

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting  
November 4, 2020**

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

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

Council member(s) not in attendance: Matthew Ross

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

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

None

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Perlmutter, 18 W. College Avenue, commented regarding the auxiliary police force and uniforms. Chief Kelly addressed these concerns.

Kim Prickett, 20 W. College Avenue, raised concern about matters raised by Ms. Perlmutter at last Council meeting.

An argument ensued between Ms. Perlmutter and Ms. Prickett and Mr. Bria removed both parties from the meeting.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED November 4, 2020

- A. Approval of Minutes dated October 20, 2020
- B. Bills List dated November 4, 2020
- C. Banner Permit American Legion Christmas Tree Sales
- D. Christmas Tree Lighting 12/5
- E. Yardley Menorah Lighting 12/10

Mr. Bria abstains from the vote on Item A.

Ms. Thompson moves to approve the consent agenda dated November 4, 2020, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris. A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

## VII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Kelly presented monthly service statistic for October 2020. Yardley Police responded to 684 calls for service, issued 3 parking tickets and 74 traffic citations, investigated 6 accidents, and made 2 arrests, both for DUI

## VIII. ENGINEER'S REPORT

- A. Change Order No. 1 Main & Afton Signal Improvements
- B. Payment Certificate No. 3 Main & After Signal Improvements
- C. Resolution No. 20-10 Multimodal Grant

Ms. Thompson motions to approve Payment Certificate No. 3 for \$34,663.82 with a retainage of \$4834.45 for the Main and Afton signal project to Armour and Sons Electric, which is seconded by Mr. McCann seconded. A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

Mr. Feiner motions to approve Change Order No. 1, which is seconded by Mr. McCann. A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

Mr. McCann motions to approve Resolution No. 20-10 Multimodal Grant, which is seconded by Ms. Thompson seconded. A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

## IX. PROJECT UPDATES

A. Main & Afton Intersection – A discussion was held regarding the height of the pedestrian signal poles and potential for decorative bases and tops. Mr. Guidotti, 44 S. Bell, asks if any future work decided upon be included as part of routine work so as not to incur additional labor costs. Mr. Feiner asks if the street name signs at the intersection be made smaller. Ms. Colletti said those signs are determined by PennDot and cannot be changed.

B. Mary Yardley Bridge - DVRPC part of the project is eligible for trails grant. Mr. McCann is looking for a project plan and sequencing for fundraising purposes. Engineer will provide this.

Ms. Taylor updated Council that towpath elevation project between Cold and Summers expected to be done by 11/11.

C. PECO Property – Engineer and Manager Johnson attended a three-hour workshop today about DCNR grants. Attending will help the Borough submit more competitive grant applications in the future.

More to follow on some other grant opportunities.

D. North Main Street Sidewalks - Phase II  
Concept plans for the project have been provided to residents for comments.

X. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Updates

- Desks have been given to Borough from LMT, thanks to them for that.
- Little Library is being installed on Saturday.

B. 2021 Budget Presentation

Ms. Johnson and Ms. Sargent presented the 2021 proposed budget. A lengthy discussion followed regarding raising taxes, business fees, cost cutting, etc.

C. Vote to Advertise the 2021 Tax Levy Ordinance and Public Inspection of Budget

Ms. Thompson motions to advertise the 2021 Tax Levy Ordinance reflecting a 4 mil increase, which is seconded by Mr. Curtin.

A roll call vote was held as follows:

Thompson	Y
Feiner	Y
Curtin	Y
Segal-Morris	Y
McCann	Y
Bria	Y

The motion passes 6-0.

Ms. Thompson motions to advertise public inspection of the budget, which is seconded by Mr. Curtin. A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

D. Vote to Adopt the 2021 Preliminary Budget

Ms. Thompson motions to adopt 2021 preliminary budget, which is seconded by Mr. Curtin. A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

XI. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

XII. MAYOR'S REPORT

- Veterans Day observance coming up.
- Mr. McCann appeared on the Mayor's radio show at the Yardley polling site on election day, thanks to him.

XIII. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

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

Nothing to report

B. Matthew Ross – Public Works Committee, Planning Commission

n/a

C. Kim Segal-Morris – Public Safety Committee, Human Relations Committee, TTN  
Airport Updates

Several Public Safety officers have donated part of their uniform allowances to community auxiliary force uniform funds. Ms. Segal-Morris commends support of the initiative.

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, North Main Street Traffic Committee

Community and Economic Development has been discussing potential uses for the PECO and the Annex.

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

Nothing to report

#### XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

#### XV. OTHER BUSINESS

None

#### XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McCann motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 , which is seconded by Ms. Thompson. The motion passes 6-0.

Submitted by,  
Mary Ann McLean