

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting
January 16, 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, Police Chief Joseph Kelly, Solicitor E. Closser, and Borough Engineer Leanna Colubriale. President Ruttle called the meeting to order at 7:30pm, and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Mr. Bria made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2017 Council meeting. Mr. Berry seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

REPORTS

Progress Reports

Solicitor

No report

Borough Manager

Mr. Boyle stated that Christmas tree recycling was complete this weekend.

Mayor

Mayor Harding acknowledged the efforts of the Yardley Emergency Management Coordinator, Chief Kelly and the Yardley Police Department for tracking the flooding from the ice dam issue.

Police Chief

No report

Borough Engineer

Ms. Colubriale stated that all grants are in the signature process and the FMA properties are being finalized and continue in process.

Council Vice President

Mr. Bria thanked the Yardley Emergency Management Coordinator and Chief Kelly for their efforts in dealing with the ice dam flooding issue.

Council President

Mr. Ruttle thanked the Yardley Emergency Management Coordinator and Chief Kelly for their efforts in dealing with the ice dam flooding issue.

Mr. Ruttle stated that he met with a number of the Council committees and discussed priorities and budgeting for 2019. Hopes to have more information for the first meeting in March.

Council Committees

Community & Economic Development

Mr. Ross stated that a meeting is scheduled next week and will be working with Mr. Bria on current projects and future projects. Expects to have more information at the next meeting.

Public Safety

Mr. Bria stated a meeting is scheduled for the first week in March and met with Chief Kelly about issues within the Borough.

Community Outreach

Ms. Brady stated that she attended the Parks and Rec meeting. Ms. Brady thanked the Borough Staff for their assistance with getting her started with all the various activities regarding Community Outreach.

Public Works

Mr. Berry stated that he walked North Main Street with Mr. Ross to assess the work to be performed and priorities for the North Main Street sidewalk project. Mr. Berry hopes to have full signatures and start work in March, pending all approvals.

Mr. Berry reported that they received complaints about pot holes on Main Street. After inquiring about the process for reporting the issues, because Main Street is a state road, residents can call 800-FIX-ROAD. If residents experience pot holes issues on Borough streets, they should contact Borough Hall with the location information.

Public Works held a meeting today and started prioritizing short and long-term projects. Mr. Buehler, resident and former Council member, attended the meeting and reported on the status of the Pedestrian Way-Finding Signs. Experience Yardley will be heading up the project, has received funding, and will now work with the necessary committees to bring to Council the final plan.

General Government

Ms. Thompson reported that General Government met today and is reviewing the 2017 budget process (what worked well, what can be improved). Looking ahead, they will be working with the Committees to receive their priorities for the next budgeting process.

Bill List

Ms. Thompson made a motion to approve the bill list dated January 16, 2018. Mr. Berry seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jef Buehler – 44 N. Edgewater Avenue – concerned about an email he and other residents received from a yardleyborough@aol.com account. Mr. Buehler inquired how his email address, and other residents would have been given to this anonymous email. Asked Council to review the process for email distribution and assure that the residents email and personal information is not being shared.

Dawn Perlmutter, 18 West College Avenue – made a presentation to Council regarding multiple concerns about the Borough permit approval process for work being performed at her neighbor's house and Borough Hall communication. Ms. Perlmutter asked that Borough Council investigate the concerns expressed during the presentation. Ms. Perlmutter stated that she owns and distributes information using the yardleyborough@aol.com and that she received the list from Paula Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Prickett, 20 West College Avenue – neighbor to Ms. Perlmutter. Provided opposing statements to Ms. Perlmutter's concerns brought-up during the previous presentation. Refutes Ms. Perlmutter's accusations and view of the situation.

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

1. **DeNovio Land Development Extension****Mr. Ross**
Mr. Ross made a motion to table the decision on the DeNovio Land Development Extension until the next Council meeting to provide additional time for review. The permit doesn't expire before the next meeting. Mr. Berry seconded. Mr. Sacco, attorney for Mr. DeNovio, shared history of the approval process with the Council and asked for a second extension. Mr. Ruttle would prefer not to table the decision and to initiate the process at the current meeting. Vote – 6 yes and 1 no. Motion passes.
2. **Adopt Lot Line Adjustment Procedures Ordinance No. 473**.....**Mr. Ross**
Mr. Ross made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 473 for the lot line adjustment procedures. Mr. Berry seconded. Motion passes. Mr. Ruttle abstained.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Shade Tree Commission Order****Ms. Brady**
Ms. Brady stated that the Shade Tree Commission has made an order that two trees located at 18 West College Avenue are dead and should be removed from the property. Ms. Brady also detailed the notification history to Ms. Perlmutter from the Shade Tree Commission. Mr. Boyle stated that the Commission noted that the front tree shade tree was not completely dead only the upper crown is dead and starting to decay but the tree in the back yard is dead. Ms. Perlmutter agrees that the back tree needs to be removed but states she has not been able to find a company to remove the tree for a reasonable price due to accessibility issues and the neighbor's trailer. Mrs. Prickett, neighbor, does not believe the trailer is an issue based upon her conversations with tree removal companies. Council states that the back tree should be removed and the front tree should be pruned to remove the dead and decaying portions within three weeks.
2. **Special Event Permit (Music-On-Main: 6/2-8/25 including rain dates)**.....**Ms. Brady**
Ms. Brady made a motion to approve the special event permit for Music-On-Main: 6/2-8/25 including rain dates. Mr. Bria seconded. Motion passes unanimously.
3. **Special Event Permit (Canal-O-Ween and Carve-O-Thon: 10/28-11/3)**.....**Ms. Brady**
Ms. Brady made a motion to approve the special event permit for Canal-O-Ween and Carve-O-Thon: 10/28-11/3. Mr. Marshall seconded. Motion passes unanimously.
4. **Save-the-Date (Rotary Car Festival: 4/14-4/15)**.....**Ms. Brady**
Ms. Brady made a motion to approve Save-the-Date for Rotary Car Festival: 4/14-4/15. Mr. Marshall seconded. Motion passes unanimously.
5. **Save-the-Date (Yardley Beer Fest: 6/2)**.....**Ms. Brady**
Ms. Brady made a motion to approve save-the-date for Yardley Beer Fest: 6/2. Ms. Thompson seconded. Motion passes unanimously.
6. **Save-the-Date (Autumn Market: 9/8 with 9/15 as rain date)**.....**Ms. Brady**
Ms. Brady made a motion to approve save-the-date for Save-the-Date Autumn Market: 9/8 as primary date but not alternative date. Mr. Berry seconded. Motion passes unanimously.
7. **Save-the-Date (Yardley Harvest Day: 9/15)**.....**Ms. Brady**
Ms. Brady made a motion to approve save-the-date for Yardley Harvest Day: 9/15. Mr. Berry seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

8. **Save-the-Date (Slay Sarcoma 5K/Walk: 10/20)**.....Ms. Brady
Ms. Brady made a motion to approve save-the-date for Slay Sarcoma 5K/Walk: 10/20. Mr. Berry seconded. Chief Kelly recommended that Council table the decision to approve until a Sunday date could be found due to recommendations from previous events and traffic concerns. Council agreed, and Mr. Berry removed his second to the motion.
9. **Save-the-Date (Yardley Old Fashion Christmas Parade: 12/1)**.....Ms. Brady
Ms. Brady made a motion to approve save-the-date for Yardley Old Fashion Christmas Parade: 12/1. Mr. Bria seconded. Motion passes unanimously.
10. **Save-the-Date (Easter Egg Hunt: 3/24)**.....Ms. Brady
Ms. Brady made a motion to approve save-the-date for Easter Egg Hunt: 3/24. Mr. Berry seconded. Motion passes unanimously.
11. **Save-the-Date (Yardley Walk to Run: 4/10-5/29)**.....Ms. Brady
Ms. Brady made a motion to approve save-the-date for Yardley Walk to Run 4/10-5/29 from 6-7pm. Mr. Berry seconded. Motion passes unanimously.
12. **Save-the-Date (YBA Santa’s Workshop: 12/1-12/8-12/15)**.....Ms. Brady
Ms. Brady made a motion to approve save-the-date for YBA Santa’s workshop 12/1-12/8-12/15. Mr. Marshall seconded. Motion passes unanimously.
13. **Creation of the Communication Advisory Board**.....Ms. Thompson
Ms. Thompson made a motion to create the Communications Advisory Board (CAB). The intention of the Communication Advisory Board is to provide a more formal body to assure the public is informed on Borough issues in a timely manner. Mr. Ross seconded. Ms. Brady asked that the terms of the Board members be staggered to assure carryover from one term to another. The Communication Advisory Board will be able to make recommendations for website updates and changes. Motion passes unanimously.
14. **Dissolution of Telecommunications Advisory Board**.....Ms. Thompson
Ms. Thompson made a motion to dissolve the Telecommunications Advisory Board (TAB). Mr. Berry seconded. Motion passes unanimously.
15. **Payment Certificate #4 (2015 FMA: 59 N. Delaware)**.....Mr. Berry
Mr. Berry made a motion to approve payment certificate #4 for 59 N. Delaware in the amount of \$16,856 to JNP Excavating, Mr. Ross seconded. Motion passes.
16. **Proposed Resolution to Ban Hydraulic Fracking (discussion only)**.....Mr. Bria
Mr. Bria led a discussion about proposing a resolution calling on the Delaware River Basin Commission to ban hydraulic fracking. The resolution would not ask for changes only to make the current ban permanent. New resolutions have been recently added which may open the door to hydraulic fracking. Mr. Bria is asking for Council input and will refer this onto the Environmental Advisory Commission.

Adjournment

Mr. Berry made motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bria seconded. Motion passes unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Fitzgerald
Recording Secretary