

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting
November 20, 2018**

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

David Bria	Ryan Berry	Bryon Marshall
Matthew Ross	Caroline Thompson	

Also in attendance were Officer Adam Clark, Solicitor E. Closser, and Engineer Thomas Beach. President Marshall called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Ms. Thompson moves to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2018 meeting, which is seconded by Mr. Berry. An amendment was requested to redact the section about executive section. The motion carries with Mr. Marshall abstaining.

Progress Reports

Solicitor

Nothing to report

Borough Manager

n/a

Mayor

n/a

Police Chief

The Borough police department will be deploying additional patrols on Wednesday night, November 21st, for traffic enforcement as the night before Thanksgiving is traditionally a big night for driving under the influence.

Borough Engineer

1. 31 N. Delaware – No problems to report.
2. Yardley Walk dam – Lenar has submitted paperwork to DEP for a jurisdictional decision as to whether it has to go under the purview of the DEP.
3. North Main St. – Per Mr. Ross the project is still pending and the Borough is sticking to their proposed plan. The contractor will be ready to start in December.
4. Police roof – Bid opening is on 11/28 for replacement of the roof.

Council Vice President

No report

Council President

No report

Council Committees

Community Outreach – Ms. Thompson

1. The Parks and Recreation Board will be sponsoring a movie event on 12/8 from 4-5:30 at the community center. The movie will be Toy Story.
2. Mr. Ross and Ms. Thompson took a tour of Lake Afton on 11/20/18 to look at the runoff erosion issue. They will prepare a report with photos for Council to review. It is thought that remediation of that issue will cost about \$12,000, which the Friends of Lake Afton is attempting to cover. Ms. Thompson is looking into whether or not assistance can be given by the Borough.
3. Live stream will be happening at the next meeting, it is set to launch on 12/4/18.

General Government – Ms. Thompson

1. There have been 75 applicants for the financial assistant position. The list has been narrowed down and a second round of interviews will be taking place next week. The position is still open for applications until the 30th. They are on target for a start date at the end of January.
2. Capital budget plans have been received from public safety. They are waiting for plans from the other committees and then will develop a comprehensive 10-year capital project plan.

Public Safety – Mr. Berry

The capital reserve portion was adjusted down for the budget and 12/4 is the next meeting.

Community & Economic Development – Mr. Bria

Nothing to report

Public Works-Mr. Ross

A five-year plan will be presented at the next Council meeting.

Bill List

Ms. Thompson moves to approve the 11/20/18 bill list, which Mr. Bria seconds. Motion passes.

Correspondence

1. BRAM – There will be a public meeting in New Jersey on 11/27 at the West Trenton Ballroom in Ewing. The address is 40 W. Upper Ferry, and the time is 6-9 pm. The meeting is regarding the ongoing expansion of the terminal at the Trenton-Mercer Airport. The goal is to get an environmental study done prior to any new construction. Also received was a report from BRAMM.

2. Mr. Bria received an e-mail from a personal contact asking the Borough to consider a clean air ordinance. The Borough probably doesn't have the capacity to enforce an ordinance like this. Mr. Berry suggests sending the report to the EAC for review and possible further discussion.
3. Mr. Marshall introduced to the record a letter received from Susan Herman, President of Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions, Inc. regarding the Trenton Mercer Airport noting their opposition to the expansion. This letter will be reviewed.

Public Comment

1. Pete Guidotti – 44. S. Bell and chairman of planning commission regarding the natural resources ordinance. The question at hand is whether or not to extend the current 50 feet buffer along water elements to 150 feet. The impacted properties map was displayed and discussed. According to the map the change will impact 40-50% of the borough, 400+ properties. Mr. Guidotti asks that all consider the personal and economic impact that this change would have on a large portion of the Borough's residents. The Planning Commission questioned why this issue is even being proposed. If the reason is to prevent development of the golf course the map shows there is very little impact to the golf course land. The question Mr. Guidotti asks of Council is what is the goal of this change. Mr. Marshall indicates that Mr. Ruttle has brought this up for discussion and he isn't present tonight so it will have to be brought back up for discussion at a future meeting. This topic has been brought up and tabled in the past. Mr. Marshall suggests that Mr. Ruttle should attend the next planning meeting on 12/10 to discuss reasoning for the proposal. Additionally, Mr. Guidotti asks Mr. Beach why some tax parcels on the map aren't attributed to owners since his engineering firm created the map. Mr. Beach will research.
2. Brian Welch, 22 Reading Ave., asks if floodplain area can also be drawn on the map. Mr. Beach will research this.

Certificates of Appropriateness

None

Old Business

1. Vote to Advertise Amendment to the Floodplain Ordinance-
 Fences.....Mr. Bria
 The ordinance in front of Council is stripped of all language not pertaining to fences in the flood plain. Mr. Bria moves to advertise this ordinance, in amendment of Chapter 8 of the Yardley Borough Code, to allow for the construction of new fences within the floodplain conservation district, which Mr. Ross seconds. Mr. Guidotti, 44. S. Bell, states that the planning commission is in full favor of allowing fences in the floodplain but he feels there is still ambiguity in the language regarding prohibitions about the building of permanent structures in the floodplain. If this is approved will a resident be able to build a garage, for example, based on the current language. Mr. Ross indicates that this ordinance is specific with regard to fences and the broader question needs to be clarified and discussed at a later time. Brian Welch, 22 Reading Ave, asks are there any

provisions for electric fences in the ordinance. They are not allowed but low voltage pet containment fences are allowed. Motion passes.

2. Borough Manager Employment Agreement.....Mr. Bria
Mr. Bria moves that Borough enter into this employment agreement with Paula Johnson, which Mr. Berry seconds. Mr. Berry asks is it effective immediately or is it retroactive. It is accurate as of today, 11/20/18. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Thompson, yea; Mr. Berry, yea; Mr. Bria, yea; Mr. Marshall, yea; Mr. Ross, yea. The motion passes.

New Business

1. Event Permit Community Center Antique Show 1/18-19/2019Ms. Thompson
Ms. Thompson moves to approve the event permit for the community center antique show, which Mr. Ross seconds. Motion passes.
2. Banner Permit – Antique Show 1/6-20/2019.....Ms. Thompson
Ms. Thompson moves to approve the banner permit for community center antique show, which Mr. Ross seconds. Motion passes.

Mr. Bria motions to adjourn at 8:03, which is seconded by Mr. Berry.

Submitted by,
Mary Ann McLean