

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting
March 1, 2022**

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

David Bria	Caroline Thompson	Kim Segal-Morris
John McCann	Christopher Campellone	Matthew Curtin

Council member(s) not in attendance: Matt Ross

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

I. CALL TO ORDER – David Bria, President

The meeting was called to order at 7:34.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Al Celini, 18 Van Horn. Regarding timeframe for a poor remediation of the ML7 issues on the Van Horn properties.
- Ginger Zielinski, 14 Van Horn. Massive erosion in the area. About to lose two more trees. ML7 is negligent. The neighbors want to protect the wooded area. Bucks County Conservation District has been out to evaluate the properties.
- Don Pointer, 10 Van Horn. His property is next in line for problems with the insufficient remediation.

Bucks County Conservation District issued an earth disruption report 3/1/22. The Engineer will reach out to ML7 to meet with the owner and the contractor and to provide a timeline. He expects the meeting to be this week.

Fines – DEP levied fines of \$20,000, to be paid to Conservation District. ML7 owner and Tyler Landau are included in the correspondence so they are informed of what is going on.

The Solicitor will look into next possible steps from a legal perspective.

- Nicole Rabena, 35 S. Main. Asking for an appeal of the zoning enforcement notices levied on her property.

Mr. Bria will schedule the matter for the next meeting. Deadlines with respect to the notice are waived until the matter is discussed at the next meeting.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED March 1, 2022

- A. Approval of Minutes Dated February 15, 2022
- B. Bills List Dated March 1, 2022
- C. Certificates of Appropriateness: 22-04-166 South Main – Sign
- D. Event Permit Yardley 5k Walk and Run, May 22, 2022
- E. Event Permit Memorial Main Street Mile May 30, 2022
- F. Banner Permit Yardley 5k May 9-31, 2022
- G. Appointment to Planning Commission Term Ending 12/31/24

Mr. Campellone motions to approve the Consent Agenda dated March 1, 2022, 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 February 2022: The department handled 481 calls for service, issued 3 parking tickets, issued 98 moving traffic citations, issued 2 criminal citations, investigated motor vehicle accidents, and 5 made arrests (1 for DUI.)

VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT

Updates

Liquid Fuels allocation has been received, was about \$4000 more than expected.

New snowplow contractor ready to go. The job will be rebid again this summer for next season.

Sign up for the Yardley 5k.

IX: ENGINEER'S REPORT

Updates

Ms. Thompson motions to approve Res 22-08 PECO Lot LSA Grant, which is seconded by Mr. Campellone. A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

XIII. PROJECT UPDATES

A. North Main Street Sidewalks – Phase II and III

Phase II – finalizing grant documents. Next meeting will seek approval for advertisement.

Timeline for Phase II – Contingent upon a response from the grant coordinator, the next steps are to post for bids 4/13/22, contracts signed by 4/29, and construction to start 5/2. Manager Johnson will call to push the grant coordinator.

Phase III- Field survey is complete. Sketch plan submission is being prepared.

B. Mary Yardley Bridge

Getting ready to submit for permit applications within the next two weeks. Following that the bid documents will be prepared to go out.

C. PECO Property

Working on the next grant for the PECO property. This grant, due 4/15, needs the agreement of sale.

XI. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

XII. MAYOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

XIII. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. Kim Segal-Morris – Public Safety Committee, Human Relations Committee, APO, YM Fire Company
Nothing to report.

B. Matthew Ross – Public Works Committee, Sewer Authority
n/a

C. Matt Curtin – General Government Committee, Planning Commission
Nothing to report.

D. John McCann – Community & Economic Development Committee, Historic & Architectural Review Board, Zoning Hearing Board, Shade Tree Commission
CED – Committee revisiting question of parking.

E. Chris Campellone – Community Outreach Committee, YBA, Experience Yardley, EAC, Parks and Rec
Parks and Rec – Couch to 5k program is organized to prepare community members for the Yardley 5k. Mr. Campellone would like to see all members of Council run with him.

Ms. Thompson - Would like to open up a discussion about revising Borough Code with respect to outdoor dining. She asks Mr. McCann to work with the Planning Commission and interested community members to undertake proposals for revising the ordinance. The target is to put new ordinances in place by November 2022.

XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

XV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Resignation of Yardley Borough Tax Collector
Accept resignation of newly elected Tax Collector, Melissa Wayne.
Ms. Thompson motions to accept the resignation of Tax Collector, Melissa Wayne, which is seconded by Mr. Campellone
A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

B. Resolution 22-07 Appointment of Yardley Borough Tax Collector Cheryl Lowe-Cler.
Ms. Thompson motions to adopt Resolution 22-07, Appointment of Yardley Borough Tax Collector Cheryl Lowe-Cler, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris.

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

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Thompson motions to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:10, which is seconded by Mr. Campellone.

Submitted by,
Mary Ann McLean