

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting
June 20, 2023**

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

Caroline Thompson
Don Carlson

David Appelbaum
Kim Segal-Morris

Matthew Curtin
Uri Feiner

Council member(s) not in attendance: John McCann

Also in attendance were Chief Kelly, Borough Manager Paula Johnson, Code Enforcement Officer Wes Foraker, Engineer Patrick Foley, and Solicitor Andrew Griffin

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

NOTICE: July 4th and August 1st Council meetings are cancelled. They will not be rescheduled. Meetings during the summer will be held July 18th and August 15th. Council committees will meet at the pleasure of the committee chairs.

Cindy Fatis - Coordinator of Music Off Main – Two successful events so far. Bands enjoy the off-Main venue. More information at: www.experienceyardley.com

In a correspondence Russ Davidson from the VFW thanks the community for their support for Memorial Day activities.

Chris Keilman, 66 N. Edgewater Ave in Rivermawr – On June 9th the owner of the home at the corner of Maple/N Delaware (51 N. Delaware Ave) installed large boulders around the corner of the property causing a major safety hazard at an already tricky intersection. The intersection has been narrowed by the addition of the large stones. There is no place for kids to stand waiting for the bus. Council President Thompson will investigate the issue from a public safety perspective and ensure there is compliance with ordinances and codes.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Cindy Fatis – Discussed trash cans and trash pickup in the Borough. Suggestion that the Borough needs more trash cans as one of many contributing factors. Music Off Main is probably not a major factor. She also suggests a couple of additional benches in Buttonwood Park. Councilperson Segal-Morris suggested that businesses could “Adopt a Trash Can” and commit to emptying them on the weekend.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED June 20, 2023

- A. Approval of Minutes Dated June 6, 2023
- B. Event Permit Yardley Tattoo 40 South Main St, Rear 9/10/23

Mr. Feiner motions to approve the Consent Agenda dated June 20, 2023, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris.

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

VII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

No report

VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Consideration to Accept the June 20, 2023 Finance Report
Consensus was granted.
Manager's recap was presented by Manager Johnson

IX. ENGINEER'S REPORT

- A. FEMA Funded 46 Brown Street Elevation Payment Certificate No. 3
Mr. Feiner motions to approve 46 Brown Street Elevation Payment Certificate No. 3, which is seconded by Mr. Appelbaum.
A vote was held and the motion passes 6-0.
- B. FEMA Funded 81 North Delaware Elevation Payment Certificate No. 3
Mr. Carlson motions to approve 81 North Delaware Elevation Payment Certificate No. 3, which is seconded by Mr. Feiner.
A vote was held and the motion passes 6-0.
- C. Mary Yardley Pedestrian Bridge Replacement Payment Certificate No. 1
Mr. Feiner motions to approve Mary Yardley Pedestrian Bridge Replacement Payment Certificate No. 1, which is seconded by Mr. Appelbaum.
A vote was held and the motion passes 6-0.

X. PROJECT UPDATES

No report

XI. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No Report

XII. MAYOR'S REPORT

No Report

XIII. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

- A. Kim Segal-Morris – Public Safety Committee, Human Relations Committee, EY, EAC

- No report.
- B. Uri Feiner - Public Works Committee, Sewer Authority, APO
- Met with PECO regarding antenna on the property we are buying. Antenna is used to read home power meters. Discussed fence materials.
 - Public Works – discussed centralized project management system
 - Need an easement from PECO for the Mary Yardley Bridge, coordinating the different aspects of this item
 - North Main Street Sidewalk – Contractor to fix white “splotches”
- C. Matt Curtin – General Government Committee, YMFC
Met with Yardley Makefield Fire Company to get an update from them. Borough will promote the YMFC’s membership drive. Agreed to start meeting more regularly.
- D. John McCann – Community & Economic Development Committee, Historic & Architectural Review Board, Shade Tree
N/A
- E. David Appelbaum – Community Outreach Committee, YBA, Parks and Rec
Thanks for supporting Pride Month and Juneteenth activities in the Borough. Rainbow Room meets weekly in Yardley.
Graffiti ordinance will be ready to be presented at the next meeting.
- F. Don Carlson – ZHB, Sewer
No report
- G. Caroline Thompson – Planning Commission
Council President Thompson will take a short maternity leave to welcome the upcoming birth of her child due in August. Councilperson Segal-Morris will run Council meetings, backed up by Councilperson Curtin.

XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

XV. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Consideration to Vote to send Curtin & Heffner to the ZHB 6/26/23
The applicant seeks three variances for adding parking spaces in the floodplain which may affect the Community Rating System.
Mr. Appelbaum motions to send Curtin & Heffner to the ZHB meeting 6/26/23 as a neutral party, which is seconded by Mr. Feiner.
A vote was held, and the motion passes 5-1.
- B. Accept Resignation from Borough Council
John McCann has submitted his letter of resignation effective 6/20/23 due to moving out of the Borough.
Ms. Segal-Morris motions to accept Mr. McCann’s letter of resignation effective 6/20/23, which is seconded by Mr. Curtin.

Council President Thompson recognized Mr. McCann's work on Borough Council over the years. He will be missed.

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

Vacancy is open now. Applications will be accepted until 7/10/23 in advance of interviews and a vote at 7/18/23 Council meeting. Applicants must be residents of Yardley Borough and must submit an application and resume.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Segal-Morris motions to adjourn at 8:26, which is seconded by Mr. Feiner.

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

Submitted by,
Mary Ann McLean