fitzgerald
Recording Secretary