

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting
October 20, 2020**

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

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

Council member(s) not in attendance: David Bria

Also in attendance were Chief Joseph Kelly, Engineer Liz Colletti, Solicitor Ernest Closser, Borough Manager Paula Johnson and Code Enforcement Officer Wes Foraker.

I. CALL TO ORDER – Caroline Thompson, Vice President

The meeting, held by video conference, was called to order at 7:33.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

David Applebaum, President of Experience Yardley.

- Petal It Forward happening 10/21/21 with Ye Olde Yardley Florist at 12 noon. People will be distributing flowers, one to keep and one to share, to spread joy in the community.
Jef Buehler, founder of Experience Yardley, has moved away. Mr. Applebaum and Borough Council wish to acknowledge Mr. Buehler's contributions to the community.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dawn Perlmutter, 18 W. College.

Dr. Perlmutter addressed the meeting regarding several matters of concern to her including: review of meeting minutes prior to a vote and a detailed list of alleged code enforcement and violation issues.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED October 20, 2020

- A. Approval of Minutes dated October 6, 2020
- B. Bills List dated October 20, 2020
- C. Certificate of Appropriateness – No. 19-02 – Shed Roof – 147 South Main St.
Ms. Segal-Morris motions to approve the consent agenda dated October 20, 2020, which is seconded by Mr. McCann. A vote was held, and the motion carries 6-0.

VII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Kelly filled in for Mayor Harding on the radio show today with a program focused on community safety.

VIII. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Updates

Nothing outside of submitted report.

IX. PROJECT UPDATES

A. Main & Afton Intersection –

Approval for payment certificate #3

This item will be held for first November meeting.

Research is ongoing regarding calming measures for the intersection.

B. Mary Yardley Bridge

On time to have design finished by the end of the year. Final grading plan waiting for DCNR. The Engineer needs consensus to prepare application for DCRPC Trails grant due 11/13.

Mr. Ross motions to approve RVE to prepare DVRPC grant, not to exceed \$1500, which is seconded by Mr. Feiner. A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

C. PECO Property

Borough did not receive land acquisition grant. Recommendation is to reapply in April and attend PECO's workshop November, which provides a site visit to assist in constructing the grant. It is also recommended to get a sales agreement in place to increase the chance of success in obtaining the grant. The solicitor needs to put together a formal offer to PECO reflecting the appraisal to begin negotiations. The sales agreement can be written with contingencies.

D. North Main Street Sidewalks - Phase II

Utility poles need to be moved. Engineer is working with PennDot on this.

X. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Updates

- Mayor thanks Chief Kelly for filling in on the radio show.
- Taking a Zoom training about capital planning and capital budgeting.
- Work continues on the 2021 budget, presentation at next meeting.
- Verizon franchise agreement negotiations underway with Bucks County consortium.
- Chair lift at Borough Hall, which is over 30 years old, needs to be replaced. The price range is \$5,000.
- There is a ZHB board meeting 10/26 on a flood plain zoning application.
- Launching new e-mail platform, Mad Mimi. A discussion followed regarding mass e-mailing and collection of community e-mail addresses.

B. Acceptance of 2020 DCED Audit Proposal

Mr. Curtin motions to accept audit proposal from Bee Bergvall & Co., which is seconded by Mr. McCann. A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

XI. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

XII. MAYOR'S REPORT

n/a

XIII. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

New Committee assignments as follows:

General Government – Caroline Thompson, Matt Curtin, Kim Segal-Morris

Community and Economic Development – John McCann, Matt Curtin

Public Works – Matt Ross, Uri Feiner, John McCann

Public Safety – Kim Segal-Morris, Matt Ross, Mayor

Community Outreach – Uri Feiner, Caroline Thompson

ZHB – Paula Johnson, Ernest Closser

Planning – Matt Ross

HARB – John McCann

EAC – Matt Curtin

Parks and Rec – Caroline Thompson

Shade Tree –Uri Feiner

Civil Service - Mayor

Vacancy – N/A

Human Relations – Kim Segal-Morris

Sewer – David Bria

Reading Ave – Matt Curtin

Trenton – Kim Segal-Morris

Experience Yardley –Uri Feiner

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

n/a

E. Caroline Thompson – General Government Committee, Parks & Recreation
Board

General Government – Webinar series – Flood Insurance 101, drafting financial plans, budget will be sent in a week for review. Ms. Thompson and Mr. Curtin would like to meet with each Councilmember one on one to discuss any questions or concerns with budget.

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
Nothing to report.

XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

XV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Vote to Adopt Ordinance No. 487 Processions and Assemblages and Event Plan Application

Ms. Segal-Morris motions to adopt Ordinance No. 487 which amends Chapter 15 of Yardley Borough Code regarding processions and assemblies which was discussed at last meeting and which was advertised, which is seconded by Mr. Ross.

Mr. McCann - Expressed his objections to this ordinance. He feels the ordinance is overbroad and puts an unreasonable restraint on peoples' right of expression and the process for obtaining approval is onerous.

Mr. Feiner – Feels ordinance does not block expression of free speech, but he urges the community's cooperation and coordination with the Borough when planning public assemblies.

Ms. Perlmutter – PA is an open carry state. Mr. Closser - Open carry has its own governing law and is not covered under this ordinance.

A vote was held, and the motion passes 5-1-0.

B. November's first monthly meeting will be 11/4 due to election day on Tuesday 11/3.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McCann motions to adjourn the meeting at 9:38, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris. The motion passes 6-0.

Submitted by,
Mary Ann McLean