

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting
February 4, 2020**

The meeting was held in Council Chambers with the following members present:

David Bria	Caroline Thompson	Ryan Berry
Kim Segal-Morris	Matthew Ross	John McCann

Also in attendance were Mayor Chris Harding, Chief Joseph Kelly, Solicitor E. Closser, Engineers Owen Hyne and Liz Colletti, and Borough Manager Paula Johnson.

Council President Bria called the meeting to order at 7:31pm and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hiring of Part-Time Police Officer.....Ms. Segal-Morris

Mr. Bria states that the hiring of the part-time police officer will be moved to the beginning of the agenda. Chief Kelly presents Officer Joseph Martin who was interviewed by the police department and public safety committee. Ms. Segal-Morris motions to extend a conditional offer as a part-time police officer which is seconded by Ms. Thompson. Mr. Berry asks who is on public safety committee which Mr. Bria states that Ms. Segal-Morris is on the committee and is waiting to appoint the other committees until the council seat is filled. A vote was held and motion passes.

Minutes (Time Stamp 7:36 pm)

Ms. Thompson moves to approve the minutes of the January 21st 2020 meeting, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris. Mr. Berry asks about name calling, making charges and setting standards. Mr. Bria gives guidelines that it should be directed to council and pertaining to issues in the community. A vote was held and motion passes.

Progress Reports (Time Stamp: 7:37 pm)

Solicitor

Nothing to report

Borough Manager

1. Spent several hours with the auditor for the 2019 audit.
2. Oil tank at the Annex has been installed and will get oil this week. Annex will be reheated and water turned back on.
3. Street light survey was completed by police department and most lights were fixed with the rest being fixed this week.

Mayor

Nothing to report

Police Chief

1. January service statistics – 585 calls for service, issued 2 parking tickets, 71 traffic citations, issued 1 non traffic citation, investigated 5 motor vehicle accidents, 3 arrests (1 being DUI).
2. Officer Nicholas Cacace has resigned from the police department and left for a new career path.

Ms. Thompson asks a question on a hit and run on Letchworth and asks about the traffic study. Chief Kelly states there was no traffic study on Letchworth but will be doing painting and signs because of fading.

Borough Engineer

1. Mary Yardley Bridge – This is on agenda so will skip over.
2. ARLE Grant – Yardley was not awarded the grant. Formal documentation will be coming at the end of the month.
3. Growing Greener Grant – The ASA proposal approved at last council meeting. RVE is working on preparing a proposal for the remainder of the work and all the hours covered by volunteer hours to meet the match.
4. Main and Afton Signal improvement – Advertisements went out and will be opening the bids February 11th. RVE is petitioning to Harrisburg for flexibility with June deadline.
5. Liquid Fuels Road Program – Waiting for as built before that is closed out.
6. Yardley Walk – Lennar has been doing the dam repairs this past week. RVE will be issuing a punch list by end of the week.
7. ML7 Parking Lot Expansion – just received a request for third financial security release and will see that at the next meeting.

Mr. Berry asks which grant was denied. It is the ARLE Grant for the crosswalks. The dam at Yardley Walk is the upper dam and will be fixed by Lennar.

Council Vice President

1. Attended PA-American Water meet and greet at Yardley Inn with Chief Kelly, Borough Manager Johnson, and Wes Foraker. Told about the \$20 million in upgrades to water treatment facility. They will be switching from powdered chlorine to UV filtration which is safer and more environmentally friendly. Ms. Thompson also learned about an environmental grant for water sheds and bodies of water. PA-American Water also asked if they could submit updates in our newsletter for road closures.
2. Vacancy update. Received 8 applications. One cannot come for interviews so he will not be considered and he has been notified. The applicants are Matt Curtain (investment banker), Dan Mohn (technology professional), Dawn Permuter (academic law enforcement and government consultant background), Uri Feiner (educational technology and health entrepreneur), George Weremijenko (restaurant franchise owner), Victoria

Czechowski (background in consumer health care marketing and founder of a start-up), and Constance Webster (New Jersey Department of Education). Manager Johnson is checking references and the interviews will be next Tuesday at 7pm and will be 20 mins long. There will be a vote that night and swearing in will be the next council meeting on 2/18/20. Mr. Berry asks about swearing in and states the 30 days will end before the next official council meeting. Ms. Thompson states that swearing in can wait until the next meeting.

Council President

Nothing to report

Council Committees

Public Works-Mr. Ross

1. Will discuss the Mary Yardley Bridge later in the meeting.

Public Safety – Ms. Segal-Morris

1. Nothing to add further than what Chief Kelly reported on earlier.
2. Mr. Bria anticipates will fill all committee positions next meeting.

Reading Ave - Mr. Berry

1. Will meet in 2 weeks before the council meeting.
2. PECO grant was denied.

Community Outreach-Ms. Thompson

1. Recognizes publicity that the Borough received. Pretty Bird and Kowaii Tori were featured on CBS Philly segment called a Taste with Tori.
2. Experience Yardley's Chocolate Crawl was covered by radio station WPST. There are 26 businesses participating this Saturday.
3. A candidate was interviewed for both Park and Recreation and HARB which is on the agenda for tonight.

General Government-Ms. Thompson

1. Have not met since last council meeting

Bill List (Time stamp: 7:48 pm)

Ms. Thompson moves to approve the 2/04/20 bills list, which is seconded by Mr. McCann. Mr. Berry asks if the \$5000 check was supposed to go to the law firm Latsha Davis and McKenna and not the insurance company. This is confirmed by Ms. Johnson that it is the law firm. A vote was held and the motion passes.

Correspondence (Time stamp: 7:48 pm)

None

Public Comment (Time stamp: 7:49 pm)

David Appelbaum- 39 Breece Dr. – Thanks Ms. Thompson for recognizing Experience Yardley. There are 26 businesses in the Chocolate Crawl. The total amount of prizes is over \$1500. He encourages more businesses to join Experience Yardley.

Pete Guidotti – 44 South Bell Ave – questions the ML7 Parking Lot completion. There is a concern of residents that the parking lot lighting will not expand property limits to their back yard. He would like this checked before completion.

Certificates of Appropriateness (Time Stamp: 7:52 pm)

No Activity

Old Business (Time Stamp: 7:52 pm)

1. Proposal for Professional Services for Mary Yardley Bridge Replacement.....Mr. Ross

Ms. Colletti gives a brief overview of the Mary Yardley Bridge replacement. Survey work has been completed which was previously approved. This proposal is for the design work of the bridge. RVE is currently at a hold with getting verification with PHMC to move forward with a fiberglass bridge which was agreed with by DCNR. The bridge itself is not historic but the park around it is. If steel or fiberglass is used, both would be prefab. The earliest construction can start is April 15th. Mr. Berry asks for a range of total cost of the project. Ms. Colletti states the top range would be \$250,000 and low range around \$210,000 but hard to know true cost of construction without a design. This includes \$40,000 from the grant and engineering services. Mr. Berry's concern is raising the \$100,000 for the low end. He is adding \$70,000 that was previously put aside and the \$40,000 grant. Mr. Bria states there is a fundraising component to the project. Ms. Thompson comments that after the billing issue with the speed tables and bumps on Breece, RVE would make a donation to Parks and Recreation. And recommends to apply it to the Mary Yardley Bridge instead. This was \$2000. Ms. Thompson also asks for a man hour breakdown and timelines. Ms. Colletti states ideally all design documents done by mid-March and have bids and awarded by April 15th. Construction should take about 1 week. Mr. Berry asks about the having a ramp taken out to reduce costs. Mr. McCann states that the fundraising committee needs an updated cost for a target goal especially with using metal versus fiberglass. Mr. Ross motions to approve the professional services for Mary Yardley Bridge replacement project with costs not to exceed \$46,100. It is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris. Ms. Thompson is not comfortable voting until clearance from PHMC on fiberglass since there has been no contact from them. Ms. Colletti will move forward with submitting the review form so they can get contact. Mr. Ross tables the motion and it is withdrawn. Mr. Berry asks when the

grant needs to be used by which Ms. Colletti confirms is two years. Dave Appelbaum asks about the lifespan difference of steel and fiber glass. Mr. Hyne states all bridges have different lifespans but most is a 50 year life. Ms. Colletti states that steel needs to be painted and fiberglass needs to be checked every 15 years for UV damage and a resin applied. Brian Welch – 22 Reading asks about using different finishes. RVE will look into corten as Mr. Welch mentions. Mr. Hyne states that RVE could design the foundations for both fiberglass and steel. Mr. Berry asks if the current bridge is safe and is confirmed that it is by Ms. Colletti. Mr. Guidotti asks if the bridge comes with a warranty for high water event which RVE will confirm.

New Business (Time Stamp: 8:09 pm)

1. Police Hiring moved to the beginning of the meeting

2. 2020 Events Calendar.....Ms. Thompson

Ms. Thompson presents the 2020 Events Calendar and notes that the Hanukah date is a place holder. Ms. Thompson moves to approve the 2020 Events Calendar and is seconded by Mr. Ross. A vote was held and motion passes.

3. Banner Permit Memorial Mile and 5K May 18-June 8..... Ms. Thompson

Ms. Thompson moves to approve the banner permit for the Memorial Mile and 5K which is seconded by Mr. Berry. They have requested 3 weeks of the banner being up instead of 2. Mr. Berry questions why 3 weeks which Ms. Thompson states they are promoting two separate events. A vote was held and motion passes.

4. Appointment Recommendation.....Ms. Thompson

Ms. Thompson presents an application for Park and Recreation and HARB from applicant Joseph Suter. Ms. Thompson motions to appoint Joseph Suter which is seconded by Mr. Ross. Mr. McCann asks if there are any other applicants. There was not. Mr. Berry states that there are three meeting per month which Ms. Thompson informs the applicant is aware of this. A vote was held and motion passes.

Ms. Thompson motions to adjourn at 8:12pm, which is seconded by Mr. McCann.

Submitted by,
Patty Sargent