Yardley Borough Council Meeting February 20, 2024

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

David AppelbaumJared StumpKim Segal-MorrisMichele SharerUri FeinerCaroline Thompson

Council member(s) not in attendance: Don Carlson

Also in attendance were Chief Kelly, Mayor Harding, Zoning Officer Wes Foraker, and Borough Manager Paula Johnson

- I. CALL TO ORDER Caroline Thompson, President Ms. Thompson called the meeting to order 7:30.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS None
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT None
- VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED February 20, 2024
 - A. Approval of Minutes Dated February 6, 2024
 - B. Event Permit Yardley Farmers Market 2024 Season Buttonwood Park
 - C. Event Permit Music Off Main 2024 Season Buttonwood Park
 - D. Event Permit Vault Craft & Beer May 4, 2024 19 W. College Ave
 - E. Event Permit Vault Beerfest June 1, 2024 19 W. College Ave
 - F. Event Permit Vault Pig Roast August 17, 2024 19 W. College Ave
 - G. Event Permit Vault Oktoberfest October 5, 2024 19 W. College Ave
 - H. FEMA Funded Elevation 25 N. Delaware Ave Payment Cert. No. 3

Mr. Feiner asks to remove the Minutes from the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Feiner motions to approve the Consent Agenda dated February 20, 2024 Items B-H, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris.

Scott Burney from the Vault addressed Council to give an overview of the upcoming events being planned.

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

Ms. Segal-Morris motions to approve the Minutes dated February 6, 2024, which is seconded by Ms. Sharer.

A vote was held, and the motion passes 5-0-1.

VII. Consideration to Accept the February 20, 2024 Finance Report Consensus was granted.

VIII. PUBLIC SAFETY – Ms. Segal-Morris

- Process for residents requesting addition of traffic calming measures to Borough streets
 - O Borough should review where traffic calming is currently in place. Traffic study needs to be done for any traffic calming measures on state or municipal roads. These studies are costly. Solicitor's office should be consulted and other boroughs consulted about what they do in this situation.
- Sightlines on Delaware Avenue and other Borough intersections
 - o 24 intersections in the Borough include Main, Afton, or Delaware.
 - Discussion of putting an ordinance in place for hedges and overgrowth on intersections.
 - o Borough could do an annual or every two year review of where problem corners are and do a friendly visit or call to ask the resident to address the issue.
 - O Without an ordinance there cannot be enforcement.
 - o April 30th discussion of sightlines.
- Parking in the Borough
 - o Parking lot behind the Vault needs to be added to the parking map.
 - o Advertising of the map to the public.
 - o Current map is confusing. Mr. Stump will work on getting a more user-friendly version of the map created.
 - o Google pins to be looked into by CED for identifying parking spots for visitors.

IX. PUBLIC WORKS – Mr. Feiner

Existing Projects

- Mary Yardley Bridge waiting for fill should be completed grading in March
- Peco Lot Moving but slowly
- North Main St. Sidewalk Phase III grant covers 1/3 of the proposed work. Is the grant extendable?

Thinking ahead to upcoming comprehensive planning

- Walkability
 - Closing some of the small gaps in sidewalk access can impact community and economic development in town.

- Safe crossings and traffic calming
 - o PennDot has some existing programs/guidance we may use.
 - o Inventory of existing and needed crosswalk
- Maximizing opportunities to enjoy outdoor Yardley
 - o PECO lot
 - o River Walk American Water Foundation/Spearhead Group Grant
 - Use funds to maximize the riverfront property since Yardley does not have true access to the river.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Segal-Morris motions to adjourn at 9:08, which is seconded by Ms. Sharer. A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

Submitted by, Mary Ann McLean