

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting
July 21, 2020**

The meeting was held via Zoom with the following members present:

Caroline Thompson	David Bria	Ryan Berry
Kim Segal-Morris	John McCann	Uri Feiner
Matthew Ross		

Council member(s) not in attendance:

Also in attendance were Chief Joseph Kelly, Engineers Tom Beach and Liz Colletti, Solicitor Ernest Closser, and Borough Financial Assistant Patty Sargent.

- I. CALL TO ORDER – David Bria, President
The meeting, held by video conference, was called to order at 7:34.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
All council members present.
- IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - Appeals Board –Applications are being accepted for appeals board positions. All are encouraged to apply.
 - Park and Recreation Board –Both races scheduled to be held later this year have been cancelled.
 - Mary Yardley Bridge - John McCann- A website has link has been set up for direct donations for the bridge project. The site is fodc.org/Yardley-footbridge.
 - Susan Taylor - Yardley The Way We Were signage will be up until 8/2.
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT
Pete Guidotti, 44 S. Bell, regarding upcoming Zoning Board meeting. Will agenda be published in advance? Mr. Bria answered that yes, it will be published on the Borough’s Facebook Account. Mr. Guidotti asks that the agenda be made available to Borough Hall and on website for those who do not use Facebook.
- VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED July 21, 2020
 - A. Approval of Minutes dated June 30, 2020 and July 7, 2020
 - B. Bills List dated July 21, 2020
 - C. Certificate of Appropriateness
20-19-Fence-69 South Main Street
 - D. Appointments to HRC and EAC – Three appointments being proposed:
Akville Montvilaite to Human Relations Commission
Christopher Campellone to Human Relations Commission
Alexander Mahmoud to EAC

Mr. Berry motions to approve the consent agenda dated 7/21/20, which is seconded by Ms. Thompson. A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.

VII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

A. Updates

None.

B. Auxiliary Police Ordinance No. 483

The complete text of the ordinance is included in the meeting materials.

Ms. Segal-Morris motions to approve Ordinance No. 483, which is seconded by Mr. Berry.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding particulars of selection, duties, and identification of the auxiliary police force as well as questions of liability exposure, expenses, and assumption of risk.

The Chief will research insurance costs prior to advertising positions.

A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-1, with Mr. Ross abstaining.

VIII. ENGINEER'S REPORT

A. Updates

Nothing additional to submitted report.

B. ML7 Final Release

Mr. Ross motions to approve the final ML7 release of \$38,579.45, which is seconded by Ms. Thompson. A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.

IX. PROJECT UPDATES

A. Main & Afton Intersection – Mr. Feiner and the transportation engineer discussed pedestrian protection and phasing of lights and all questions have been satisfied. There will be an additional cost of no more than \$2500 to reopen the permit and do the work for the change of scope.

Ms. Thompson motions to approve reopening the permit, adjusting the phasing, and receiving PennDot approval for the Green Light Go intersection project, not to exceed \$2500, which is seconded by Mr. Ross.

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

B. Mary Yardley Bridge - DEP has approved moving forward with the GP11 permit. Planning to submit permits in early to mid-August.

C. PECO Property – Haven't received their updated appraisal. Engineer will reach out to grant coordinators regarding application and Paula will reach out to PECO.

D. North Main Street Sidewalks - Phase II

Formal proposal being put together for design work.

E. Attending Reading Ave committee regarding GTRP grant. This is last Council meeting before grant application is due so Engineer will reach out to grantor to see if this is an appropriate grant for this project. Engineer suggests approving costs to prepare grant pending feedback from grantor.

Ms. Thompson – The Parks and Rec Board does have in-house talent who can write grant applications which could save some money, how competitive is this land-locked parcel, and could Boy or Girl Scouts or other community groups be used to complete some of this project.

Mr. Berry motions to authorize the engineer, pending positive feedback from the grant coordinators, to prepare the GTRP grant and exhibits, not to exceed \$2,200, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding overall goals and vision for the land and what the grant would be used for. The Engineer notes that the GTRP grant would be used for planning process, taking into consideration water retention and mosquito remediation.

A roll call vote was held as follows:

Caroline Thompson	N
David Bria	N
Ryan Berry	Y
Kim Segal-Morris	Y
John McCann	N
Uri Feiner	Y
Matthew Ross	N

The motion failed with a vote of 4-3.

X. MANAGER'S REPORT

Updates

- 3rd quarter trash bills have been sent out.
- Office is handling delinquencies for per capita and business privilege taxes.
- Project underway to clean out closet of old files. Nothing is being destroyed.

XI. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

A. Updates

B. Adoption of Ordinance No. 484 – General Obligation Note

The full text of the ordinance is included in the meeting materials.

Ms. Thompson motions to adopt Ordinance No. 484, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris.

Mr. Berry notes his concern about taking out a large loan but Council's unwillingness to approve \$2,000 for preparation of a grant application.

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

XII. MAYOR'S REPORT

None.

XIII. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. Ryan Berry – 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
Nothing to report.

F. John McCann – Community & Economic Development Committee, Historic & Architectural Review Board
Nothing to report.

G. Uri Feiner – Community Outreach Committee, Experience Yardley, Shade Tree Commission
Nothing to report.

A discussion following regarding Ms. Montvilaite's application for both HRC and Parks and Rec. She was approved earlier as part of the consent agenda for the HRC. Mr. Feiner will check with her to see if she is interested in both positions. If she only wishes one position she can resign from the other.

Ms. Thompson makes a motion to amend the consent agenda and remove Akville Montvilaite's application from the consent agenda and in addition appoint her to the HRC, which is seconded by Mr. Feiner.

Motion passes 7-0.

XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

XV. OTHER BUSINESS

Lot Line Change 66/70 North Main Street

Mr. McCann motions to approve Lot Line Change 66/70 North Main Street, which is seconded by Ms. Thompson. A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Thompson motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:59, which is seconded by Mr. Ross. A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.

Submitted by,
Mary Ann McLean