

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting  
February 21, 2023**

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

Kim Segal-Morris  
Matthew Curtin  
John McCann

Caroline Thompson  
Don Carlson

David Appelbaum  
Uri Feiner

Council member(s) not in attendance:

Also in attendance were Mayor Chris Harding, Chief Joseph Kelly, Borough Manager Paula Johnson, Engineer Patrick Foley, and Solicitor Andrew Griffin.

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

- Experience Yardley – Successful Second Saturday
- American Whiskey Dinner –Yardley Inn 2/23 at 7pm
- Food drive – Receptacle in Borough office to support the Pennsbury and Interfaith food pantry
- Shirley Corsey – Gather Place Museum
  - Awarded 50k grant for building repairs. Slate roof will be installed
  - Saturday 2/25 Harriet Tubman Live has sold out its maximum of 40 seats
  - In alliance with Pennsbury Manor, Harriet Tubman Live will be performed on Sunday 2/26 at 2pm at 400 Pennsbury Memorial Road.
- Susan Taylor – 35 Lookover Lane
  - Yardley Historical Association has received 15 works of art donated by the Cadwallader Family with works by local artists and large arial maps of Yardley.
  - Art show and silent auction to be held 2/25 and 2/26 1-5

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Dawn Perlmutter, 18 W. College Ave.  
Documents of potential historical interest were found during a RTK document inspection, perhaps the Borough or the Yardley Historical Association would be interested in them.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED February 21, 2023

- A. Approval of Minutes Dated February 7, 2023

Ms. Segal-Morris motions to approve the Consent Agenda dated February 21, 2023, which is seconded by Mr. Feiner.

A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.

- B. Certificates of Appropriateness
  - i. 23-7 – 125 S. Main Street – Sunroom
  - ii. 23-8 – 188 S. Canal Street – Remove Chimney
- C. Event Permit Music On/Off Main and Sunday Concerts in Buttonwood  
Saturdays June 4-August 26, Sundays 6/11, 6/25, 7/9, 7/16  
Concern raised over moving the event from near the street to Buttonwood Park.
- D. Appointments to Borough Boards and Commissions
  - i. EAC-Patricia Kleiner Term Ending 12/31/24
  - ii. EAC-Jesse Clark Term Ending 12/31/26
  - iii. Human Relations – Jared Stump Term Ending 12/31/23
  - iv. Human Relations – Jesse Clark Term Ending 12/31/25
  - v. Human Relations – Patricia Kleiner Term Ending 12/31/24
  - vi. Sewer Authority – Barry Sharer Term Ending 1/1/28

## VII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

### A. Part-time Police Hiring

Ms. Segal-Morris motions to extend a conditional offer to hire Lucas K. Murray as a part-time Police Officer, pending eligibility from the Pennsylvania Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission (MPOETC). The motion is seconded by Mr. Curtin.

A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.

Lucas Murray was sworn in by Mayor Harding.

### B. Consideration to Accept PCCD Local Law Enforcement Grant – 2022

Text of the history and discussion is available in the meeting minutes.

Ms. Segal-Morris motions to accept the 2022 Local Law Enforcement Grant Award #2022-CL-01-39395 in the amount of \$47,957 for the purchase of materials outlined in the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Curtin.

A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.

### C. Chief Kelly thanks Simone Realty for their generous donation which was used to purchase 20 brand new traffic cones.

## VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT

### A. Consideration to Accept the February 21, 2023 Finance Report Consensus was granted.

B. Consideration to Accept the Renewal of the Verizon Franchise Agreement Res.23-04 5-year agreement with a 5% franchise fee for cable TV service. It is the same agreement as in the past except for the term. The Borough has a similar agreement with Comcast. Mr. Curtin motions to accept the renewal of the Verizon Franchise Agreement, Res. 23-04, which is seconded by Mr. Carlson.

A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.

IX. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None.

X. MAYOR'S REPORT

None.

XI. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

- A. Kim Segal-Morris – Public Safety Committee, Human Relations Committee, EY, EAC  
Nothing to report.
- B. Uri Feiner - Public Works Committee, Planning Commission  
Getting up to speed on projects and creating a dashboard for sharing of information about public works projects.
- C. Matt Curtin – General Government Committee, YMFC  
General Government – Audit is underway and when that is finished the committee will begin work around the methodology around budgeting and forecasting.
- D. John McCann – Community & Economic Development Committee, Historic & Architectural Review Board, Shade Tree  
Nothing to report.
- E. David Appelbaum – Community Outreach Committee, YBA, Parks and Rec  
Harvest Day – Planning is underway already and grant recipients will be voted on soon.
- F. Don Carlson – ZHB, Sewer  
Nothing to report
- G. Caroline Thompson – Planning Commission  
Records management – The Borough will move all Council and staff to using One Drive for all records storage. This will make records more accessible generally and will preserve data for councilpersons no longer serving and staff no longer employed.

XII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Consideration of DCNR Delaware Canal Towpath Bridge Rehabilitation Project & Emergency Management

A lengthy discussion was held about the project with representatives from PennDot and PCS.

Mr. Feiner motions to not widen the aqueduct structure, which is seconded by Mr. Appelbaum.

Further discussion was held.

Mr. Feiner amends his motion to not widen the structure but to widen the railing, which is seconded by Mr. Appelbaum.

A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Segal-Morris motions to adjourn at 8:36, which is seconded by Mr. Curtin.

A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.

Submitted by,  
Mary Ann McLean