

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting
January 5, 2021**

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

Caroline Thompson	Uri Feiner	Matt Curtin
Kim Segal-Morris	John McCann	David Bria
Matthew Ross		

Council member(s) not in attendance:

Also in attendance were Mayor Harding, Chief Joseph Kelly, Engineer Liz Colletti, Solicitor Ernest Closser, and Borough Manager Paula Johnson

I. CALL TO ORDER –David Bria, President

The meeting, held by video conference, was called to order at 7:30.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ms. Thompson – Adopt-a-Wreath has launched and many wreaths have been spoken for. Guidelines will be provided for their refurbishment.
- Chief Kelly - Promotion of Adam Clark to Corporal
Ms. Segal-Morris moves to approve the promotion of Police Officer First Class Adam Clark to Corporal, effective January 5, 2020, which is seconded by Ms. Thompson. The motion passes 7-0.
The Oath was administered to Corporal Clark by Mayor Harding.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dawn Perlmutter, 18 W. College Avenue – Requests that links for HARB meetings be made more widely available and asks the nature of tonight’s executive session.
Mr. Closser noted that the matter to be discussed in executive session is of a legal nature.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED January 5, 2021

- A. Approval of Minutes dated December 15, 2020
- B. Bills List dated January 5, 2021
- C. Certificate of Appropriateness No 20-22, 47 West Afton Avenue (Front Porch Roof)
- D. Re/appointments to Borough Boards and Commissions-Complete List was included in the meeting materials and a complete list is attached to these minutes.
Mr. McCann makes motion to approve the Consent Agenda dated January 5, 2021, which is seconded by Ms. Thompson.

Dawn Perlmutter – Notes that the civil service process needs to be revisited to be more inclusive.

Mr. Feiner – One position is open for competitive application but Borough guidelines recommend reappointment whenever possible.

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

VII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

A. Updates

- Thanks for Council support for the restructuring of the police department.
- 2020: 7,166 calls for service, 29 parking citations, 678 traffic citations, 11 non-traffic citations, 50 traffic accidents, 7 DUIs, 29 arrests. 7,166 are the highest known on record for a year largely driven by proactive checks. Accidents from 2017-2020 were 109, 104, 80 and now 50.

B. Promotion of Adam Clark – completed earlier in the meeting

XVIII and IX. ENGINEER'S REPORTS

Beginning January 2021 the engineering reports will be given once a month.

X. MANAGER'S REPORT

- Trash hauler will pick up Christmas trees
- 2020 audit work has begun
- 2021 reports are being submitted to the state and county

XI. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

XII. MAYOR'S REPORT

XIII. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. Matthew Curtin – Environmental Advisory Commission, Reading Avenue Committee

EAC – Met 12/17. Stormwater runoff and testing continues.

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

Manager's performance review and salary increase are presented. Ms. Thompson requests consensus on a 3% increase for the Manager based on performance standards. Consensus was granted.

F. John McCann – Community & Economic Development Committee, Historic & Architectural Review Board, North Main Street Traffic Committee

Happy New Year

CED –New head of YBA John Stratford was invited to meet to discuss promotion of the Borough.

G. Uri Feiner – Community Outreach Committee, Experience Yardley, Shade Tree Commission

Planning commission has five members, which is allowed by code. A discussion followed about adding two more members. The number of members must be odd.

XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

XV. OTHER BUSINESS

None

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (LEGAL)

Mr. McCann motions to adjourn the meeting to executive session at 8:17, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris. The motion passes 7-0.

Submitted by,
Mary Ann McLean

Appointments & Reappointments to Boards & Commissions

<i>Reappointments</i>			
Board/Commission	Appointee	Applied for Reappointment?	Applications / Recommendations
Zoning Hearing Board	Rick Edwards 12/31/2025	Yes	Application Attached – Recommended by Chair (attached)
Sewer Authority	Carl Perrella 12/31/2025	Yes	Application Attached – Recommended by Chair (attached)
Planning Commission	Stephanie McCann	No	N/A
HARB	Rita DeMarco 12/31/2024	Yes	Application Attached – Recommended by Chair (attached)
Civil Service	Tim McVann 12/31/2026	Yes	Application Attached – Recommended by Chair (attached)
Human Relations	Chris Campellone 12/31/2023	Yes	N/A
Parks & Recreation	Carol Shultz 12/31/2023	Yes	Application Attached – Recommended by Chair (attached)
Parks & Recreation	Anne Heasley 12/31/2023	Yes	Application Attached Recommended by Chair
Parks & Recreation	Steve Andrews 12/31/2023	Yes	Application Attached Recommended by Chair
Vacancy	Brian Welch 12/31/2021	Yes	Application attached
EAC	Katerina Redtchits 12/31/2022	Yes	Application Attached Recommended by Chair
EAC	Alexander Mahmoud 12/31/2023	Yes	Application Attached Recommended by Chair