

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting
September 5, 2023**

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

David Appelbaum
Michele Sharer

Matthew Curtin
Uri Feiner (remotely)

Kim Segal-Morris

Council member(s) not in attendance: Caroline Thompson and Don Carlson

Also in attendance were Chief Kelly, Borough Manager Paula Johnson, Engineer Patrick Foley, and Solicitor Ernest Closser.

I. CALL TO ORDER – Kim Segal-Morris, Vice-President

The meeting was called to order at 7:30.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The reorganization of Committee Chairs was announced. A separate memo is attached with those committee assignments.
- Shirley Lee Corsey, Conservator of the Old AME Church, Gather Place Saturday 9/9/23 at 2pm – Ribbon cutting for memorial reflective garden, commemorative bricks are being laid, fish fry fundraiser from 3-5. Thanks to the community and Council and all are invited to attend.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Robin Tully, 60 W. College Ave. Addressed Council regarding school bus traffic at College and Breece where there is a bus stop. Buses are not required to stop at this intersection. Ms. Tully requests signs to be posted that this area is a bus stop. Ideally, stop signs should be posted there. She also requests that the electronic speed sign that is there be fixed so that it works all the time rather than intermittently. Chief Kelly spoke with Pennsbury about the placement of the bus stops. He was told the stop should be moved further in on Breece. He will also check on why the speed sign is not working correctly. Parents can also reach out to the school district busing department as well. Mr. Feiner asked that Public Safety consider putting in stop signs at the intersection. Ms. Segal-Morris will bring this to the committee.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED September 5, 2023

- A. Approval of Minutes Dated August 15, 2023
- B. Harvest Day 2024 Date Hold September 21, 2024
- C. Pop-Up Cardboard Playground September 16th Buttonwood Park
- D. International Wave of Light – October 15th Buttonwood Park

- E. Halloween Parade, October 28th Rain date 10/29 Borough Hall & Buttonwood
- F. Banner Permit – American Legion Oktoberfest 9/23-10/7/23
- G. Christmas Parade December 2nd Main Street and Afton Ave

Mr. Feiner requests that the minutes from 8/15/23 be removed from consideration.

Mr. Curtin motions to approve the Consent Agenda, excluding the minutes, dated September 5, 2023, which is seconded by Ms. Sharer.

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

Mr. Curtin motions to approve the minutes from the August 15th meeting, which is seconded by Mr. Appelbaum.

A vote was held, and the motion passes with a vote of 4-0-1.

VII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Police service statistics for August 2023. The department handled 654 calls for service, issued 4 parking tickets, 71 traffic citations, 1 criminal citation, investigated 7 motor vehicle accidents, and made 13 arrests, 1 for DUI.

Chief received official resignation for Officer Robert Gergel, who was known to be leaving. He has accepted a full-time position with the Newtown Township Police Department. Chief thanks Officer Gergel for his service and wishes him luck.

VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Consideration to Accept the September 5, 2023 Finance Report
Consensus was granted.

B. Joint E-Waste Recycling Event with Lower Makefield Township
Mr. Appelbaum motions to approve participation in the e-waste recycling event with Lower Makefield, which is seconded by Mr. Curtin.
A vote was held, and the motion passes 5-0.

C. Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for Police and non-Uniform Pension Plans
Ms. Sharer motions to approve MMO for police and non-uniform pension plans for 2024, which is seconded by Mr. Curtin.
Mr. Curtin asked questions about the funding and timing of the contribution.
A vote was held, and the motion passes 5-0.

D. Resolution 23-08 Waiver of Officer Contributions for Pension Plan
Mr. Curtin motions to approve Resolution 23-08, which is seconded by Mr. Appelbaum.
A vote was held, and the motion passes 5-0.

E. Acceptance of Salt Bid for 2023-2024

Ms. Sharer motions to accept the salt bid for 2023-2024, which is seconded by Mr. Appelbaum.

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

Manager Johnson's monthly report was presented.

IX. ENGINEER'S REPORT

A. Mary Yardley Pedestrian Bridge Replacement Project Update

Bridge will be delivered and installed the week of 9/11/23.

B. Consideration of FEMA Funded 46 Brown St Elevation Change Order no. 4

Mr. Curtin motions to accept Change Order No. 4, which is seconded by Ms. Sharer.

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

C. Consideration of FEMA Funded 46 Brown St Elevation Payment Certificate No. 5

Mr. Curtin motions to accept Payment Certificate No. 5, which is seconded by Mr. Appelbaum.

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

D. Consideration of FEMA Funded 45 S. Delaware Ave Elevation Change Order No. 3

Ms. Sharer motions to accept Change Order No. 3, which is seconded by Mr. Appelbaum.

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

E. Consideration of FEMA Funded 45 S. Delaware Ave Elevation Payment Cert No. 3

Ms. Sharer motions to accept Payment Certificate No. 3, which is seconded by Mr. Appelbaum.

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

F. Consideration of FEMA Funded 45 S. Delaware Ave Elevation Payment Certificate Alternates No.1

Mr. Feiner motions to accept Payment Certificate Alternates No. 1, which is seconded by Ms. Sharer.

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

X. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

XI. MAYOR'S REPORT

Congratulations to Council President Thompson on her expanding family.

XII. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

- A. Kim Segal-Morris – Public Safety Committee, Human Relations Committee, EY, EAC
EY will have a board meeting next week. Report to follow.

- B. Uri Feiner - Public Works Committee, Sewer Authority, APO
Council remains committed to the Main Street Sidewalk Phase 3 project, despite the grant funding not coming through again. Other sources of funding will be sought.
- C. Matt Curtin – General Government Committee, YMFC
Working with Mr. Carlson and the office staff to develop the draft budget to be presented soon. Working towards public presentation of budget on 10/17.
- D. Vacant – Community & Economic Development Committee, Historic & Architectural Review Board, Shade Tree
n/a
- E. David Appelbaum – Community Outreach Committee, YBA, Parks and Rec
Nothing to report.
- F. Caroline Thompson – Planning Commission
n/a
- G. Don Carlson – ZHB, Sewer
n/a

XIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

XIV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Vote to Advertise Graffiti Ordinance

Mr. Appelbaum presented further information about TAG (Towns Against Graffiti) and the details about the graffiti removal program. TAG will remove graffiti in all public, municipal, and private locations without cost.

Mr. Appelbaum motions to advertise the Graffiti Ordinance, which is seconded by Mr. Feiner.

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

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Sharer motions to adjourn at 7:55, which is seconded by Mr. Curtin.

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

Submitted by,
Mary Ann McLean