

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting  
June 1, 2021**

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

Caroline Thompson  
David Bria

Uri Feiner via phone  
Matthew Ross

Kim Segal-Morris  
John McCann

Council member(s) not in attendance: Matt Curtin

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

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

IV. PROCLAMATION

In recognition of June 2021 as Pride Month the Proclamation was read into the record by Mr. Bria. The Proclamation is attached in the meeting materials.

Ms. Thompson motions to approve the Proclamation, which is seconded by Mr. Ross. A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

V. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Council recognized Gold and Silver Award winners in the Sandy Run Girl Scout Service Unit at their recent bridging ceremony.
- Tattoo shop Yardley Tattoo is doing a Pride Month T-Shirt promotion. Proceeds will go to benefit the Rainbow Room in Bucks County.
- Memorial Main Street Mile was held 5/31. There were 188 finishers, and the winner was Connor Harriman. The event benefits the Legion post in Yardley.
- BRRAM is holding meeting tonight about Trenton Mercer Airport expansion. The public can comment on their plan until 6/16 at [www.BRRAM.org](http://www.BRRAM.org).

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Dawn Perlmutter, 18 W. College, followed up on 1-payments to Armour and Sons Electric for damage caused by backhoe. Manager Johnson answered that Borough's insurance agent is looking into it. 2-Followed up on citation of The Taproom for noise and occupancy violations. Ms. Johnson answered that a citation has been issued.

- VII. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED June 1, 2021
- A. Approval of Minutes dated May 18, 2021
  - B. Bills List dated June 1, 2021

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda dated June 1, 2021 is made by Ms. Segal-Morris, which is seconded by Ms. Thompson.  
A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

VIII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Police service statistics for May 2021: There were 524 calls for service, 67 traffic citations, 2 non-traffic citations, 8 traffic accidents, and 1 arrest for DUI.

Purchase of new service vehicle.

Chief Kelly presented an overview of the department's service vehicles and replacement schedule as well as the research conducted to choose the Ford Explorer and its outfitting. Ms. Segal Morris motions to approve the purchase of a new service vehicle from Fred Beans for \$33,207.00, paid in installments over four years, which is seconded by Mr. Ross.

A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

IX. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Updates provided in submitted report.

85 West Afton Final Sub-Division

Eric Woloshyn of EDW Builders presented a plan to subdivide the property at 85 W. Afton and create one new lot.

Mr. Ross motions as follows, which was seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris:

I make a motion to grant Final Minor Subdivision Approval to the Applicants, Eric Woloshyn and EDW Builders, Inc., including the three (3) waivers requested to the Yardley Borough Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, subject to the following conditions:

1. Applicant shall comply with the review letters of the Borough Engineer, Borough Planning Commission, and the Bucks County Planning Commission;
2. Applicant shall comply with the two Earth Disturbance Reports issued by the Bucks County Conservation District and the Stop Work Order issued by the Borough.

A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

X. Project Updates – as needed

- A. Main & Afton Intersection –
- B. Mary Yardley Bridge - Working on permitting clearances. Hoping for a start date of early August for construction.

C. PECO Property –

D. North Main Street Sidewalks, Phase II - An overview of the project was presented, specifically regarding the moving of trees and utility poles based on new PECO requirements. Three options were presented as reviewed by Public Works, which recommends Option 3. Option 3 keeps the sidewalk along the street as much as possible except where it juts in to go around trees/poles. Option 3 maintains trees and is the most cost-effective option.

Mr. Ross motions to approve Option 3 for the North Main Street Sidewalk Project, Phase II including engineering work and keeping within budget, which is seconded by Ms. Thompson.

A lengthy discussion followed with many community members commenting and asking questions.

#### XI. MANAGER'S REPORT

- Commendation of Memorial Day events, organizers, and Borough staff.
- Trash collection moved this week to Thursday/Saturday because of Memorial Day
- PennDot is planning to resurface Afton Ave. They want to know whether they should put bike sharrows on the resurfaced roads.

A few questions were raised and Council requests more information from PennDot before a decision can be made.

#### XII. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

#### XIII. MAYOR'S REPORT

Thanks to Legion, VFW, police department, and WBCB regarding Memorial Day events. Congratulations to Council for working with community on the sidewalk project.

#### XIV. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. Matthew Curtin – 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 discussing distribution of recovery stimulus funds and is looking for input. The categories for spending are constricted and the money is use it or lose it, so Council is looking for creative ideas on how to best spend the funds within the requirements.

F. John McCann – Community & Economic Development Committee, Historic & Architectural Review Board, North Main Street Traffic Committee

Regarding outdoor seating and tents which were allowed during the pandemic, business owners are asking to hold these exemptions open until November to aid in community recovery. Council would like to collaborate with public safety and code enforcement on reopening matters.

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

Community outreach – Hopes that investment will be made to help ensure community stays involved in meetings and community involvement.

#### XV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Community yard sale this weekend.

#### XVI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm was made by Ms. Thompson, which is seconded by Mr. Ross. A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

Submitted by,  
Mary Ann McLean