

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting**  
**April 16, 2024**

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

Caroline Thompson  
Michele Sharer

Jared Stump  
David Appelbaum

Kim Segal-Morris  
Don Carlson

Council member(s) not in attendance: Uri Feiner

Also in attendance: Borough Manager Paula Johnson, Mayor Harding, Chief Kelly

I. CALL TO ORDER – Caroline Thompson, President  
Ms. Thompson called the meeting to order 7:32.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Sharer – Lake Afton Cleanup Day Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup>, 8am-12pm.  
Mayor Harding – 5/1 – Carry the Load

V. PUBLIC COMMENT  
None

VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED April 16, 2024

- A. Approval of Minutes Dated April 2, 2024
- B. Event Permit – Yardley Friends Market 9/7 Rain Date 9/14 Friends Meeting House
- C. Event Permit – Carry the Load – 5/1 Monument East Afton & Delaware Ave
- D. Banner Permit – Beer and Wine Fest – October 2024
- E. Appointment to the Park & Recreation Board, Term Ending 12/31/26 – Kevin Elvey
- F. Resolution 24-03 – Tax Collector Fees
- G. Resolution 24-04 – Designated Signers for MTF Phase 3 Sidewalk Project
- H. FEMA Funded 93 N. Delaware Ave Elevation Payment Certificate No. 1
- I. FEMA Funded 81 N. Delaware Ave Elevation Payment Certificate No. 7
- J. FEMA Funded 25 N. Delaware Ave Elevation Payment Certificate No. 5
- K. Consideration of FEMA Funded 93 N. Delaware Elevation Change Order No. 1
- L. Consideration of FEMA Funded 93 N. Delaware Elevation Change Order No. 2
- M. Consideration of FEMA Funded 81 N. Delaware Elevation Change Order No. 6
- N. Consideration of FEMA Funded 112-114 Morgan Avenue Bid to Reject and Rebid
- O. Bee Bergvall 2023 Single Audit Proposal

Item N will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.

Ms. Sharer motions to approve the Consent Agenda Items A-M and O, dated April 14, 2024, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris.

Thanks to Kevin Elvey for volunteering for the Parks & Rec Board.

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

Ms. Segal-Morris motions to approve the Consent Agenda Item N, dated April 14, 2024, which is seconded by Ms. Sharer.

The vote is to reject the bid and send the project out to rebid. The original bid came in over budget.

Brian Garlits – Representing the homeowners of 112-114 Morgan Avenue addressed Council. Questioned elevation process and costs.

Ms. Thompson will research the bid history on this project and communicate with Mr. Garlits.

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

VII. Consideration to Accept the April 16, 2024 Finance Report  
Consensus was granted.

#### VIII. PUBLIC SAFETY

##### A. Traffic Control Measures

Chief Kelly provided a thorough presentation to the Council about traffic control and calming measures and regulations, traffic studies, and control devices as well as annual traffic accident data for the past 10 year. This information was presented after consultation with the Solicitor and in response to questions raised in February about adding or modifying traffic controls in the Borough.

#### IX. COMMUNITY OUTREACH

##### A. MYB/Peco Lot Completion

Pending Mr. Feiner's return.

##### B. North Main St. Sidewalk Phase III planning, process, timeline

Pending Mr. Feiner's return.

##### C. Update Spearhead Project Earth

Work is progressing on this project. Concerns were raised about the timing of the celebratory public event and it will be delayed until the work is closer to completed. The permit will need to be resubmitted with the correct date.

#### X. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Carlson motions to adjourn at 8:25 PM, which is seconded by Ms. Sharer.

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

Submitted by,  
Mary Ann McLean

## Conflict of Interest Abstention Memorandum

**TO:** Borough Secretary, Paula Johnson,  
Yardley Borough, Bucks County, Pennsylvania

**FROM:** \_\_\_\_\_, Borough Council Person

**DATE:** April 16, 2024

Pursuant to Pennsylvania's "Public Official and Employee Ethics Law" (65PA CSA 1101 et seq) I hereby declare that I am required to abstain regarding the following issue/motion:

Consent Agenda, Item N

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My conflict/reason for abstaining is as follows:

My brother-in-law is a tenant in the property in question. out of an abundance of caution, I want to avoid any conflict of interest or an appearance of a conflict of interest



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Signature of Public Official

**NOTE:** Section 3(J) requires the following procedure:

"Any public official or public employee, who in the discharge of his official duties, would be required to vote on a matter that would result in a conflict of interest **shall abstain** from voting **and, prior to the vote** being taken, **publicly announce** and disclose the nature of his interest as a public record in a **written memorandum** filed with the person responsible for recording the minutes for the meeting at which the vote is taken . . . ." (emphasis added)

This memorandum does **not** have to be utilized when a conflict is defined "by any law, rule, regulation, order or ordinance;" for example the School Code (Section 1111) prohibits voting to hire certain relatives.