

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting  
September 6, 2022**

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

Kim Segal-Morris  
Matt Ross

Christopher Campellone  
Matthew Curtin

Caroline Thompson  
John McCann

Council member(s) not in attendance:

Also in attendance were Chief Joseph Kelly, Borough Manager Paula Johnson, Engineer Patrick Foley, and Solicitor Ernest Closser.

I. CALL TO ORDER – Caroline Thompson, President

The meeting was called to order at 7:30.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. HIRING OF PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER

Ms. Segal-Morris motions to conditionally hire Robert Gergle, Jr. as part-time police officer pending completion of testing and qualifications, which is seconded by Mr. Ross. A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

V. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Harvest Day – 9/17
- Trash Pickup is delayed by one day this week (Thursday rather than Wednesday)
- Open House at AME Church 9/10/22 2:00-6:00
- Two ribbon cuttings Saturday 9/10 – Panna 2:30 and Salon Milan’s new location 3:00

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Dawn Perlmutter, 18 W. College Ave read a prepared statement regarding items discovered from RTK requests.
  - Mayor Harding and Mr. Ross disputed some items brought up by Ms. Perlmutter
  - Mr. Rabena, 35 S. Main, asks which items they dispute. Ms. Thompson notes the Council does not pay any fees for the American Express card.

VII. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED September 6, 2022

Ms. Thompson outlines changes being undertaken to the Consent Agenda and meeting agendas in accordance with the Sunshine Law.

A. Approval of Minutes Dated August 16, 2022

B. Certificates of Appropriateness: 22-24-65 East Afton – Shed  
22-25-76 South Main St – Sign

22-27- 2 North Main St – Shutters  
22-30- 43 South Main St – Siding and Windows  
22-31 – 30 South Main St – Siding and Windows

D. Approval of Event Permits: Canal-O-Ween 5k, RunBucks LLC, 10/30/22,  
RiverMawr

Ms. Thompson asks for approval of the Consent Agenda dated September 6, 2022.  
A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

#### VIII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Police service statistics for August 2022: The department handled 566 calls for service, issued 3 parking tickets, issued 72 traffic citations, issued 3 non-traffic citations, investigated 7 motor vehicle accidents, and made 9 arrests (0 for DUI.)

#### IX. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Accept Finance Report Dated September 6, 2022

Mr. Ross moves to accept the Finance Report dated September 6, 2022, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris.

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

B. Vote to Accept Salt Bid – 10/1/22-9/30/23

Morton Salt won the bid. \$67.76/ton delivered, \$67.00/ton undelivered

Mr. Ross motions to accept salt bid from Morton Salt, which is seconded by Mr. Campellone.

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

Earl Markey, W. College Avenue – Wants to make sure that the salt purchased isn't used on private properties in the community.

#### X. ENGINEER'S REPORT

A. Consideration of Bid for 45 South Delaware

Received one bid from Premier Builders which exceeds the budgeted amount.  
Recommending rejected and rebidding the project.

Mr. Ross motions to reject and rebid the 45 South Delaware elevation project at a cost not to exceed \$2,000, which is seconded by Mr. McCann.

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

B. Consideration of Bid for 46 Brown Street

Received 3 bids and the lowest bid exceeds the budgeted amount.

Mr. Ross motions to reject and rebid the 46 Brown Street elevation project at a cost not to exceed \$2,000, which is seconded by Mr. McCann.

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

#### XI. PROJECT UPDATES

A. North Main Street Sidewalks – Phases II & III

Preconstruction meeting for Phase II held today. Project is scheduled to start mid-October with a duration of 6 weeks, weather permitting.

Phase III – Permit resubmitted to PennDot, waiting for PennDot.

B. Mary Yardley Bridge

- i. Consideration to Accept Bid for Mary Yardley Bridge  
A discussion was held about funding for the purchase of the bridge, the 120k shortfall, and the bidding/rebidding process.  
Mr. Ross motions to award the project to Brubaker Excavators for \$297,460, which is seconded by Mr. Campellone.  
Some small changes may be made, for example concrete vs. wooden steps on the easement.  
A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

XII. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

XIII. MAYOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

XIV. 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  
Nothing to report.

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  
Meeting with business leaders today with respect to outdoor dining ordinance. Another meeting will be held on 10/4/22 with business owners in the hopes of gathering ideas to inform the committee's recommendations to Council for modifications to the ordinance.

E. Chris Campellone – Community Outreach Committee, YBA, Experience Yardley, EAC, Parks and Rec  
Nothing to report.

F. Caroline Thompson – Planning Commission  
Nothing to report.

XV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

XVI. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Acceptance of Terms of Construction Easement 136 North Main Street – M Ross  
It was decided to table this item to allow time to research issues regarding trees in the easement.
- B. Accept Council Resignation – Chris Campellone  
Mr. Campellone is moving outside of Yardley Borough.  
Ms. Ross motions to accept Mr. Campellone’s resignation, which is seconded by Mr. McCann.  
A vote was held, and the motion passes 5-0-1.
- C. Interviews and Appointments Borough Council Terms Ending 1/2/24  
The following candidates were interviewed by Council:
- a. Dawn Perlmutter
  - b. Don Carlson
  - c. David Applebaum
  - d. Earl Markey
  - e. Susan Taylor
- Questions and comments from the audience were entertained.
- D. Resolution 22-18 Council Appointment  
Mr. Ross motions to adopt Resolution 22-18 appointing Don Carlson to an open Council seat with a term expiring 1/2/24, which is seconded by Mr. Curtin.  
A vote was held, and the motion passes 4-1.
- E. Resolution 22-19 Council Appointment  
Mr. McCann motions to adopt Resolution 22-19 appointing David Applebaum to an open Council seat with a term expiring 1/2/24, which is seconded by Mr. Ross.  
A vote was held, and the motion passes 5-0.

## XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ross motions to adjourn the meeting at 9:37, which is seconded by Mr. McCann.  
A vote was held, and the motion passes 5-0.

Submitted by,  
Mary Ann McLean