

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting  
April 20, 2021**

The meeting was held via video conference with the following members present:

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| Uri Feiner       | Matt Curtin |            |
| Kim Segal-Morris | John McCann | David Bria |
| Matthew Ross     |             |            |

Council member(s) not in attendance: Caroline Thompson

Also in attendance were Mayor Harding, Chief Joseph Kelly, Borough Manager Paula Johnson, Engineer Liz Colletti, Zoning Officer Wes Foraker, 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

- Passing of Dave Bowker, 84 North Main Street, 55 year resident of Yardley and very active member of the community. Mr. Curtin, his neighbor, offered public condolences to the family. The funeral is on Saturday at Fitzgerald-Sommer and donations in his honor can be made to the Friends of Lake Afton.
- Mr. Feiner announced that Yardley e-gift cards are available as a way to support local businesses. The cards work at 11 local businesses. Cards may be purchased at [www.experienceyardey.com](http://www.experienceyardey.com).
- Mr. Bachalis announced that Barbara Hughes, a long time Yardley resident, passed away from Covid complications recently.
- Annual drug takeback event will be held April 24, 2021 from 10-2. Bring unused or expired medications to the police department. There is also a sharps disposal and Narcan distribution event at three locations in the county.
- Lake Afton cleanup day on Saturday, April 24th from 8-12.
- Yardley will receive a \$312,000 MultiModal grant from PennDot which will be used towards the completion of Phase II of the North Main Street sidewalk project.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED April 20, 2021

- A. Approval of Minutes dated April 6, 2021
- B. Bills List dated April 20, 2021
- C. Certificate of Appropriateness

- App #21-09 – 55 East Afton – Siding  
App #21-11 – 37 South Main Street - Fence
- D. Event Permit Yardley Carry The Load  
E. Event Permit Carve-O-Thon and Canal-O-Ween  
F. Appointment to Borough Boards and Commissions:  
Constance Webster – Zoning Hearing Board term ending 12/31/2021  
Susan Taylor – Planning Commission term ending 12/31/2021

A motion to approve the consent agenda dated April 20, 2021 was made by Mr. McCann, which is seconded by Ms. Ross.

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

VII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT

- Have contracted with a new company for credit card processing. There will be with no service fees and will allow online processing.
- Website will be getting an overhaul for free from FZ Media.
- Black municipal trash cans have been ordered.
- Two items before the Zoning Hearing Board on Monday 4/26/21. The addresses are 25 S. Main and 19 W. College.

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  
Sidewalk and Mary Yardley Bridge projects are moving forward. Another grant decision is pending. Both projects are projected to get done in the summer.

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

Nothing to report.

D. David Bria – Sewer Authority

Yardley received a FEMA grant of more than \$2 million towards the elevation of eight homes in the floodplain.

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

N/A.

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

### Council/Boards/Committee Meetings

A discussion followed about returning to in-person meetings in Borough Hall.

Mr. Bria notes that given the relatively small meeting space remaining virtual is advisable until more of the population is fully vaccinated. This may change in the coming months.

Mr. McCann agrees that it is best to stay virtual for now for safety reason.

Mr. Closser notes that virtual official meetings were allowed as a result of the Governor's Emergency Declaration, which is still in effect.

## XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

### A. EAC Grant 2<sup>nd</sup> Payment

A motion was made by Mr. Curtain to make a payment of \$7,451.76 to ASA for the EAC project, which is seconded by Mr. Ross.

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

B. Payment No. 4 Main and Afton Intersection – Final Payment to close out the project.

A motion was made by Mr. Ross to pay \$18,484.45 to Armour and Sons, which is seconded by Mr. Feiner.

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

## XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ross motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:00, which is seconded by Mr. McCann. The motion passes 7-0.

Submitted by,  
Mary Ann McLean