

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting  
February 15, 2022**

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

David Bria  
John McCann

Caroline Thompson  
Christopher Campellone

Matthew Ross  
Matthew Curtin

Council member(s) not in attendance: Kim Segal-Morris

Also in attendance were 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 7:30.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Mr. Bria asked for a moment of silence for Katherine Cadwallader, 12-year former member of Council, who passed away recently.

IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Nicole Rabena, La La Lobster, 35 S. Main

Received \$1000 criminal citation for tables stacked by the side of her building. Manager Johnson indicated the citation has since been rescinded. Ms. Rabena states that as the only female business owner in the borough she is experiencing discrimination and targeting. Mr. Bria will follow up.

Albert Celini, 18 Van Horn. Progress with ML7 has been made on the stream bed on his property but some concerns remain with the remediation and the adequacy of water flow. He and the neighbors are also dissatisfied with the replanting plan. Formal notice of these concerns has been provided to the engineer. Mr. Ross/Public Works are working on a revised landscaping plan.

Dawn Perlmutter, 31 College Avenue. States that she has experienced discrimination as a women-owned businesses in the Borough. She was also fined \$1000. Requests that the issues of targeting and discrimination be made an agenda item for a future meeting.

Jonathan Woodring, 14 Van Horn. Addressed Council regarding the ML7 remediation plan which he feels is not adequate. He notes that the Celini property is remedied but there is now a

ravine coming onto his property. He is looking for a long-term and complete solution to the overall problem, not just moving the problem from one neighbor to the next.

Fredrick Rabena, 35 Main Street. Regarding the serious nature of the criminal citation on his wife's property. He asks why the code enforcement officer is handing out citations that are filed incorrectly.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED February 15, 2022

A. Approval of Minutes Dated February 1, 2022

B. Bills List Dated February 15, 2022

C. Cornhole Event Permit

D. Yardley Farmers Market Event Permit

E. Certificates of Appropriateness:

22-02-1 South Main - Sign

22-03-67 South Canal – Window

Mr. Ross motions to approve the Consent Agenda dated February 15, 2022, which is seconded by Ms. Thompson.

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

VII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Officer Ramos has accepted a position at Temple University.

Police Chaplain Program

Mr. Ross motions to consider the creation of a volunteer police chaplain program, in accordance with the provision set forth in Yardley Borough Police Department General Order 1.5.7, which his seconded by Ms. Thompson.

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

VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT

Updates

- Expecting \$8,000 reimbursement for Hurricane Ida.
- Borough Hall doors have been painted.
- Spring newsletter should be delivered to home in April.
- Zoning Hearing Board meeting to be held 2/28/22 regarding proposed distillery at 35 S. Main St.

IX. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

X. MAYOR'S REPORT

n/a

## XI. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

David Bria – New committee structure announced.

### **Public Safety**

Mayor – Civil Service Liaison

Kim Segal Morris (Chair) – Police Department Liaison, Human Relations Liaison

Matt Ross (2<sup>nd</sup>) – APO liaison

Matt Curtin (3<sup>rd</sup>) – Yardley-Makefield Fire Company Liaison

### **Community & Economic Development**

John McCann (Chair) – HARB Liaison, Shade Tree Liaison

Chris Campellone (2<sup>nd</sup>) – ZHB Liaison

### **Public Works**

Matt Ross (Chair) – Sewer Authority Liaison

Caroline Thompson (2<sup>nd</sup>)

### **General Government**

Matt Curtin (Chair) – Tax Collector Liaison

Caroline Thompson (2<sup>nd</sup>) - Planning Liaison

### **Community Outreach**

Chris Campellone (Chair) – Parks & Rec Liaison, EAC liaison

Kim Segal Morris (2<sup>nd</sup>) – YBA Liaison

John McCann (3<sup>rd</sup>)

### **Committee meetings will be held as follows:**

First Tuesday of month:

Community Outreach - 6:30 [council chambers]

Public Safety - 7:00 [conference room -- council chambers, as needed]

Community & Economic Development - 7:00 [council chambers -- conference room if requested to switch by public safety]

Third Tuesday of month:

Public Works - 6:30 [council chambers]

General Government - 7:00 [council chambers]

### **COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:**

A. Kim Segal Morris (Public Safety – chair) – Police Department Liaison, Human Relations Liaison, YBA Liaison

n/a

B. Matt Ross (Public Works - chair) - Sewer Authority Liaison, APO Liaison  
Public Works met to discuss all open projects.

C. Matt Curtin (General Government – chair) Tax Collector Liaison, Yardley-  
Makefield Fire Company Liaison  
Nothing to report.

D. John McCann (Community and Economic Department - chair) HARB Liaison,  
Shade Tree Liaison  
Nothing to report.

E. Chris Campellone (Community Outreach - chair) – ZHB Liaison, Parks & Rec  
Liaison, EAC Liaison  
Nothing to report.

F. Caroline Thompson – Planning Liaison  
Working session will be held at 4/5 Council Meeting to outline and plan current and  
future community projects.

## XII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

## XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

## XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ross motions to adjourn to executive session at 8:00, which is seconded by Ms. Thompson.  
A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

## XV. Executive Session – Legal

Submitted by,  
Mary Ann McLean