

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting
March 7, 2023**

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

John McCann
Matthew Curtin

Caroline Thompson
Don Carlson

David Appelbaum
Uri Feiner

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

Also in attendance were Mayor Chris Harding, Office , Borough Manager Paula Johnson, Engineer Patrick Foley, Officer Romberger, 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. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Second Saturday 3/11 8am-12am – Details on the Experience Yardley Facebook page
Quintessential Yardley Art – Sponsored by the Yardley Historical Association - Art
donated by Mr. Cadwallader will be sold at a silent auction on 3/25 and 3/26.

Michelle Sharer – Friends of Lake Afton
April 22nd is Spring cleanup day

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED March 7, 2023

A. Approval of Minutes Dated February 21, 2023

Ms. Thompson requests to move Event Permits, Item B, to a separate vote to allow
for additional discussion.

Mr. Curtin motions to approve the Consent Agenda, items A and C, dated March 7,
2023, which is seconded by Mr. Appelbaum.

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

B. Event Permits

- i. Vault Brewing Pig Roast – 19 W. College 6/10/23
- ii. Vault Brewing Mini-Beerfest – 19 W. College 8/12/23 RD 8/13/23
- iii. Vault Brewing Oktoberfest – 19 W. College 9/30/23

- C. Certificates of Appropriateness
 - i. 23-9-13A East Afton Windows
 - ii. 23-11-20 S. Main St – Porch Columns
 - iii. 23-12-30 S. Main St- Door and Window

Mr. Feiner motions to approve Event Permits, Item B, which is seconded by Mr. Curtin.

Discussion regarding Event Permits, Item B. Ms. Thompson read a letter from two community members, which requested that Council vote on these event permits at a later date so the community has more time to review the requests and the permits.

A discussion was held regarding the events permits being proposed.

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

VII. POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT

Police service statistics for February 2023. The department handled 531 calls for service, issued 4 parking tickets, issued 80 traffic citations, issued 2 other citations, investigated 3 motor vehicle accidents, and made 2 arrests, 0 for DUI.

VIII. MANAGER’S REPORT

- A. Consideration to Accept the March 7, 2023, Finance Report
Consensus was granted.
Manager’s monthly recap was presented.

IX. ENGINEER’S REPORT

PECO lot – Grant update – Announcement expected soon for the LSA grants.

X. PROJECT UPDATES

- A. FEMA funded 33 Brown Elevation Payment Certificate #4
Mr. Curtin motions to approve payment certificate #4 for 33 Brown Street, which is seconded by Mr. McCann.
A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.
- B. FEMA funded 33 Brown Elevation Alternative Payment Certificate #3
Mr. Curtin motions to approve Alternative Payment Certificate #3 for 33 Brown Street, which is seconded by Mr. McCann.
A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.
- C. FEMA funded 33 Brown Elevation Change Order No. 6
Mr. Feiner motions to approve Change Order No. 6 for 33 Brown Street, which is seconded by Mr. Appelbaum
A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.
- D. FEMA funded 33 Brown Elevation Change Order No. 7
Mr. Carlson motions to approve Change Order No. 7 for 33 Brown Street, which is seconded by Mr. Feiner.

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

E. Mary Yardley Bridge

Bridge on schedule for April. Preconstruction meeting with all parties will be happening on site in March. Engineer is coordinating with YB with DCNR. Project should be completed by mid-June.

F. North Main Street Sidewalk – Phase II

Scheduled to restart at beginning of April when paving season starts on April 1.

XI. SOLICITOR’S REPORT

n/a

XII. MAYOR’S REPORT

May Harding met with Boy Scout Pack 230 and discussed Borough government and restaurants.

XIII. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. Kim Segal-Morris – Public Safety Committee, Human Relations Committee, N/A

B. Uri Feiner - Public Works Committee, Sewer Authority, APO
No report

C. Matt Curtin – General Government Committee, YMFC
No report

D. John McCann – Community & Economic Development Committee, Historic & Architectural Review Board, Shade Tree
CED reviewed outdoor dining ordinance and is looking to send it back to a formal full review by the Bucks Co Planning Commission.

E. David Appelbaum – Community Outreach Committee, YBA, Parks and Rec
Artists of Yardley – pop up art gallery discussed
Spearhead which is located at the Grist Mill – They manufacture packaging for the spirits industry and they also innovate on recycling and reuse
Two new ducks have been added in the Borough

F. Don Carlson – ZHB, Sewer
No report

G. Caroline Thompson – Planning Commission
No report.

XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Discussion and Acceptance of the Proposed Changes to the Outdoor Dining Ordinance

Ms. McCann motions to have the Solicitor draft an amended outdoor dining ordinance, which is seconded by Mr. Carlson.

There are 25 eating establishments in the Borough and 68% will be able to have 8 outdoor seats without additional cost. Establishments with more seating will incur additional paperwork and costs.

Mr. Carlson suggests that the office reaches out to businesses in anticipation of the changes for the upcoming season.

The application is one time only unless business changes ownership.

The ordinance clarifies language around “serving” versus “providing” of food.

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

XV. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Appelbaum requested information from the Zoning Officer regarding what planning is in place for if a train derailment with hazardous materials occurred in Yardley. Mr. Foraker noted that training and preplanning has been done and he is comfortable with the Borough’s level of preparedness.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Curtin motions to adjourn at 8:14, which is seconded by Mr. Appelbaum.

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

Submitted by,
Mary Ann McLean