

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting  
November 8, 2023**

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

David Appelbaum  
Michele Sharer

Matthew Curtin  
Uri Feiner

Kim Segal-Morris  
Don Carlson

Council member(s) not in attendance: Caroline Thompson arrived at 8:01.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER – Matthew Curtin, President Pro Temp  
The meeting was called to order at 7:30.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Experience Yardley First Sat 11/11 “Giving Back” is theme
- VFW 11/11 Veterans Day Parade, 10:15, Ceremony at Memorial 11am
- Farmers Market concluding 11/18, resuming 12/2 through April
- YBA Christmas Parade 12/2 – There will be some surprises
- YBA Business card exchange 12/10 or 12/11
- Menorah Lighting 12/7

V. PUBLIC COMMENT  
n/a

VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED November 8, 2023

- A. Approval of Minutes Dated October 17, 2023
- B. Banner Permit – Christmas Parade & Chanukah Village 11/19-12/11
- C. Event Permit – Yardley Chanukah Village – 12/10 – Main Street & Buttonwood Park
- D. North Main St Phase II Payment Certificate No. 4
- E. Certificates of Appropriateness
  - i. 23-36 – 45 East Afton – Sign
  - ii. 23-37 – 95 South Main – roof and sign

Mr. Feiner motions to approve Consent Agenda dated November 8, 2023, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris.

A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

VII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Police service statistics for October 2023. The department handled 596 calls for service, issued 4 parking tickets, 45 traffic citations, investigated 4 motor vehicle accidents, and made 2 arrests (2 for DUI).

Socks for the Streets collection going on through December. Donations can be made at Borough Hall.

VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Consideration to Accept the November 8, 2023 Finance Report  
Consensus was granted.

Manager Johnson gave her monthly report.

- B. Resolution 23-10 PennDOT MTF Grant  
Application prepared by the office for the grant worth \$900,000 but which requires a \$200,000 match. The manager recommends not proceeding with this grant application.  
Consensus given to not apply for this grant.

- C. Adoption of 2024 Fee Schedule Effective January 1, 2024  
Mr. Carlson motions to adopt 2024 Fee Schedule effective January 1, 2024, which is seconded by Mr. Sharer.  
A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

- D. Approval of Solid Waste Contract  
Ms. Sharer motions to approve Solid Waste Contract effective January 1, 2024, which is seconded by Mr. Feiner.  
A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

IX. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mary Yardley Bridge Update

The Engineer reports that they are waiting for PECO to complete acquisition of the property. Once that is complete the grading can be finished.

A discussion was held about the delay and what happens if an emergency arises and an escape route is needed. A suggestion is made to put in some temporary steps in case of an emergency. The engineer will look into this.

There is also some clutter in the area which is a safety concern.

A. Consideration of Local Share Grant Submissions

The application for up \$1 million is due 11/30. A discussion was had regarding the various projects that they grant could be used for:

- i. North Main Street Sidewalks – Phase III
- ii. Various Storm Sewer Projects (1-University and inlets, 2-Parking lot drainage under North Main for Lake Afton, 3-Morgan Ave drainage project for mitigation of flooding at Gartlets Pond)
- iii. Borough Comprehensive Plan

Resolution would be passed at next meeting.

Consensus was granted that multiple applications will be prepared for the aforementioned projects. The applications will be prepared in house and with RVE's assistance.

X. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

XI. MAYOR'S REPORT

n/a

XII. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

- A. Kim Segal-Morris – Public Safety Committee, Human Relations Committee, EY  
Experience Yardley purchased 500 pumpkins for Canal-o-Ween and had 50 left so it was a big success.
- B. Uri Feiner - Public Works Committee, Zoning Hearing Board, PC  
Discussed messaging around why is the canal empty.  
Because of July's storm DCNR needs to dredge.  
General messaging can be created to go out to residents about who owns the canal and YB doesn't make any of the decisions or rules about anything to do with the canal.
- C. Matt Curtin – General Government Committee, YMFC  
Congratulations on election day and good success going forward.
- D. Don Carlson – Community & Economic Development Committee, Historic Architectural Review Board, Sewer Authority  
Budget -  
CED – Next Council working meeting will center around CED and public works.
- E. David Appelbaum – Community Outreach Committee, YBA, Parks and Rec  
YBA and Parks and Rec are working on opportunities for cross promotion.  
Looking for a potential alternative location for Harvest Day for next year.  
TAG – doing a great job removing graffiti throughout town. The \$1500 required to participate in TAG came from Spearhead Group.  
Volunteers are needed for the holiday parade.

F. Michelle Sharer –Shade Tree, EAC  
Nothing to report.

XIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS  
None.

XIV. OTHER BUSINESS

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Segal Morris motions to adjourn at 8:36:, which is seconded by Ms. Sharer.  
A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.

Submitted by,  
Mary Ann McLean