

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting  
April 6, 2021**

The meeting was held via video conference with the following members present:

Caroline Thompson  
Kim Segal-Morris

Uri Feiner  
David Bria

Matt Curtin  
Matthew Ross

Council member(s) not in attendance: John McCann

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

I. CALL TO ORDER –David Bria, President

The meeting, held by video conference, was called to order at 7:31.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Vaccine eligibility opening to the general public the week of April 19<sup>th</sup>. Register through the Bucks County website to get in line for an appointment.
- Registration is open for Parks & Rec races coming up this spring.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Dawn Perlmutter, 18 West College Avenue.  
Enumerated several perceived zoning violations in the Borough.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED April 6, 2021

- A. Approval of Minutes dated March 16, 2021
- B. Bills List dated April 1, 2021
- C. Certificates of Appropriateness
  - App #21-05 – 35 South Main – La La Lobster – Awning, phone booth and sign
  - App #21-08 – 62 South Main Suite B1 – Sign directory for Yardley Massage
  - App #21-10 – 45 East Afton Suite F – Sign Directory for Greenfield Acupuncture
- D. Event Permit Yardley Memorial Day Parade
- E. Event Permit Yardley Harvest Day
- F. Event Permit Yardley Walk to Run

Certificate of Appropriateness 21-05 and Event Permit for Harvest Day will be considered separately.

A motion to approve the consent agenda dated April 6, 2021, minus the two aforementioned items, was made by Ms. Thompson, which is seconded by Mr. Ross.

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

Event Permit for Harvest Day –

Two items, grading of a lot along Canal Street and a fence removal, are requested to be considered separately.

A motion was made by Ms. Thompson to approve the event permit for Harvest Day, minus the items regarding grading and fencing, which is seconded by Mr. Ross.

A discussion was held regarding fencing, newly planted trees, and grading of a specific area with respect to these items and Harvest Day.

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

App #21-05 – 35 South Main – La La Lobster – Awning, phone booth and sign

Mr. Ross motions to approve Certificate of Appropriateness 21-05, which is seconded by Ms. Thompson.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding zoning, signage, branding, and the maintenance of the Yardley's historic designation.

Mr. Bria says we need to revisit the ordinance regarding the historic district.

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

#### VII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Police service statistics for March 2021: There were 462 calls for service, 89 traffic citations, 2 non-traffic citations, 5 traffic accidents, and two arrests (neither for DUI.)

#### VIII. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Updates.

- Buck Creek Watershed Management Plan – ASA is seeking payment for second invoice. These payments are made out of the grant. This item is being moved to the next meeting.
- 18 Van Horn – ML7 parking lot expansion impact. Engineer requests that Council write a notice of violation to start the clock on levying fines to ML7. The problem is likely the result of a violation of the stormwater ordinance.

Mr. Ross moves send a notice of violation, subject to review by the solicitor, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris.

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

- 85 W. Afton. A resident has filed a complaint with DEP regarding earth disturbance activity with no permits having been issued as of yet to begin building. Yardley Borough will send a notice before bringing in the authorities.

#### IX. Project Updates

A. Main & Afton Intersection – Payment is due to Armour and Sons which will be processed for the next meeting.

B. Mary Yardley Bridge - Engineer is in a holding pattern for permits.

C. PECO Property – No point in submitting for current grants since we do not have a sales agreement yet. The holdup is with PECO.

D. North Main Street Sidewalks, Phase II - PECO is asking for a formal letter of intent from Yardley Borough to close out Phase 1. For Phase II utility pole relocation prep work is beginning.

X. MANAGER'S REPORT

- Audit is done.
- Chairlift installed at Borough Hall.
- Goose invasion at Fitzgerald Field – looking into installing coyote silhouettes as deterrent.

A. Annex Roof Proposals

The Manager is seeking permission to move forward to get work done on the Annex to prevent any further damage. The lowest qualified and responsible bidder must be chosen. The lowest bid received was from KPI at \$15,180.

Mr. Curtin motions to award the Annex Roof project to KPI, which is seconded by Ms. Thompson.

Ms. Thompson noted that this is a budgeted project which was cut last year.

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

B. Trash Can Proposals

The Manager received quotes for the replacement of nine or ten municipal trash cans.

Mr. Feiner motions to replace 10 trash cans for a cost not to exceed \$7000 total, which is seconded by Ms. Thompson.

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

XI. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

XII. MAYOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

XIII. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

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

Nothing to report.

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

Nothing to report.

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

General Government will take the lead on reopening plan for the Borough.

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

n/a

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

Nothing to report.

XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Council/Boards/Committee Meetings – This item is being moved to discussion by General Government.

XV. OTHER BUSINESS

Executive Session - Legal

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn at 9:13 to executive session was made by Ms. Thompson, which is seconded by Mr. Ross. No vote will be taken.

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

Submitted by,  
Mary Ann McLean