

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting  
April 7, 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, Engineers Tom Beach and Liz Colletti, Zoning Officer, Borough Manager Paula Johnson and Wes Foraker.

- I. CALL TO ORDER – David Bria, President  
The meeting, held by video conference, was called to order at 7:31.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL  
All council members and Mayor Harding present.
- IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS  
All community events are cancelled through 4/30 per Governor Wolf’s stay-at-home order.  
Trash pickup temporarily moved to Wednesday and Friday mornings with no bulk service.
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT
- VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED April 7, 2020
  - A. Approval of Minutes dated March 17, 2020
  - B. Bills List dated April 7, 2020Ms. Segal-Morris motions to approve the consent agenda dated April 7, 2020, which is seconded by Ms. Thompson. The motion passes 7-0.
- VII. POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT
  - A. Authorization to Begin Police Promotions  
Chief Kelly presented his proposal for reorganization of the Borough Police Department and specifically requests consideration to promote two officers to Corporal and promote two other officers to PFC positions.  
Ms. Segal-Morris makes a motion to refer the Chief’s proposal to the Civil Service Commission and Solicitor, which was seconded by Mr. Berry.  
Mr. McMann asked if there a pay increase associated with the promotions to corporal. Annual salary increases from \$74,187 to \$75,164 per annum. The officers have already been undertaking the training required for this promotion.

Mr. Berry asks about the status of civil service commission meetings and the timeframes for these promotions. The Chief notes the process is long and the timeframe is open at this point. The process could start via Zoom meetings.

Mr. Feiner offered thanks to the Chief and the department during this time.

Dawn Perlmutter, 18 W. College Avenue asks if this would be for officers that are already employed or are new ones being hired? This is for existing officers. Candidates for promotion to corporal have to have 3-years' experience in the borough to be considered for promotion.

A vote held and the motion passes 7-0.

#### B. Updates

Thanks to all staff, business owners, and residents for overwhelming support to the police department in the last three weeks.

Service Statistics for March 2020: There were 493 calls for service, 305 of which were proactive checks and outreach. 3 parking tickets were issued, 52 moving citations were issued, most of which were before 3/13. There is now 1/10<sup>th</sup> of the traffic in the Borough since the inception of the governor's order. 2 nontraffic citations were issued, 1 motor vehicle accident was investigated, and 3 arrests were made, 1 of which was for DUI.

### VIII. ENGINEER'S REPORT

#### A. 2019 Roads Program Change Order #1

Overall contract value recalculated to \$118,576.67, down from \$141,859.55.

Ms. Thompson moves to approve Change Order #1 for the 2019 Roads Program, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris. A vote was held and the motion passes 7-0.

#### B. 2019 Roads Program Payment Certificate #2-Final

Payment total is \$48,737.64

Ms. Thompson moves to approve 2019 Roads Program Payment Certificate in the amount of \$48,737.64, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris. A vote was held and the motion passes 7-0.

C. EAC Watershed Management Grant – Kickoff meeting will be this week or next to keep the process moving forward.

D. DCNR land acquisition grant. Grant is due on 4/22. Council needs to approve funds for RVE to put the grant together as well as get the appraisal. Appraisal should be no more than \$1500 and \$2500 for RVE to complete grant for a max amount of 4,000 to prepare grant for submission on 4/22. The grant requires a match and she is looking into whether or not the deadlines and notifications for the Growing Greener grant can work together with the DCNR grant.

Mr. Berry motions to authorize RVE to prepare the DCNR Land Acquisition Grant application, in an amount not to not exceed \$4,000 by next Council meeting, which is seconded by Mr. Feiner.

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

IX. PROJECT UPDATES

A. Main & Afton Intersection

Construction projects currently on hold. Easement paperwork is moving forward with the Fosters for the placement of the control box for the intersection.

B. Mary Yardley Bridge

Electronic submittals are now allowed so the PHMC review form will be submitted this week.

C. 2019 Roads Program

Closing out program per votes earlier tonight.

D. Yardley Walk Dam

Trying to work with the HOA and Bustamante to complete the final punch list. Can't currently do a walkthrough.

X. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. USPS Letter of Intent

Mr. Berry motions to accept USPS letter of intent regarding 5-year extension of their lease, which is seconded by Mr. Ross.

Vote held and motion passes 7-0.

B. Trash Day Change

Saturday Borough trash day changed to Friday and suspension of bulk pickups temporarily. Republic Services hand delivered flyers to each house affected by the change and there have been no complaints so far.

Change is for 60 days with reevaluation at that time depending on coronavirus status.

Ms. Thompson motions to temporarily change contract terms, which is seconded by Mr. Berry. Vote held and motion passes 7-0.

C. Updates

Office is running smoothly remotely. Community Connections has been published regarding change and cancellation notifications to the community.

XI. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor's office is looking closely at federal and state legislation regarding the emergency and how any of those might affect communities at the local level.

XII. MAYOR'S REPORT

Police Department held a birthday celebration for a community member who was in need of that special effort.

St. Ignatius has started an emergency relief fund. Spread the word.

### XIII. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Committee meetings should start to be held by Zoom in light of the fact stay at home is through end of the month and perhaps longer.

A. Ryan Berry – Environmental Advisory Commission, Reading Avenue Committee  
Nothing to report

B. Matthew Ross – Public Works Committee, Planning Commission  
Nothing to report

C. Kim Segal Morris – Public Safety Committee, Human Relations Committee, TTN  
Airport Updates  
Nothing to report

D. David Bria – Sewer Authority  
Nothing to report

E. Caroline Thompson – General Government Committee, Parks & Recreation Board  
General Government is tracking financing and expecting loss of income due to fewer permits and traffic citations. They are talking to Newtown Bank regarding lines of credit and loans to cover capital projects.

F. John McCann – Community & Economic Development Committee, Historic & Architectural Review Board, North Main Street Traffic Committee.  
Nothing to report.

G. Uri Feiner – Community Outreach Committee, Experience Yardley, Shade Tree Commission

- Harvest Committee asking to approve 2021 dates for Harvest Day, 9/18/21. Council decided to postpone this question until next meeting so the calendar can be consulted. The committee should fill out a save the date form for review.
- Fences in Fitzgerald Field – 6 trees were planted and fences were installed to protect the trees. The fences are temporary but won't be out before Harvest Day this year. They aren't in the way for Harvest Day activities, but Ms. Thompson will provide a rough drawn map to the committee for their information.

### XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

### XV. OTHER BUSINESS

Don Carlson, 14 Creekview. For the future please make correct Zoom meeting ID more accessible to the public. Ms. Johnson will make sure the information is widely available.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Berry motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:30, which is seconded by Mr. Ross.  
Motion passes 7-0.

Submitted by,  
Mary Ann McLean