

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting
June 7, 2022**

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

Kim Segal-Morris
John McCann

Christopher Campellone
Caroline Thompson

Matt Ross

Council member(s) not in attendance: Matt Curtin (arrived 8:30), David Bria

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

Also in attendance was Brenda Cappiello, Bucks County Court Reporters.

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

- Ms. Thompson presented a commendation to Reporter Jeff Warner who has covered Yardley for the Advance of Bucks County since 1987. He is moving on to a position as editor of the Patch in Newtown.
- Music on Main is back. Check the Borough Facebook page for all details.
- Farmers Market is happening on the weekends in Buttonwood Park.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Dawn Perlmutter, 18 W. College Avenue. Collecting signatures for a referendum on the November ballot to reduce size of council from 7 to 5 seats. She offered her reasons for pursuing this referendum.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED June 7, 2022

- A. Approval of Minutes Dated May 17, 2022
- B. Bills List Dated June 7, 2022
- C. Certificates of Appropriateness: 22-09 41 South Canal – Stone Wall
- D. Public Safety Witness – June 12, 2022

Mr. Ross motions to approve the Consent Agenda dated June 7, 2022, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris.

A vote was held, and the motion passes 5-0.

VII. CONDITIONAL USE HEARING – 7 South Main Street – Outdoor Dining
The official Notice of Public Hearing and Application are included in the meeting materials.

Pretty Bird Coffee requests approval for outdoor dining for 6 seats, weather permitting.

Persons requesting party status – none

Exhibits marked by Mr. Griffin:

Exhibit Y1 – Advertisement of Notice of Public Meeting

Exhibit Y2 – Certificate of posting at Borough Hall

Exhibit Y3 - Certificate of posting on subject property

Exhibit Y4 - Conditional use application

Exhibit Y5 - Recommendation of approval by Borough Planning Commission

Exhibit Y6 – HARB application and Certificate of Appropriateness

Applicant Tim Wheeler, Director of Culinary for Vault Brewing, was sworn in by the court reporter. The applicant is requesting moving 6 seats outdoors under the covered porch, weather approving. They will only be in use from 7am-10pm, during Pretty Bird/Deep Roots hours of operation.

Mr. Griffin questioned the applicant.

Dawn Perlmutter was sworn in and made a statement requesting that vote be postponed until Jim Cain comes into zoning and ordinance compliance with all his other businesses.

Mr. McCann motions to approve the application (full text of the motion is in the meeting materials.) The motion is seconded by Mr. Ross. A vote was held, and the motion passes 5-0.

VIII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Police service statistics for May 2022: The department handled 562 calls for service, issued 4 parking tickets, issued 73 moving traffic citations, issued 3 criminal citations, investigated 5 motor vehicle accidents, and made 3 arrests (1 for DUI.)

Vote to Advertise for Full-time Police Officer

Ms. Segal-Morris motions to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise the position of a full-time civil service police officer in a newspaper of record on June 12, 2022 and that advertisement also be disseminated via social media, which is seconded by Mr. Campellone. A vote was held, and the motion passes 5-0.

Note: Current staffing is 4 full-time officers and 9 part-time officers.

IX. MANAGER'S REPORT

- Thanks to VFW and American Legion for the Memorial Day ceremonies.

- New website is up and running. Updates are being made to update and correct information.

X: ENGINEER'S REPORT

A. Consideration of Proposal for Buck Creek Watershed EAC Grant

Requests a proposal to assist the EAC with the Buck Creek Watershed Grant, not to exceed \$34,950 (grant funded).

Mr. Ross motions to approve this proposal, which is seconded by Ms. Segal Morris. The project is to collect data for the Buck Creek Watershed plan regarding stormwater runoff, field assessment, water samples, GIS platform. Overall the project is to create a baseline for how the watershed functions.

A vote was held, and the motion passes 5-0.

B. Vote to Bid on 45 South Delaware Elevation Project

Mr. Ross motions to grant permission to advertise the bid on 45 South Delaware Elevation Project, which is seconded by Mr. Campellone.

A vote was held, and the motion passes 5-0.

C. Approval of 160 Harper Avenue Stormwater Maintenance Fund

Per Borough Code Chapter 23, Section 708 the owners are responsible for paying a fee to the fund. The Engineer proposes a maintenance fund deposit of \$5,000

Mr. Ross motions to set the maintenance fee at \$5,000, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris.

A vote was held, and the motion passes 5-0.

XI. PROJECT UPDATES

A. North Main Street Sidewalks – Phase II and III

Phase II – Project is out to bid, bid opening will be on June 14.

Phase III – Engineer submitted PennDot HOP permits on 5/27/22.

B. Mary Yardley Bridge

Waiting on DEP permit. Coordinating with DCNR on their comments.

Anticipating a vote on the bid for purchase of bridge at the next meeting, pending receipt of permits.

Hopefully the project will go out to bid by mid-late July.

C. PECO Property

No update.

XII. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

XIII. MAYOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

XIV. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. Kim Segal-Morris – Public Safety Committee, Human Relations Committee, APO, YM Fire Company
Nothing to report.

B. Matthew Ross – Public Works Committee, Sewer Authority
Nothing to report.

C. Matt Curtin – General Government Committee, Planning Commission
n/a

D. John McCann – Community & Economic Development Committee, Historic & Architectural Review Board, Zoning Hearing Board, Shade Tree Commission
Looking at outdoor dining ordinance. The committee will invite business owners to meet to get input from businesses on the ordinance. The Committee will look to present to Council in November.

Mr. McCann commented that given the recent shootings in the United States, it is time for common sense gun reform.

E. Chris Campellone – Community Outreach Committee, YBA, Experience Yardley, EAC, Parks and Rec
Congratulations on the great organization and execution of the recent running events.

F. David Bria –
n/a

XV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

XVI. OTHER BUSINESS

Interviews for Tax Collector

The following candidates were interviewed for the position of tax collector. A vote will be held at the next Council meeting.

1. Beth Trevesani
2. Kristin Archibald
3. Christine Ventresca
4. Carol Riker
5. Deborah Desroches
6. Fatu Badiane 'Markey
7. Joanne Imhof

Executive Session - Legal

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ross motions to adjourn the meeting to executive session at 8:58, which is seconded by Mr. Campellone.

A vote was held, and the motion passes 5-0.

Submitted by,
Mary Ann McLean