

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting
January 6, 2020**

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

Caroline Thompson	David Bria	Matthew Ross
Ryan Berry	Kim Segal-Morris	John McCann

Council member(s) not in attendance:

Also in attendance were Mayor Chris Harding, Chief Joseph Kelly, Engineer Liz Colletti and Borough Manager Paula Johnson.

Mayor Harding began the meeting with a moment of silence for former Congressman Mike Fitzpatrick who passed away recently.

Nominations for Council President.....Mayor Harding
Mr. Ross nominated Mr. David Bria for the position of Council President.
Election of Council President.....Mayor Harding
A vote was held and members of Council voted unanimously in favor of Mr. Bria for the position of Council President.

Nominations for Council Vice President.....Mr. Bria
Mr. Ross nominated Ms. Caroline Thompson for the position of Council Vice President.
Election of Council Vice President.....Mr. Bria
A vote was held and members of Council voted unanimously in favor of Ms. Thompson for the position of Council Vice President.

Mr. Bria formally opened the meeting at 7:32 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Thompson recognizes the following committee members for their service on various Council committees: Dave Leach, Cheryl Neas, Jane Celentano, and Jody Young.

Minutes (Time Stamp 7:36 pm)

Mr. Berry moves to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2019 meeting, which is seconded by Ms. Thompson. The motion passes.

Progress Reports (Time Stamp: 7:36 pm)

Solicitor

Nothing to report.

Borough Manager

Christmas tree collection will be 1/18 and 2/1 by the new trash hauler service.

Mayor

Congratulations and welcome to new Council members.

Police Chief

Chief Kelly presented service statistics for December 2019 and end-of-year 2019. There were 549 calls for service in December 2019 for a total of 6182 in 2019; 11 parking tickets were issued in December 2019 for a total of 83 in 2019; 40 traffic citations in December 2019 for a total of 1334 in 2019; 4 non-traffic citations in December 2019 for a total of 19 in 2019; investigated 7 traffic accidents in December 2019 for a total of 80 in 2019; made 9 arrests in December 2019 for a total of 80 in 2019; 3 of those arrests were for DUI in December 2019 for a total of 19 in 2019. Of note is the 5-year low for auto accidents representing a 23% reduction from 2018. No pedestrian-involved accidents in over 21 months.

Jared Weiner resigned 12/27/19 to accept a full-time position in Norrrington Township.

Borough Engineer

- Notification date for the PA Small Sewer and Water Grant will be in July.
- 2019 Road Program - Whiskey Hill issues are being address in next two weeks and the residents are satisfied with the plans.
- EAC grant. Scheduling a meeting to outline scope.
- Yardley Walk. Dam issues should be addressed in the next two weeks. Finalizing punch list.

Mr. Berry asked about the status of the Mary Yardley Bridge. No update since last meeting. Survey work is completed. Waiting for the boring schedule.

Mr. McCann asked about dewatering of canal. Only certain sections are dewatered and the section near the Mary Yardley Bridge was not dewatered.

Council Vice President

Welcome to new Council members Kim and John and looking forward to fresh start this year.

Council President

Thanks to Council for the vote of confidence.

Of note there was a Guidelines for Order document created one or two years ago. Mr. Bria intends to revisit this document in the coming weeks and adhere to the operating procedures that have been agreed upon in order to maintain formality and professionalism on Council and in meetings.

Council Committees

Community Outreach-Ms. Thompson

Nothing to report.

General Government-Ms. Thompson

Nothing to report.

Community & Economic Development – Mr. Berry
Requests Reading Ave. Committee be reaffirmed with Mr. Berry as liaison.

Public Safety – Mr. Berry
Nothing in addition to Chief’s report.

Public Works - Mr. Ross
Nothing to report.

Bill List (Time stamp: 7:45 pm)

Ms. Thompson moves to approve the bills list dated 1/6/2020, which is seconded by Mr. Ross.
The motion passes.

Correspondence (Time stamp: 7:46 pm)

None

Public Comment (Time stamp: 7:46 pm)

Three-minute time limit and one opportunity to speak is being implemented for the public comment section of the meeting.

Kim Prickett, 20 W. College. Ms. Prickett presented photographs regarding Ms. Perlmutter and alleged threats made against Ms. Prickett.

Certificates of Appropriateness (Time Stamp: 7:52 pm)

19-31 3 East Afton Avenue

Mr. Berry motions to approve Certificate of Appropriateness 19-31 as amended by HARB, which Mr. Ross seconds. Motion passes.

19-32 140 South Main Street

Mr. Berry motions to approve Certificate of Appropriateness 19-32 as submitted to HARB, which Mr. Ross seconds. Motion passes.

Old Business (Time Stamp: 7:53 pm)

None

New Business (Time Stamp: 7:53 pm)

1. Manager’s Contract.....Ms. Thompson
A copy of Manager Johnson’s contract is included in the meeting materials.
Ms. Thompson moves to approve an extension of Manager Johnson’s contract as submitted to January 2022, which Mr. Ross seconds. Motion passes.

2. Re/appointments to Borough Boards and Commissions.....Ms. Thompson
A list of all appointments and reappointments to Borough Boards and Commissions is included in the meeting materials.

A motion was made to approve each appointment by Ms. Thompson and each was seconded by Mr. Ross. A vote was held for each appointment and the motion passed for each appointment.

Remaining vacancies include two on Parks and Recreation, one on HARB, one on human relations, and one on Council. Mr. Bria asks that these vacancies be posted again to the website and social media.

3. Reappointment of Borough Solicitor.....Mr. Bria
Ms. Thompson moves to reappoint Bucky Closser from Curtin and Heefner as Yardley Borough Solicitor, which is seconded by Mr. Ross. Motion passes.

4. Reappointment of Borough Engineer.....Mr. Bria
Ms. Thompson moves to reappoint Remington and Vernick as Yardley Borough Engineer, which is seconded by Mr. Ross. Motion carries 5-1 with Mr. Berry voting nay.

Mr. Bria adjourned the meeting to executive session at 8:07.

Submitted by,
Mary Ann McLean