

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting
February 2, 2021**

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

Caroline Thompson	Uri Feiner	Matt Curtin
Kim Segal-Morris	John McCann	David Bria
Matthew Ross		

Council member(s) not in attendance:

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

I. CALL TO ORDER –David Bria, President

The meeting, held by video conference, was called to order at 7:30.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Dawn Perlmutter, 18 W. College Avenue.
Recognition of two FBI agents killed in duty in Florida.
Requests that links to all meetings be published on the calendar so community can attend.
Zoning Hearing Board meetings are not being broadcast - more transparency needed in zoning and code enforcement.
- Margie Baker, 31 Lookover Lane. Regarding current lawsuits, does Borough's insurance cover if Borough is found guilty? Mr. Bria notes that each case is unique, and he will follow up on this question.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED February 2, 2021

- A. Approval of Minutes dated January 19, 2021
- B. Bills List dated February 2, 2021
- C. Certificate of Appropriateness No 20-01@146 S Main Street, Shed; 21-02@37 S Main, Sign; 21-03@10 N. Main Street, Signs.
- D. Event Permit Park and Rec Corn Hole League February 2021

A motion to approve the consent agenda dated February 2, 2021 was made by Ms. Thompson, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris.

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

VII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

A. Updates

Police service statistics for January 2020: There were: 540 calls for service, 4 parking tickets issued, 53 traffic citations, 1 non-traffic citation, 6 traffic accident investigations, and one arrest (not for DUI.)

VIII. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Updates

IX. Project Updates

A. Main & Afton Intersection

B. Mary Yardley Bridge – A discussion was held regarding an aluminum bridge alternative and potential cost savings or increased cost and expanded timeline for the project.

Mr. Bria asked for a motion to authorize the engineer to investigate this option further. No motion was made.

C. PECO Property

D. North Main Street Sidewalks, Phase II

X. MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Johnson commended the snowplow contractor for the great work over the recent snow emergency. She requests residents to please help the fire department and shovel out hydrants.

Wes Foraker, FEMA has received annual recertification for CRS program.

XI. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

XII. MAYOR'S REPORT

Thanks to police department during recent snowstorm.

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

51 wreaths have been adopted, 9 more need adoption.

Flood plain seminar 2/3/21 – Buying and Selling in the Floodplain

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

CED – Met with Experience Yardley regarding a new opportunity which will be announced at the next Borough meeting.

A forum will be held next month to discuss helping local business.

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

Nothing to report.

XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

XV. OTHER BUSINESS

- Interview/Appointment for Sewer Authority Term Ending 1/02/2022-Uri Feiner Mark McDevitt, applicant for sewer authority, was interviewed by members of Council.

Mr. Feiner motions to appoint Mark McDevitt to the sewer authority with a term ending 1/02/2022, which is seconded by Mr. McCann. A roll call vote was held as follows:

Caroline Thompson	Y
Uri Feiner	Y
Matt Curtin	Y
Kim Segal-Morris	Y
John McCann	Y
David Bria	Y
Matthew Ross	Y

The motion passes 7-0.

- Hearing/Adoption of Ordinance No. 489-Amendment of the Floodplain Ordinance

Mr. McCann motions to adopt Ordinance No. 489, which is seconded by Ms. Thompson.

Mr. Bria and Ms. Thompson outlined the broad changes to the ordinance which will allow residents to make changes to their properties which were previously not allowed.

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

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ross motions to adjourn the meeting to executive session at 8:30, which is seconded by Ms. Thompson. The motion passes 7-0.

Submitted by,
Mary Ann McLean