

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting
November 16, 2021**

The meeting was held in Council Chambers with the following members present:

Uri Feiner Via Phone
Matthew Ross

Kim Segal-Morris
Matt Curtin

David Bria
John McCann

Council member(s) not in attendance: Caroline Thompson

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

I. CALL TO ORDER –David Bria, President

The meeting was called to order at 7:30.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Yardley Borough residents will receive 10% rebates on flood insurance from the community rating system due to flood mitigation efforts undertaken by the community.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Michele Sharer, Friends of Lake Afton, On December 11th the All Things Yardley gift shop will be open at the Borough Community Center from 2-5pm. All items sold pertain to or are made in Yardley.

Bob Harvie Bucks County Commissioner – Commissioner Harvie is visiting all Bucks County community meetings in order to build cooperation between the county and the communities.

Updates from the County:

1-COVID cases have gone up with an average of one person per day dying. The patients dying and most sick are overwhelmingly those who are unvaccinated. The Bucks County Health Department is running vaccination clinics at Warwick Mall and Neshaminy Mall. No appointments are needed. Boosters and children's doses are available.

2-Bucks County received 26M in CARES grants, which the County in turn gave as grants to 1500 small (50 employees or fewer) businesses. Bucks Back to Work grant program is now open to help small businesses that may still be struggling. Applications are due 11/19.

3-Bucks County Planning Commission is developing a vacant storefront registry in order to spread awareness of open spaces that are available for rent or purchase. This registry would offer one-stop shopping for businesses who may want to relocate.

Bill Good, 64 N. Main Street, addressed Council regarding the tree cutting being done at the property on N. Main Street. Mr. Bria noted that while no official permit requests have been submitted as of yet, the property owner appealed the zoning board's decision in court and the

zoning decision was reversed by the judge. The Borough, the zoning officer, and the engineer are watching this property and taking action as they are able.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED November 16, 2021

A. Approval of Minutes Dated November 3, 2021

B. Bills List Dated November 16, 2021

C. Certificate of Appropriateness 21-32 113 South Main Street – Garage
21-33 46 West Afton Avenue – Signs

D. Request Waiver of Fees

E. Event Permit – Yardley Christmas Parade

Mr. Curtin requests that item A be considered separately as he was absent from the 11/3/21 meeting.

Mr. Curtin motions to approve Consent Agenda items B-E, with Ms. Segal-Morris seconding. A vote was held and the motion passes 6-0.

Ms. Segal-Morris motions to approve Consent Agenda item A, with Mr. Ross seconding. A vote was held, and the motion passes 5-0 with one abstention (Curtin.)

VII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT

- The draft 2022 budget is available for viewing in the office and online.
- Fall leaf collection will be done 11/27-12/4.
- The Yardley Police Department is holding a coat drive with donation boxes at the American Legion and other sites around town.
- American Legion Christmas tree sales start 11/26/21.
- Menorah lighting 11/28 6pm at Borough Hall.
- Yardley Christmas parade 12/4 at 3:30 with tree lighting and Santa at Buttonwood Park at 5:30.
- Two new doors to be delivered 11/17 and will be installed shortly after.

IX. ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Change of Scope #1 – North Main Street Sidewalk Phase II Project

Mr. Ross motions to approve the change of scope #1 for the North Main Street Sidewalk Phase II Project, representing an increase of \$21,563, which is seconded by Mr. McCann. The cost burden to the Borough does not change.

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

- Change of material for Mary Yardley Bridge

Mr. Ross motions to approve the change of material for the Mary Yardley Bridge, representing an increase of \$15,600, which is seconded by Mr. McCann.

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

- Vote to advertise bid for purchase of the bridge.

Mr. Ross motions to advertise the bid for the purchase of the bridge for the Mary Yardley Bridge project, which is seconded by Mr. McCann.

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

The motion indicates that the bridge will either be purchased directly by the Borough from the manufacturer or sent out to bid if Costars requires it. The anticipation is that the project will be completed by Spring 2022.

X. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

XI. MAYOR'S REPORT

Yardley Christmas parade – As in past years, there will be a grocery collection at the parade to aid local veterans.

XII. COUNCILMEMBER REPORT

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

General Government – The Committee is available and happy to meet with the public about any budget questions.

Reading Ave Committee is planning a cleanup day and the date will be announced soon.

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

Contract renewal discussions with Chief Kelly are currently underway.

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

n/a

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

Traffic Committee notes increased traffic and noise on Main Street.

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

Nothing to report.

XIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Resolution No. 21-10 – Master Lease Agreement – Ms. Segal-Morris

Ms. Segal-Morris motions for the approval of Resolution No. 21-10 for the budgeted replacement of a police vehicle, which is seconded by Mr. Ross.

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

Resolution No. 21-11 – Adoption of the 2021 Amended County Hazard Mitigation Plan – Ms. Segal-Morris.

Bucks County is requesting that communities adopt the plan, which has aggressive objectives with respect to the flood plain over the next 5 years.

Ms. Segal-Morris motions to approve Resolution No. 21-11, which is seconded by Mr. Ross.

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

XIV. OTHER BUSINESS

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn at 8:02 pm is made by Mr. Ross, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris.

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

Submitted by,
Mary Ann McLean