

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting  
January 3, 2023**

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

Kim Segal-Morris  
Matthew Curtin

Caroline Thompson  
John McCann

David Appelbaum  
Don Carlson

Council member(s) not in attendance: Matt Ross

Also in attendance were Mayor Chris Harding, Chief Joseph Kelly, Borough Manager Paula Johnson, Engineer Patrick 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

- Shirley Lee Corsi, Canal Street. Gather Place Museum is open to the general public to visit on weekends Saturdays and Sundays 12-3. Visit the permanent exhibit with documents and history from 1692 to the current day. Sundays in January there will be a multimedia presentation. MLK weekend will have special programming devoted to the I Have a Dream speech and Martin Luther King.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Albert Celini, 18 Van Horn. Following up on his request for the formation of a committee to investigate the financial feasibility of merging Yardley Borough with LMT. Ms. Thompson commented that the request is still being actively considered and discussed by Council.
- Richard Rabena, 35 S. Main. Following up on minutes from the public safety meeting and requests information about the makeup of committees of Council and the requirements for quorum. Ms. Thompson responded with the requirements and information about the Sunshine Law.
- Dawn Perlmutter, 18 W. College. Questions the transparency of committees of Council.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED January 3, 2023

A. Approval of Minutes Dated December 20, 2022

Ms. Segal-Morris motions to approve the Consent Agenda dated January 3, 2023, which is seconded by Mr. Appelbaum.

A vote was held, and the motion passes with a vote of 5-0-1, with Councilperson Thompson abstaining.

## VII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Police service statistics for December 2022 and for end-of-year 2022: The department handled 611 (6768 – annual) calls for service, issued 4 (34 - annual) parking tickets, issued 50 (903 – annual) moving citations, issued 4 (24 – annual) criminal citations, investigated 6 (76 – annual) down 9 motor vehicle accidents from last year, and made 4 (49 – annual) arrests , 1 (10 – annual) for DUI.

The police department's coat drive collected and distributed 398 coats to the needy. Thanks to Auxiliary Officer Staropoli and her family for their work on the project.

Mr. McCann asked where most of the accidents happen. The Chief answer the WaWa parking lot and S. Main Street.

## VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Consideration to Accept the January 3, 2023 Finance Report  
Consensus was granted.

- There is no special Christmas tree pickup this year.
- PECO will be working on Letchworth and S. Bell in January. No disruptions are anticipated.
- ZHB will meet on 1/23 with two applications.

## IX. ENGINEER'S REPORT

A. Consideration to Accept Elevation Bid of 81 North Delaware Avenue

Mr. Carlson motions to grant Caddick Construction the \$307,700 elevation project for 81 North Delaware Avenue, which is seconded by Mr. McCann.

A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

B. Consideration of Payment Certificate No. 2-33 Brown Street

Mr. Curtin motions to approve Payment Certificate No. 2 for 33 Brown Street for \$52615.84, which is seconded by Mr. McCann

A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

C. Consideration of Payment Certificate No. 1-33 Brown Street (Alternate)

Mr. Curtin motions to approve Payment Certificate No. 1 for 33 Brown Steet for \$13,722.51, which is seconded by Mr. McCann

A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

## X. PROJECT UPDATES

A. North Main Street Sidewalk – Phase II & III

Phase II – Work has continued through December due to agreeable weather. At the next meeting the Engineer will be looking to extend the contract, so they have to provide pavement in the spring.

Phase III – Waiting to hear about grant submission. Working on PennDot resubmission.

B. Mary Yardley Bridge  
Bridge is in production.  
Anticipating installation April/May

XI. SOLICITOR'S REPORT  
N/A

XII. MAYOR'S REPORT  
Thanks to the community for its outreach on the birth of Mayor and Mrs. Harding's daughter.

XIII. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. Kim Segal-Morris – Public Safety Committee, Human Relations Committee,  
Did not meet with Experience Yardley. Public Safety did not discuss outsourcing police department. Researched parking on Canal Street.

B. Matthew Ross – Public Works Committee, Sewer Authority, APO  
N/A

C. Matt Curtin – General Government Committee, YMFC  
General Government will meet in two weeks before Council meeting.

D. John McCann – Community & Economic Development Committee, Historic & Architectural Review Board, Shade Tree  
Dining ordinance is going to Bucks County Planning Council. They are working on planning a community event in the spring.

E. David Appelbaum – Community Outreach Committee, YBA, Parks and Rec  
Shirley Corsey was a guest on the radio show which he has been hosting for the mayor.  
He is working on open vacancies on committees and boards. There are many opportunities for the community to participate. All vacancies have been published.  
Applications for the civil service commission are due by 1/11.

F. Don Carlson – ZHB, Sewer  
No report.

G. Caroline Thompson – Planning Commission  
No report.

XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

XV. OTHER BUSINESS

Accept Council Resignation of Matthew Ross, effective 12/31/22.

Mr. Curtin motions to accept Mr. Ross' resignation, which is seconded by Mr. McCann.

Dawn Perlmutter – Notes that entire Council up for reelection this year.

Applications for appointment to Council are due 1/11.

Interviews will be held 1/17.

A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Segal-Morris motions to adjourn at 8:04, which is seconded by Mr. Curtin.

A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

Submitted by,  
Mary Ann McLean