

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting
March 21, 2023**

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

Kim Segal-Morris
Matthew Curtin

Caroline Thompson
Uri Feiner

David Appelbaum
John McCann

Council member(s) not in attendance: Don Carlson

Also in attendance were Mayor Chris Harding, Chief Joseph Kelly, Borough Manager Paula Johnson, Engineer Patrick Foley, and Solicitor Ernest Closser.

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

- New livestream equipment has been installed. Currently streaming to Facebook but will be transitioning to You Tube.
- State funds of \$62,830 were received from Senator Santarsiero and Representative Warren for the purchase of the PECO lot.
- Yardley Historical Society - Art show 3/25 and 3/26
- Gather Place – Exhibiting at Yardley Meetinghouse during renovations. Will reopen on 4/15 for visits.
- Lake Afton cleanup will be held in April.
- Open mic and trivia night on Wednesdays at Yardley General

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

none

VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED March 21, 2023

A. Approval of Minutes Dated March 7, 2023

Ms. Segal-Morris asks to move the minutes of the March 7th meeting moved to a separate vote.

Mr. Curtin motions approve the Consent Agenda dated March 21, 2023, which is seconded by Mr. McCann.

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

Mr. Curtin motions to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2023 meeting, which is seconded by Mr. Appelbaum.

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

B. Certificates of Appropriateness

- i. 23-13 – 6 South Main Street- Sign

- ii. 23-14 – 6 South Main Street – Sign
- iii. 23-15 – 10 South Main Street – Fence
- iv. 23-16 – 10 South Main Street - Planters

C. Event Permit

- i. Easter Egg Hung 4/1/23 in Buttonwood Park
- ii. Memorial Day Parade 5/29/23 Main Street

D. Banner Permit – Memorial Mile and Yardley 5K 5/7/23-5/30/23

VII. POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT

None

VIII. MANAGER’S REPORT

A. Consideration to Accept the March 21, 2023 Finance Report

Consensus was granted.

2022 Annual DCED audit is complete with no findings needing correction.

Spring/Summer newsletter will be delivered soon.

Thanks to the Staropoli family for restoring the clock, which now hangs in Borough Hall.

Recognized Liz Young and Experience Yardley for the ducks installed throughout town.

IX. SOLICITOR’S REPORT

None.

X. MAYOR’S REPORT

Matt Curtin hosted the Mayor’s radio show.

XI. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. Kim Segal-Morris – Public Safety Committee, Human Relations Committee, EY, EAC

EAC meeting Thursday 3/23 to orient new members.

Experience Yardley – All 6 ducks are in place and there will be a dedication on 4/15 in Buttonwood Park.

EY is soliciting sponsorships for Music on Main.

B. Uri Feiner - Public Works Committee, Planning Commission

Public Works met to discuss existing projects that may be candidates for federal infrastructure money. Upgrade to the crosswalks is being considered.

There are opportunities for money from state/federal sources, but they often require shovel ready projects. Public Works is discussing how to get better prepared with shovel ready projects when funding opportunities become available.

Phase 3 Sidewalk project has a shortfall of over 1 million dollars, pending decision on another grant. A decision needs to be made about how to proceed.

C. Matt Curtin – General Government Committee, YMFC

Thanks to Manager Johnson and Financial Assistant Sargent on 2022 audit work resulting in a clean review.

Met, along with President Thompson, with Congressman Fitzpatrick to update him on flood elevations and success with FEMA grants and some outstanding overages on past projects.

- D. John McCann – Community & Economic Development Committee, Historic & Architectural Review Board, Shade Tree
No report.
- E. David Appelbaum – Community Outreach Committee, YBA, Parks and Rec
An anonymous donor has provided \$400 to cover the cost of maintenance and upkeep to the Mayor’s clock and light posts.
Harvest Day – Spots are already sold out with 137 vendors
FC Works has opened a shared workspace on Buttonwood
Firehouse Cycle – Welcomed to their a new location
Burritos – May Day celebration
Towns Against Graffiti project –1500 in funds has been secured to join this organization. An ordinance is being drafted for Council consideration.
Spearhead Earth – Yardley has been selected to try for a 10k passthrough grant for properties that are adjacent to water.
- F. Don Carlson – ZHB, Sewer
N/A
- G. Caroline Thompson – Planning Commission
N/A

XII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Consideration of Bid for FEMA Funded 77 Morgan Avenue
- B. Consideration of Bid for FEMA Funded 112-114 Morgan Avenue

Item B is being removed from consideration.

Mr. Feiner motions to approve the bid for FEMA funded 77 Morgan Avenue, which is seconded by Mr. Curtin.

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

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Appelbaum motions to adjourn at 7:53, which is seconded by Mr. McCann.

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

Submitted by,
Mary Ann McLean