

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting
August 15, 2023**

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

David Appelbaum
Kim Segal-Morris

Don Carlson
Michele Sharer

Caroline Thompson

Council member(s) not in attendance: Uri Feiner and Matthew Curtin

Also in attendance were Chief 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 7:31.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Rich Wayne
Restaurant Week is going on right now and there is a lot of activity in the Borough.
Requested September 21, 2024 for next Harvest Day. Verbal approval was given, pending a vote at the next meeting.
Discussion of porta-pottys on College Avenue and options for their placement.
Mr. Wayne presented options for using a lot that is currently open and should remain open through Harvest Day, a space on Carl Perella's back lot, and worst-case scenario on the sidewalk in front of Carl Perella's lot. Will be voted on at the next meeting.
Requested that Public Works put wasp traps in Fitzgerald Field the week before the event.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED August 15, 2023

- A. Approval of Minutes Dated July 18, 2023
- B. AJF Ride 4 Autism September 9, 2023, Reading, College Ave & Canal
- C. Yardley Friends Meeting Flea Market, 9/9 Rain date 9/16
- D. Certificates of Appropriateness
 - 22-23 – 20 S. Main Street – Sign
 - 23-28 – 25 S. Main St – ATM Upgrades
 - 23-29 – 106 S. Main St – Fence
 - 23-30 – 1 South Main St - Signs

Ms. Thompson requested that the minutes be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Segal Morris motions to approve Consent Agenda items B-D dated August 15, 2023, which is seconded by Mr. Carlson.

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

Ms. Segal-Morris motions to approve the Minutes dated July 18, 2023, which is seconded by Mr. Carlson.

A vote was held, and the motion passes with a vote of 3-0-2.

VII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Police service statistics for July 2023. The department handled 818 calls for service, issued 106 traffic citations, 1 criminal citation, investigated 11 motor vehicle accidents, and made 4 arrests, 1 for DUI.

VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Johnson presented her monthly report.

A. Consideration to Accept the August 15, 2023 Finance Report
Consensus was granted.

B. Resolution 23-07 Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement
Ms. Segal-Morris motions to approve Resolution 23-07, which is seconded by Ms. Sharer.
A vote was held, and the motion passes 5-0.

IX. ENGINEER'S REPORT

A. FEMA Funded 81 N. Delaware Ave Elevation Payment Certificate No. 5
Mr. Carlson motions to approve 81 Delaware Ave Elevation Payment Certificate No. 5, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris.
A vote was held, and the motion passes 5-0.

B. 81 North Delaware Elevation Alternate Payment Certificate No. 2
Mr. Carlson motions to approve 81 North Delaware Elevation Alternate Payment Certificate No. 2, which is seconded by Ms. Sharer.
A vote was held, and the motion passes 5-0.

C. Mary Yardley Pedestrian Bridge Replacement Project Update
Bridge work is underway. The bridge will be assembled the week of September 10.
Access to the east side will be coordinated with Peco to allow access.

X. PROJECT UPDATES

No report

XI. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report.

XII. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Harding noted the passing of long time YM firefighter Michael Plassa, Yardley Inn, Continental, and the Vault promoted restaurant week on the radio show – delicious food was shared.

XIII. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

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

No report

B. Uri Feiner - Public Works Committee, Sewer Authority, APO

N/A

C. Matt Curtin – General Government Committee, YMFC

N/A

D. Vacant – Community & Economic Development Committee, Historic & Architectural Review Board, Shade Tree

N/A

E. David Appelbaum – Community Outreach Committee, YBA, Parks and Rec
Currently reworking the graffiti ordinance to address concerns brought up during last meeting when the vote to advertise failed.

A suggestion for the reps from TAG to visit at a future meeting (in person or by Zoom) to answer questions.

F. Don Carlson – ZHB, Sewer

No report

G. Caroline Thompson – Planning Commission

Welcome to Councilperson Sharer.

Committee assignments will be announced at the next meeting

Dave Kelliher, a representative of Foster Digital Media, appears to discuss management of video production, as is done for several local community boards. One piece of equipment is on backorder and all streaming equipment is currently working correctly. He is monitoring bandwidth for any potential issues with streaming to Facebook and YouTube.

Regarding backup recordings, the equipment records to a hard drive at the end of each meeting and resides in multiple places for redundancy. He is checking on the franchise agreement to see if we can push live to Comcast or Verizon.

Council is considering contracting with Foster Digital Media to manage the livestreaming of meetings to ensure all goes well with broadcast and recording

XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Carlson provided a brief review of mid-year budget numbers.

XV. OTHER BUSINESS

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Segal-Morris motions to adjourn at 8:00, which is seconded by Ms. Sharer.

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

Submitted by,
Mary Ann McLean