

Yardley Borough Council Meeting
July 03, 2018

The meeting was held in Council Chambers with the following members present;

Ryan Berry	David Bria	Sandi Brady
Bryon Marshall	Caroline Thompson	Matthew Ross

Also in attendance were Interim Borough Manager Paula Johnson, Mayor Chris Harding, Chief Joseph Kelly, Solicitor E. Closser and Borough Engineer Tom Beach. President Marshall called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Mr Bria moves to approve the minutes of June 19, 2018, which is seconded by Mr Berry. Motion carries.

Progress Reports;

Solicitor

No report

Borough Assistant Manager

- Ms Johnson submitted a written report to Council.
- A question was asked by Councilmen Berry in reference to the surplus remaining in the General Fund from 2017 of around \$300,000 and what is the procedure for moving money into the Emergency Fund or Capital Reserve Fund. There was also some discussion about a new draft ordinance regarding fences in the flood plain.
- Mr Berry suggests inviting BRRAM (Bucks Residents for Responsible Airport Management) to a Council meeting, to give an update on their current status and future plans.

Mayor

No report

Police Chief

Chief Kelly reports that for the month of June, the Police Department handled 538 calls, issued 14 parking tickets, 141 citations, 2 criminal citations, investigated 16 motor vehicle accidents and made 8 arrests, one of which was a DUI. Also, PennDot funds for the Aggressive Driving Campaign were applied for and received, so additional patrols will be out during July and August.

Borough Engineer

- North Main Street Sidewalk project is completed, with a small punch list of items to be done. It is still to be determined whether a pipe can be extended, as requested by Robert White, who owns property along N Main St. Mr Beach will be in touch with Mr White. Also, there are shrubs that need to be trimmed back along the Rajan property, but there

are concerns that trimming at this time of year could damage the hedge. Ken Smith will be taking a look at this. Mr Beach notes that the HOP has been extended to May of 2019.

- The Engineers will be taking bids for the Liquid Fuels program on July 10th, and should be awarding the job by the July 17th meeting.
- 2015 Grant Application- 31 N Delaware, will be going out to bid, and is the last project for the FMA's.
- Septa appears to be working on the problem with the retaining wall at the Reading Ave Train Station.
- The sink hole on University Drive was televised, and it showed a corrugated plastic pipe with a hole in the bottom, which may be causing the sink hole. Ken Smith will give the Borough an estimate for repairing the pipe.

Council Vice President

Mr Bria reports that the Borough Manager's job has been posted with the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs, Bucks County Consortium, Montgomery County Consortium, and the ICMA website. Some applications have been received and are being reviewed.

Council President

No report

Council Committees

General Government

Ms Thompson reports that budget requests are still being submitted, and the budget process is on schedule.

Community Outreach

Ms Thompson states there are two new applicants for the Mary Yardley Bridge Committee, Wes Foraker and Sue Crook.

A letter from Experience Yardley, asks about the possibility of holding the Music On Main events on Sunday, when the scheduled Saturday date gets rained out. Rain dates would be July 8, 15, 22, 29, Aug 5, and 12th. Council is in agreement with this, as long as there are no conflicts with any other events.

Public Works

- Mr Berry states that the Committee will submit its budget request as soon as figures are available for the University Drive repairs.
- Mr Berry walked the new sidewalk on North Main Street, and noted that some shrubs near 88 N Main are in the right-of-way, and should be trimmed back.

Community & Economic Development

No report

Public Safety

- Mr Bria states that the Committee met and discussed plans to handle future flooding of the Delaware Canal.

- An engineering survey on the Mary Yardley Bridge shows the bridge to be at the end of its useful life. Preliminary cost estimates to replace it are between \$90,000 and \$110,000.
- The ongoing traffic issues on North Main St were discussed, and open meetings will be scheduled for residents to participate.
- The Committee will be negotiating a new contract for the Police Chief.

Bill List

Ms Thompson moves to approve the Bill List dated July 03, 2018, which is seconded by Mr Bria. Motion carries.

Correspondence

Mr Berry received a letter from Brian Fitzpatrick, regarding School violence programs.

Public Comment

Robert D White, 17 Ludlow Rd, is the technical advisor on BRRAM, and knows the task force would appreciate being invited to speak at a Council meeting.

Mr White notes that he did meet with Mr Beach, and would like to know who owns and is responsible for maintenance on the split rail fence, and for snow removal along his father's property. Mr White also points out that there is a gap in the fence between his father's property and the Rajan's fence on 20 N Main St. Mr White will continue to work with Mr Beach.

Sarah Jane Kennedy, 137 N Main St, asks about the Peco owned land along the Canal, which previously held the substation. The current asking price is very high, given the flood plain limitations on the property. Mr Bria will communicate this to PECO.

Matthew White, 5 E College Ave, is concerned about the street sign at the corner of E College and Canal Street, which is obstructed by a telephone pole, and is now leaning over. Mr White suggests it be relocated to the opposite corner. Ms Johnson will follow up on this.

Certificates of Appropriateness

No activity

Old Business

Payment Certificate No 3 and 4 North Main Street Sidewalk Project.....Mr Berry

Mr Berry moves to approve Payment Certificate No 3, a payment to the Marino Corporation in the amount of \$155,909.38, with 2% retainage being held. Motion is seconded by Mr Ross, which passes unanimously.

Mr Berry moves to approve Payment Certificate No 4, payment to Marino Corporation in the amount of \$183,051.77, with 2% retainage being held. Motion is seconded by Mr Ross, which passes unanimously.

New Business

No activity

Meeting adjourns at 8:10 pm

Submitted by,

Cheryl Cler