

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting
February 18, 2020**

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

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

Council member(s) not in attendance:

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

Mr. Bria formally opened the meeting at 7:30 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Harding swore in newly appointed councilman Uri Feiner.

Minutes (Time Stamp 7:33 pm)

Ms. Thompson moves to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2020 meeting, which is seconded by Mr. Berry. The motion passes 6-1 with Mr. Feiner abstaining.

Ms. Thompson moves to approve the minutes from the special Council meeting held February 11, 2020 which is seconded by Mr. Berry. The motion passes 6-1 with Mr. Feiner abstaining.

Progress Reports (Time Stamp: 7:34 pm)

Solicitor

Nothing to report.

Borough Manager

A zoning hearing board meeting will be held on Monday February 24, 2020 at 7:00. The Harper Avenue project is the only item on the agenda.

Mayor

Carry the Load will be held Wednesday 4/29/20 and Mayor Harding is challenging the team to walk 60 miles, last year they did 40 miles. The event leaves Washington Crossing at about 1:30 and arrives in Yardley at about 3:00 for the 6-mile leg of the walk.

Police Chief

Officer Clark completed training on terrorist training and readiness, which was fully funded by FEMA. He will share his training with his fellow officers.

Borough Engineer

- 2019 Road Program – Waiting for as-builts in order to close the project out.

- Yardley Walk – Dam repair completed and inspection was done today. There were some concerns about masonry work. Engineer will reach out to DEP to ask if existing letter of authorization can remain open if HOA wants to do more work.
- ML7 – Agenda item for tonight but it is not the final release.
- Mary Yardley Bridge – Committee meeting was held tonight. More to follow from Mr. Ross in his report.

Council Vice President

CRS evaluation by FEMA/PEMA will be done next year and Council is hoping to get an increase to 10 percent from 5 percent. Areas for improvement have been identified and a community info and training seminar series will be conducted over the coming year.

Council President

Committee and liaison positions were announced by Mr. Bria.

Community & Economic Development (1st Tues 6:30PM)

John McCann (Chair)

Ryan Berry

David Bria

Public Safety (1st Tues 7:00PM)

Kim Segal-Morris (Chair)

Ryan Berry

Chris Harding

Community Outreach (1st Tues 7:00PM)

Uri Feiner

Matt Ross

Public Works (3rd Tues 6:30PM)

Matt Ross (Chair)

John McCann

Uri Feiner

General Government (3rd Tues 7:00PM)

Caroline Thompson (Chair)

Kim Segal-Morris

COUNCIL LIASONS

Planning Commission:

Matt Ross

Historic & Architectural Review Board:

John McCann

Environmental Advisory Commission:

Ryan Berry

Parks & Recreation Board:

Caroline Thompson

Shade Tree Commission:

Uri Feiner

Experience Yardley:

Uri Feiner

Civil Service Commission:	Chris Harding
Human Relations Commission:	Kim Segal-Morris
Sewer Authority:	David Bria
Reading Avenue	Ryan Berry (Chair)
Airport Meetings:	Kim Segal-Morris
Zoning Hearing Board:	Borough Manager & Solicitor (as needed)

Council Committees

Community Outreach-Ms. Thompson

Nothing to report.

General Government- Ms. Thompson

Nothing to report.

Community & Economic Development – Mr. Berry

Nothing to report.

Public Safety – Mr. Berry

Nothing to report.

Public Works - Mr. Ross

Mary Yardley Bridge – Council needs to decide how to move forward.

The main current issue is the bridge material - steel or composite. There is a 20k difference in cost, but the primary issue is a steel bridge weighs 2x as much as a composite material so additional borings on west side will be needed for a steel bridge which adds cost and the project scope. Also, there is no guarantee that the additional borings will work for the bridge leading to additional cost of 60k. Also the additional borings will require shutting down the bridge for a time. Mr. Ross recommends moving forward with composite bridge and authorizing engineer to do the 3 hours of engineering work to submit the request for approval to PHMC and DCNR.

There are no current FRP bridges on the canal and DCNR will be the one to give final approval. The bridge is not a historic landmark although the bridge resides in a park that is a landmark.

Mr. Feiner notes that generally the question is a functional issue – the style can be the generally the same regardless of which material is chosen.

There is 163k on hand right now for the bridge.

Mr. Ross motions to have the engineer submit necessary paperwork to PHMC and DCNR for approval of the construction of a composite bridge over the canal, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris seconds. The motion passes 7-0 without objection.

Reading Ave – Mr. Berry

We did not received the Growing Greener grant from PECO but will reapply for the grant in the fall. We are now focusing on planning and cleanup. Mr. Berry notes that Mr. Bachalis has already made a donation and that should be preserved for the project.

Public Safety – Ms. Segal Morris

Attended meeting regarding Mercer Airport expansion. Perry Warren and Steve Santarsiero as well as representatives from Congressman Fitzpatrick were in attendance. A new resistance group has formed but they haven't gone public yet, but the feeling is that pushback needs to be driven by NJ residents.

Bill List (Time stamp: 7:56 pm)

Ms. Thompson moves to approve the bills list dated 2/20/2020, which is seconded by Mr. McCann. The motion passes 6-1 with Mr. Feiner abstaining.

Correspondence (Time stamp: 7:57 pm)

None

Public Comment (Time stamp: 7:57 pm)

Don Carlson, 14 Creekview Lane, representing the Yardley Walk Homeowners Association. Last closing was 15 months ago and the HOA is still waiting for builder to close out a 53-page list of problems. The HOA hired their own lawyer and engineer and they have 122 items on their punch list. Only two items have been closed on punch list in last 15 months. The HOA would like their punch list combined with Borough's. The Borough engineer is trying to move forward on these items and are working to make sure that the 122 items are integrated in the Borough's punch list.

Michelle Sharer – 31 N. Main Street, Friends of Lake Afton would like to reestablish a council liaison position. Mr. Bria will get back to her as it makes sense to have someone as a point person.

Certificates of Appropriateness (Time Stamp: 8:03 pm)

20-04 125 South Main Street (storm door)

Mr. Berry motions to approve Certificate of Appropriateness 20-04 for 125 S. Main Street for a storm door as submitted, which Ms. Thompson seconds. Motion passes 7-0.

20-05 47 West Afton Avenue (roof)

Mr. Berry motions to approve Certificate of Appropriateness 20-05 for 47 West Afton Avenue for a roof as submitted, which Mr. Ross seconds. Motion passes 7-0.

Old Business (Time Stamp: 8:04 pm)

1. Escrow Release No. 3 ML7 Parking Lot Expansion.....Mr. Ross
Mr. Ross motions to approve financial security release No. 3 for the ML7 parking lot expansion to the developer in the amount of \$91,923.80, which Ms. Thompson seconds. Motion passes 7-0.
Mayor Harding asks for the timeframe on finishing project and final release. Engineer reports probably summer.

2. Bid Award Green Light Go Traffic Signal Improvements Main and Afton.....Mr. Ross
Mr. Ross motions to approve the bid in the amount of \$256,430 to Armor and Sons contingent on funds being available from Green Light Go, which Mr. Berry seconds.
Substantial construction needs to be completed by May or Borough will lose the grant funding. Motion passes 7-0.

New Business (Time Stamp: 8:12 pm)

1. Resolution No. 20-02 Promulgation of the EOP.....Ms. Segal-Morris
Ms. Segal-Morris motions to approve Resolution 20-02 which is the Promulgation of the EOP (Emergency Operations Plan), which is seconded by Mr. Ross. Motion passes 7-0.

Mr. Berry motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:13, which is seconded by Mr. Ross. Motion passes.

Submitted by,
Mary Ann McLean