Yardley Borough Council Meeting November 21, 2023

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

David AppelbaumMatthew CurtinKim Segal-MorrisUri FeinerDon CarlsonCaroline Thompson

Michele Sharer

Council member(s) not in attendance:

Also in attendance were Chief Joseph Kelly, Borough Manager Paula Johnson, Mayor Chris Harding, 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. PUBLIC SAFETY

A. Police Hiring Part-time

Ms. Segal-Morris made a motion to conditionally hire Kallie Kohnow, which was seconded by Ms. Sharer.

A vote was held, and the motion passes with a vote of 7-0.

The swearing in ceremony followed.

V. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Christmas Parade will be held on 12/2 at 3pm. Non-perishable food items will be collected at the parade. A Christmas Tree being erected in Buttonwood Park and lighting will follow the parade.
- Winter Farmer's Market will be held 1st and 3rd Saturdays during the winter.
- Saturday 12/16, Friends of Lake Afton will hold their All Things Yardley gift shop at the community center.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VII. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED November 21, 2023

- A. Approval of Minutes Dated November 8, 2023
- B. Certificates of Appropriateness 23-35 130 S. Main St Windows
- C. Consideration of FEMA Funded 77 Morgan Ave Elevation Payment Cert No. 3
- D. Consideration of FEMA Funded 45 S. Delaware Ave. Change Order No. 6

Mr. Curtin motions to approve Consent Agenda dated November 21, 2023, which is seconded by Mr. Appelbaum.

A vote was held, and the motion passes with a vote of 7-0.

VIII. CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT THE BILLS LIST DATED NOVEMBER 21, 2023 Consensus was granted.

IX. PUBLIC WORKS

- A. Mary Yardley Bridge
 - Mr. Feiner gave a presentation about the status of the bridge and brainstorming ways to provide access to the bridge pending completion of the PECO acquisition. A lengthy discussion followed with the decision that a conference call will be held to gather more information about various options.
- B. Resolution Local Share Account Grant for the North Main St. Sidewalk Phase III Mr. Feiner motions to accept Resolution 23-10, which is seconded by Mr. Appelbaum. A vote was held, and the motion passes with a vote of 7-0.
- C. Resolution Local Share Account Grant for Yardley Borough Storm Sewer projects Ms. Sharer motions to accept Resolution 23-11, which is seconded by Mr. Feiner. A vote was held, and the motion passes with a vote of 7-0.

Ms. Thompson requests consensus for RVE to prepare grant applications for an amount not to exceed \$8000.

Ms. Sharer motions to approve preparation of these grants by RVE, which is seconded by Mr. Appelbaum.

A discussion followed regarding the cost and time required for the engineer to assist with preparation of grants.

A vote was held, and the motion passes with a vote of 6-1-0.

X COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Carlson led a discussion regarding Yardley Borough's short-term rentals and potential changes to ordinances to regulate these rentals. It was agreed that an ordinance would be developed, pending further discussion.

XI. COMMUNITY OUTREACH

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Appelbaum motions to adjourn at 9:11, which is seconded by Ms. Sharer.

A vote was held, and the motion passes with a vote of 7-0.

Submitted by,

Mary Ann McLean