

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting  
March 16, 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, and Solicitor Ernest Closser.

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

- David Applebaum, 39 Breece Drive.  
Yardley Duck walk is being postponed until perhaps next yet.  
Artists of Yardley is planning a Plein Air judged art competition for Newtown and Yardley. Plein Air is a type of landscape painting. Proposed dates are May 14-27 and approximately 40 artists will participate. Mr. Applebaum will follow up with the Borough office on the details.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED March 16, 2021

- A. Approval of Minutes dated March 2, 2021
- B. Bills List dated March 16, 2021
- C. Certificate of Appropriateness No 21-07@16 South Main, Sign
- D. Event Permit Music Together Class
- E. Event Permit Sandy Run Girl Scout Summer Camp
- F. Event Permit Yardley Farmers Market

A motion to approve the consent agenda dated March 16, 2021 was made by Mr. Ross, which is seconded by Ms. Thompson.

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

## VII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

### A. Updates

- Funded DUI control activity on 3/17/21 with respect to St. Patrick's Day.
- Two officers have completed training for field sobriety testing.

### B. Consideration of Resolution No.21-02 State Police Charges

There is a new funding formula for PA State Police, which has been operating at a deficit. The new proposal calls for all municipalities to contribute to State Police funding, regardless of whether those municipalities regularly use the services of the State Police. The contribution from Yardley is \$2.86 per resident for a total of \$7,088. Mutual aid normally comes to Yardley from surrounding communities, not from the PA State Police. The resolution asks our state representatives to oppose this funding strategy.

The Resolution, which is attached to the meeting materials, was read into the record by Chief Kelly.

A motion to approve Resolution 21-02 was made by Ms. Thompson and seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris.

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

A discussion followed after the vote was taken.

Ms. Perlmutter spoke in favor of this funding model and asked that Council do a cost calculation analyzing potential cost savings to the Borough.

Ms. Thompson noted that there would be less coverage to our community with this funding model.

Mr. Feiner asks specifically what service this funding model would cover, and Chief Kelly noted it would just be emergency response, not routine patrols.

## VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT

- Garbage can inventory – Manager Johnson will provide a proposal to replace some of the cans at the next meeting.
- Proposals for the Annex will be presented at the next meeting.
- The annual audit is almost completed.

## IX. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

## X. MAYOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

## XI. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. Matthew Curtin – Environmental Advisory Commission, Reading Avenue Committee

Nothing to report.

B. Matthew Ross – Public Works Committee, Planning Commission

A grant opportunity from American Water's Environmental Grant Program was presented by Engineer Colletti. The grant is for \$10,000 with no match for watershed

cleanup and it fits well with activities Yardley has planned. The application is due at the end of the month, and the estimated cost to prepare the application is \$500.

Mr. Ross motions to ask RVE to prepare grant application, which is seconded by Mr. McCann.

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

C. Kim Segal-Morris – Public Safety Committee, Human Relations Committee, TTN  
Airport Updates

Nothing to report.

D. David Bria – Sewer Authority

- PECO lot – Spoke with Steve Santarsiero’s office to try to push the process along.
- Bucks County Hospitality Industry Recovery Program – Grant application window is open through 4/2/21 via the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority. Restaurants do qualify for these grants.
- \$248,000 from the federal stimulus bill will be coming to Yardley Borough. Details to follow on how this money can be spent.

E. Caroline Thompson – General Government Committee, Parks & Recreation Board

Nothing to report.

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

Nothing to report.

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

Nothing to report.

## XII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

## XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Feiner - Appointment to HARB

Three applicants presented themselves for consideration. HARB rules require an architect on the board and with a shift in responsibilities the architect position is available. Daniel Ward has been an architect for 21 years and is well qualified.

Mr. Feiner motions to appoint Daniel Ward to HARB with a term ending 12/31/2024, which is seconded by Ms. Thompson.

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

#### XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McCann motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:12, which is seconded by Mr. Ross. The motion passes 7-0.

Submitted by,  
Mary Ann McLean