

Yardley Borough Council Meeting
April 4, 2023

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

Caroline Thompson
Don Carlson

Kim Segal-Morris

David Appelbaum

Council member(s) not in attendance: John McCann, Matthew Curtin, Uri Feiner

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 7:30pm.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Parks and Recs will be doing cornhole again this year and will have an Earth Day Clean up 4/23/23 at the tot-lot.
- Farmers Market is Sat 10am bi-weekly.
- Experience Yardley - 2nd Saturday – 4/8/23
- Duck Dedication – 4/15/23 - 1pm -Buttonwood Park
- Friends of Lake Afton – 4/22/23 – Clean-up Day
- Jessica Bower – Kryssset Artisan Boutique
 - Hosting Yardley Wedding Weekend – 4/29-4/30 1-4pm. Open to other businesses to be involved.
- Shirley Corsey – Gather Place Museum
 - Renovations taking place in March – reopens 4/10/23.
 - 4/22/23 2-4pm Collaborating with Common Place Reader and Langhorne Council of Art. Hosting Author Langston Houghs. Tickets are available.
- Jessica – Spearhead Group
 - Spearhead Project Earth – welcomes Yardley to clean garbage from waterways. Kick off is Thursday through October. Contact them to be involved.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT
None

- VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED April 4, 2023
- A. Approval of Minutes Dated March 21, 2023
Mr. Carlson asks to move the minutes of the March 21st meeting to a separate vote. The minutes are removed from the agenda and will be added to the next meeting.
- B. Event permits: Yardley 5K Walk and Run-Afton and Delaware Ave – 5/21/23, Memorial Main Street Mile 5/29/23, Carry The Load – Delaware and Afton Ave 5/3/23. Ms. Segal-Morris motions to approve the Event Permits, which is seconded by Mr. Carlson. A vote was held, and the motion passes 4-0.
- VII. POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT
- A. Part-Time Police Hiring
Ms. Segal-Morris motions to extend a conditional offer to hire James O. Routh as a part-time Police Officer, pending all required examinations and all other MPOETC eligibility requirements. The motion was seconded by Mr. Appelbaum.
A vote was held, and the motion passes 4-0.
James O. Routh was sworn in by Mayor Harding.
- B. Police service statistics for March 2023. The department handled 608 calls for service, issued 3 parking tickets, issued 84 traffic citations, investigated 5 motor vehicle accidents, and made 3 arrests, 0 for DUI.
- C. Chief Kelly accepts the resignation of Colin Murphy. Last day will be 4/10/23.
- VIII. MANAGER’S REPORT
- A. Consideration to Accept Finance Report Dated April 4, 2023. Consensus was granted.
- B. Ms. Johnson gave a recap of March building permits, zoning permits, right-to-knows, U&O’s and Trash Certifications.
- IX. ENGINEER’S REPORT
- No timeframe of when the funds will be received for the PECO Lot.
No update to PennDOT MTF Grant.
- X. PROJECT UPDATES
- A. FEMA funded 33 Brown Elevation Payment Certificate #5
Mr. Carlson motions to approve payment to Premier Builder Inc in the amount of \$37,857.40, which is seconded by Mr. Appelbaum. A vote was held, and the motion passes 4-0.
- B. FEMA funded 33 Brown Elevation Alternates Payment Certificate #4
Mr. Carlson motions to approve payment to Premier Builder Inc in the amount of \$1,764.00, which is seconded by Mr. Appelbaum. A vote was held, and the motion passes 4-0.
- C. FEMA funded 46 Brown Elevation Payment Certificate #1

Mr. Carlson motions to approve payment to Premier Builder Inc in the amount of \$10,192.00, which is seconded by Mr. Appelbaum. A vote was held, and the motion passes 4-0.

D. FEMA funded 45 S. Delaware Avenue Elevation Payment Certificate #1
Mr. Carlson motions to approve payment to Premier Builder Inc in the amount of \$13,524.00, which is seconded by Mr. Appelbaum. A vote was held, and the motion passes 4-0.

E. 112-114 Morgan Ave – Premier Builders Inc. lowest bid for the base work in the amount of \$374,524.00 and exceeds the allocated funds supplied by the grant. RVE recommends to reject and rebid.
Mr. Carlson motions to reject and rebid 112-114 Morgan Ave, which is seconded by Mr. Appelbaum. A vote was held, and the motion passes 4-0.

F. Mary Yardley Bridge
4/3/23 – 2nd Pre-Construction meeting with contractors. Waiting on agreement with the PECO Lot and DCNR. No start date of construction. The race in May will be detoured depending on when construction starts.

G. North Main Street Sidewalk – Phase II
Will resume construction 4/17. 2 weeks of construction left.

XI. SOLICITOR’S REPORT
None

XII. MAYOR’S REPORT
Carry the Load is 5/3/23.

XIII. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. Kim Segal-Morris – Public Safety Committee, Human Relations Committee
Experience Yardley meeting – Duck Dedication – Plagues have been installed.
Dedication will be at Buttonwood.
Porch Party – May – focusing on locate businesses.

B. Uri Feiner – Public Works Committee, Sewer Authority, APO
No Report

C. Matt Curtin – General Government Committee, YMFC
No Report

D. John McCann – Community & Economic Development Committee, Historic & Architectural Review Board, Shade Tree Commission
No Report

- E. David Appelbaum – Community Outreach Committee, YBA, Parks and Rec
Congratulates Parks and Rec on the egg hunt.
Team that includes Spearhead submitted a grant to American Water for
environmental grant.
TAG (Towns Against Graffiti) – Asks for consensus to put together an ordinance.
Consensus was granted.
- F. Don Carlson – General Government, ZHB, Sewer
No Report
- G. Caroline Thompson – Planning Commission
No Report

XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS
None.

XV. OTHER BUSINESS
None.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT
Mr. Appelbaum motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm, which is seconded by Mr.
Carlson. A vote was held, and the motion passes 4-0.

Submitted by,
Patty Sargent