

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting
May 18, 2021**

The meeting was held via video conference with the following members present:

Caroline Thompson	Uri Feiner	Matt Curtin
Kim Segal-Morris	David Bria	Matthew Ross
John McCann		

Council member(s) not in attendance:

Also in attendance were Mayor Harding, Chief Joseph Kelly, Borough Manager Paula Johnson, Engineer Elizabeth Colletti and Solicitor Ernest Closser.

I. CALL TO ORDER –David Bria, President

The meeting, held by video conference, was called to order at 7:30.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Thompson – Girl Scout bridging ceremony this Sunday, 5/23, at 5:00 at Memorial Park on Woodside Avenue. Members of council and public are invited to attend..

Mr. Bria – In light of loosening guidelines, Council is looking to go to an in-person setting starting 6/1/21. A hybrid situation is being researched.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received from the owner of the Continental Tavern regarding restaurants returning to normal functioning. The author asks that relaxed ordinances for restaurants stay in place until around Thanksgiving to ease in the recovery from the pandemic.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Cain – Spoke regarding this history of the Taproom and reiterated his request for approval of a variance to expand food offerings with the installation of a full kitchen and BBQ smoker. A very lengthy discussion followed with many community members speaking both in favor and against the approval of the variance to allow a kitchen at the Taproom.

Following public comment, each Councilperson commented on the issue and on the question of the vote from last meeting in which it was agreed 4-3 to send the solicitor to represent the Borough in opposition of approval of the variance.

A motion was made by Mr. Curtin to send the solicitor to the June 28th Zoning Hearing Board meeting as a neutral party to gather information and report back to Council for further discussion and evaluation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Feiner.

A roll call vote was held as follows:

Mr. Feiner	Y
Mr. Curtin	Y
Mr. McCann	Y
Ms. Thompson	Y
Mr. Ross	Y
Segal-Morris	Y
Mr. Bria	Y

Motion passes 7-0

VII. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED May 18, 2021

- A. Approval of Minutes dated May 4, 2021
- B. Bills List dated May 18, 2021
- C. Event Permit Music on Main
- D. Certificate of Appropriateness No: 21-12 40 S. Main Street (sign)
21-13 20 S. Main (sign)

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda dated May 18, 2021 was made by Mr. Feiner, which is seconded by Mr. Ross.

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

VIII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

IX. MANAGER'S REPORT

- Memorial Day parade is happening so there will be street cleaning over the next two weeks.
- Trash collection change for Memorial Day, pickup will be Thursday and Saturday.
- Memorial Day mile (5/31, 8am) All Council members and Chief Kelly will be running. There will be street closures, which residents will be notified of in advance. The Memorial Day Ceremony will at the veterans' monument at 9:00 am.

XI. MAYOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

XII. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. Matthew Curtin – Environmental Advisory Commission, Reading Avenue Committee

Nothing to report.

B. Matthew Ross – Public Works Committee, Planning Commission

- Regarding the sidewalk project, it has been determined that the current plan will require removing many trees at a very high cost and to the detriment of the beauty of the street. The engineer has provided three options, which were presented to the Public Works committee. Option 2 was decided by the committee to be the most prudent choice and it will be sent to all the effected residents for feedback. Option 2 is to move the sidewalk to the other side of the trees which is still within the easement. A vote on this will be held at the first Council meeting in June.
- Grant opportunities will be presented in upcoming meetings.

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

Nothing to report.

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

Nothing to report.

XIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

XIV. OTHER BUSINESS

Guidelines from the state for Covid relief have been received and will be distributed. More to follow on this.

Experience Yardley Ducks – Liz Young and Cindy Fatsis

A short presentation was made about the Duck Sculpture Walk. The committee plans to begin gathering sponsors and working through the details of locations for the ducks.

Mayor Harding – Congratulated the community and Council for the professional handling of the meeting.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn at 9:18 was made by Mr. Ross, which is seconded by Ms. Segal Morris.
A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.

Submitted by,
Mary Ann McLean