

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting
December 5, 2023**

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

David Appelbaum
Michele Sharer

Matthew Curtin
Uri Feiner

Kim Segal-Morris
Caroline Thompson

Council member(s) not in attendance: Don Carlson

Also in attendance were Chief Kelly, Borough Manager Paula Johnson, Engineer Patrick Foley, and Solicitor Andrew Griffin.

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 extend a conditional offer to hire Hillary Kloiber as a part-time Police Officer, pending certification from the Pennsylvania Municipal Police Officers' Education & Training Commission, which is seconded by Mr. Curtin.

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

Mayor Harding administered the Oath to Officer Kloiber.

V. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Thompson honored Councilman Curtin for his service to the Borough. His term ends at the end of December.

- Saturday 12/16 at Community Center – All Things Yardley Gift Shop
- 12/9/23 Experience Yardley Second - “We Are Family”
- Outdoor Farmer’s Market – 10-12, 1st and 3rd Saturdays until April
- 12/14 – YBA Business Card Exchange – Charlann Farms
- 12/9 3pm Gather Place – Vintage Christmas Music Program
- 12/10 3-5pm Hanukkah Village

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VII. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED December 5, 2023

A. Approval of Minutes Dated November 21, 2023

B. Certificates of Appropriateness – 23-38 – 16 S. Main St. - Roof

Ms. Sharer motions to approve Consent Agenda dated December 5, 2023, which is seconded by Mr. Feiner.

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

VIII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

A. Police Hire – Part Time

Congratulations to Officers Golden and Bailey for completing their motorcycle training.

Thanks to Matt Curtin for her service to the Borough.

Police service statistics for November 2023. The department handled 543 calls for service, issued 2 parking tickets, 42 traffic citations, investigated 7 motor vehicle accidents, and made 1 arrest (0 for DUI).

IV. MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Johnson gave her monthly report.

A. Consideration to Accept the December 5, 2023 Finance Report Consensus was granted.

B. Consideration to Adopt the 2024 Budget Mr. Curtin motions to approve the 2024 Budget with no millage increase, which is seconded by Mr. Appelbaum. A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

C. Resolution 23-12 – 2024 Tax Resolution Mr. Curtin motions to approve Resolution 23-12 – 2024 Tax Resolution which is seconded by Ms. Sharer. A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

X. ENGINEER'S REPORT Nothing to report.

XI. SOLICITOR'S REPORT Nothing to report.

XII. MAYOR'S REPORT Thanks to everyone who came to the Christmas Parade and donated perishable goods. Thanks to Councilperson Curtin for his service to Council.

XIII. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

- A. Kim Segal-Morris – Public Safety Committee, Human Relations Committee, EY
- B. Uri Feiner - Public Works Committee, Zoning Hearing Board, PC
Three grant applications for North Main sidewalk, Gather place and drainage projects have been submitted.
- C. Matt Curtin – General Government Committee, YMFC
None.
- D. Don Carlson – Community & Economic Development Committee, Historic Architectural, Sewer Authority
Attended Planning Commission regarding Comprehensive Plan upcoming. Discussing how to prepare for that process.
- E. David Appelbaum – Community Outreach Committee, YBA, Parks and Rec
 - Walking the Yardley Mile – promoting the idea that Yardley is a walkable town
 - TAG – If you see graffiti please call it in. Please publish the contact information on the website.
 - There are vacancies on the following Boards and Commissions - EAC, Parks and Rec, Sewer, Vacancy, Human Relations. Information can be found on the website or call the office.
 - YBA – Great job on Christmas Parade. Well run and well attended.
- F. Michelle Sharer –Shade Tree, EAC
None.

XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion of Abrams Academy ZHB Decision

An overview of the zoning approval process, the variance process, and the appeal process, in general and for this specific property, was given by Attorney Griffin and President Thompson.

An overview of the stormwater management report was presented by the Borough Engineer.

A lengthy discussion followed. Several members of the community spoke including:

Jonathan Woodring
Dawn Perlmutter
Donald Pointer
Janet Celini

Next steps: Wait for a written decision to consider whether or not to move forward with an appeal (individuals and Borough may appeal).

XV. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Consideration of Borough Manager’s Contract
Will be voted on in January 2024.

B. Discussion and Changes to the Mary Yardley Bridge Project

Mr. Feiner presented an update regarding the current status of finalizing the bridge project and alternatives to moving forward without completion of the PECO lot purchase.

Mr. Feiner motions to approve a change of cost not to exceed \$4000 from the steps and railing to an aluminum ramp, which is seconded by Mr. Appelbaum.

A lengthy discussion followed.

Michael Fair, 11 Irving Avenue, addressed the Council with his concerns about the bridge as well as access and safety of the trail.

John Celentano, 136 N. Main, offered commentary on the trail and the project.

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

C. Consensus granted to cancel 12/19 meeting, provided no urgent business arises that requires a meeting.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Sherer motions to adjourn at 9:57:, which is seconded by Mr. Appelbaum.

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

Submitted by,
Mary Ann McLean