

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting  
June 15, 2021**

The meeting was held in Council Chambers with the following members present:

Caroline Thompson	Uri Feiner via phone	Matthew Ross
John McCann	Matt Curtin	

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

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

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Caroline Thompson, Vice President  
The meeting, held at Borough Hall, was called to order at 7:30pm.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - Experience Yardley has all bands booked for Music on Main beginning July 31 to Sept 4<sup>th</sup>. It will be 6 Saturday evenings.
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT  
Dawn Perlmutter, 18 W. College, followed up on Armour and Sons Electric Invoice from last meeting. Manager Johnson answered that there is no update. 2. Also followed up on the accessory use at the Tannery Taproom. It has been operating with a kitchen. Ms. Thompson explained re-heating is allowed and that the matter is being dealt with between the Borough and business owner.
- VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED June 15, 2021
  - A. Approval of Minutes Dated June 1, 2021
  - B. Bills List Dated June 15, 2021
  - C. Special Event Permit-Yardley Car Festival-September 11<sup>th</sup> rain date 9/12

Dawn Perlmutter, 18 West College, comments on 2-line items on the bills list which represents payroll for employees and repair of streetlights.  
A motion to approve the Consent Agenda dated June 15th 2021 is made by Mr. Curtin which is seconded by Mr. Ross.  
A vote was held, and the motion passes 5-0.
- VII. POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT  
Designation of Approved Storage Garages  
Chief Kelly presented an overview of the department’s tow services through approved storage garage. The Borough has utilized Superior Motor Service which has sold the

business and will discontinue serving the Borough. He requests that Council consider Rob's Commercial Hauling and John's Auto Body and Towing as approved storage garages on a monthly rotation schedule.

A motion is made by Mr. Ross which is seconded by Mr. Curtin.

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

#### VIII. MANAGERS REPORT

- A. Received letter from the governor that the Borough needs to apply for the American Rescue Plan Act Funds
- B. Park and Rec Board Corn Hole 2<sup>nd</sup> Night will be Wednesday for overflow.
- C. The sharrows on Afton Ave – Borough would be responsible for maintenance after PennDOT installs. Can be painted or thermoplastic paint. Ken can do maintenance. Will be 19 sharrows approximately 250 ft along Afton Ave. A discussion was held and about it being for safety and if the Historical Committee needs to be involved. Mr. Feiner motions to allow PennDOT to paint bike sharrows on Afton Ave, which is seconded by Mr. McCann. A vote was held, and the motions passes 5-0.

A discussion followed about the ARPA Funding, specifically about the projects the Borough would submit for. The categories are 1. Lost revenue (4.1% of 2019) about \$76K, 2. Livestream/video equipment upgrades \$13K, 3. Stormwater management upgrades \$150-400K, 4. Local nonprofit and business stimulus between \$1K - \$5K each, 5. Submissions from police department and borough staff to digitalize of property records and purchase gators for the police. Council discussed the amount for the livestream and will increase the number. The storm management upgrades include jet cleaning in four locations, backflow preventors, sidewalk drainage issues at multiple addresses. Gators are needed for floods and emergencies. Mr. Curtin motions to direct the Borough Manager to submit for ARPA Funding as submitted by General Government Committee, which is seconded by Mr. McCann. The general public discussed increasing the livestream number and increasing the stimulus amount. Motion passes 5-0.

#### IX. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Governor's Emergency Declaration is no longer in effect as of today.

#### X. MAYOR'S REPORT

47<sup>th</sup> Mayor's Luncheon at the Vault which was paid for by the mayors who were in attendance.

#### XI. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

- A. Matthew Curtin – Environmental Advisory Commission, Reading Avenue Committee  
Nothing to report.
- B. Matthew Ross – Public Works Committee, Planning Commission  
Public Works was canceled. Still waiting for design team to finish design of sidewalk and file permitting for Mary Yardley Bridge.

- C. Kim Segal Morris – Public Safety Committee, Human Relations Commission, TTN  
Airport Updates  
Not present
- D. David Bria – Sewer Authority  
Not present
- 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

Re-opening Plan and Guidelines are moved to the next meeting.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn at 8:08pm was made by Mr. Ross, which is seconded by Mr. McCann. A vote was held, and the motion passes 5-0.

Submitted by,  
Patty Sargent