

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting
July 6, 2021**

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

Caroline Thompson
David Bria
Matt Curtin

Uri Feiner (via phone)
Matthew Ross

Kim Segal-Morris
John McCann

Council member(s) not in attendance:

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 in Council Chambers, was called to order at 7:30.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Dawn Perlmutter, 18 W. College, addressed Council regarding the recent decision by the Zoning Hearing Board regarding the Taproom and requesting Council appeal their decision. Ms. Perlmutter’s statement is recorded into the record.
- Louisa Brzozowski, 106 S. Main St, addressed Council regarding the recent Zoning Hearing Board decision and asks Council to appeal the decision and also to work on a long-term plan for the Borough.
- Paul Brzozowski, 106 S. Main St, addressed Council regarding the recent Zoning Hearing Board decision on the Taproom and asks Council to appeal the decision.
- Johnathan Woodring, 14 Van Horn, addressed Council regarding problems with the Tannery parking lot and the erosion situation. He requests an agenda item regarding this situation and also access to the engineering report. Mr. Bria reports that Council is taking action with ML7.
- Mr. Bria notes that Council is required to wait for a written decision from the ZHB before a decision can be made on whether to appeal.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED July 6, 2021

- A. Approval of Minutes dated June 15, 2021
- B. Bills List dated July 6, 2021
- C. Certificates of Appropriateness No: 21-14-19 East Afton Avenue (sign)
21-16-55 East Afton Avenue (door, canopy)
21-17-56 South Main Street (doors)

D. Special Event Permit-Philly-ish Small Business Vendor Show October 9th and 10th

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda Dated July 6, 2021, is made by Ms. Thompson, which is seconded by Mr. Ross.

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

VII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Police service statistics for June 2021: There were 439 calls for service and the department issued 76 traffic citations, issued 1 non-traffic citations, investigated 7 traffic accidents, and made 3 arrests.

VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT

- The elevation grant for 2020 has been received. One mitigation reconstruction project and elevation of 10 homes have been approved.
Mr. Ross motions to accept and approve the grant agreements for the 2020 Elevation Program, which is seconded by Ms. Thompson.
A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.
- Positive feedback on CRS rating and Borough probably will not hear anything until May 2021.
- Website update – There should be a demo available to view this week.

IX: ENGINEER'S REPORT

Updates provided in submitted report.

Action items:

ML7 - The Engineer has met with the affected residents, and ML7 should submit a remediation plan by the end of this week.

A motion was made by Ms. Thompson requesting that Council authorize the solicitor and RVE to act, up to and including sending citations to ML7, if remediation plan is not received by the end of this week, which is seconded by Mr. Ross. A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.

DCED-MTF Grant Funding – Mr. Ross motions for RVE to prepare grant application to support Phase 3 sidewalk project all the way to Dolington, which is seconded by Ms. Thompson. A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.

X. Project Updates – as needed

A. Main & Afton Intersection – Formally being closed out now.

B. Mary Yardley Bridge - The State changed permit process. RVE is now submitting permits using the new process.

C. PECO Property – PECO has agreed to sell the property looking at land acquisition grants. The offer to PECO was 55K

D. North Main Street Sidewalks, Phase II - Resubmitting HOP and hoping construction will start in September.

XI. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

The State legislature has amended the Sunshine Act effective 8/30/21. Meeting agendas are required to be posted 24 hours in advance and cannot be amended after posting.

XII. MAYOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

XIII. COUNCILMEMBER REPORT

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

Application for funding has been made and there is an expectation of receiving full funding.

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

Music on Main starting 7/31 6-8pm

XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Re-opening Plan and Guidelines

A lengthy discussion followed with Council and with the contribution of several community members about plans to extend waivers for restaurants and parking until Labor Day and possibly beyond.

Mr. Curtin motions to extend waivers for restaurants and parking until Labor Day, which is seconded by Mr. Feiner. A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.

XV. OTHER BUSINESS

Executive Session-Legal

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn to executive session at 8:45 pm was made by Ms. Thompson, which is seconded by Mr. Ross.

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

Submitted by,
Mary Ann McLean