

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting
September 1, 2020**

The meeting was held via Zoom with the following members present:

Caroline Thompson	Uri Feiner	
Kim Segal-Morris	John McCann	Matthew Ross

Council member(s) not in attendance: David Bria

Also in attendance were Chief Joseph Kelly, Engineers Liz Colletti and Tom Beach, Solicitor Ernest Closser, Mayor Chris Harding, Borough Manager Paula Johnson and Code Enforcement Officer Wes Foraker.

I. CALL TO ORDER – Caroline Thompson, Vice President
The meeting, held by video conference, was called to order at 7:32.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL
All councilmembers present.

IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
The VFW is hosting a free outdoor movie, food trucks, and games on Saturday 9/5 at 6:00.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT
Don Carlson, 14 Creekview, spoke representing Yardley Walk Homeowners. The last home was completed in 11/18 but the builder has not finished the project and the punch list of approximately 100 items was supposed to be done by this fall. Homeowners learned recently that the builder will not be finished with these punch list items until July 2021. There are ADA handles missing and broken fencing and Mr. Carlson asks if Council can help with the safety issues before winter, and also what is the builder's obligation for finishing? Ms. Thompson asks Manager Johnson to investigate the contractual obligations. RVE has tried to get in touch with the builder following the 6/17 walkthrough but has been unsuccessful. RVE will make some phone calls and will follow up with Mr. Carlson.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED September 1, 2020

- A. Approval of Minutes dated August 18, 2020
- B. Bills List dated September 1, 2020
- C. Certificate of Appropriateness – 20-20 Mural on Firehouse Cycles
- D. Special Event Permit – Rec Board Corn Hole League
- E. Farmers' Market Extension in Buttonwood Park

Mr. McCann motions to approve the consent agenda dated September 1, 2020 as amended to remove the Special Event Permit, which is seconded by Mr. Feiner. The motion carries 5-0. Mr. Ross motions to approve the Special Event Permit as amended to add Thursday night due to popularity of the league, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris. The motion carries 5-0.

VII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Updates

- August 2020 Service Statistics
Police responded to 468 calls for service, issued 54 moving traffic citations, issued 3 parking tickets, investigated 5 traffic accidents, and handled 1 arrest, not for DUI.
- CPR, AED, and First Aid refresher completed. Commendation to Officer Scott Frank for his assistance.

VIII. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Updates

Nothing additional to report outside of submitted report.

- Buck Creek Watershed Management Grant – Mr. McCann moves to approve paying invoice totaling \$3,801, which is seconded by Mr. Ross. The motion carries 5-0.
- Mr. Feiner asked about the advanced pedestrian phase at Main/Afton. RVE notes it should be installed and working correctly at this time.

IX. PROJECT UPDATES

A. Main & Afton Intersection – Work is completed. RVE is confirming that the Borough is still ADA compliant with the ramp in front of the Continental Tavern. Inspection will be done. The change of scope has been submitted. Mr. Feiner would like to see the breakdown of the \$12809.70. RVE will get that and push the vote to next meeting. A discussion followed regarding Form Based Code which is an option to preserve the character of an historic area.

B. Mary Yardley Bridge

DCNR has preliminary plans and are being reviewed. Once that approval is received they will move forward with permits and then bids. Ms. Thompson asks about a realistic timeline for permit approval and hopefully permits completed by the end of October.

C. PECO Property

No update.

D. North Main Street Sidewalks - Phase II

Mr. Ross moves to have RVE create a grant package for the MTF grant, which is seconded by Mr. McCann. The motion carries 5-0.

X. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Updates

Liquid Fuels audit is underway, being done out of Harrisburg.

B. 2021 MMO

Police pension and non-uniformed pension. This is an estimate that must be submitted to PMRS. Estimated totals are \$68,150 for police and \$4,829 for non-uniformed.

Ms. Segal-Morris moves to approve the MMO, which is seconded by Mr. Ross. The motion carries 5-0.

C. Comcast Franchise Agreement Renewal

Resolution 20-17 - Mr. Ross motions to enter into the franchise agreement with Comcast, which is seconded by McCann.

A discussion followed regarding the terms of the agreement. The motion carries 5-0.

D. Streetscape updates.

Period streetlights – Sanding and painting costs \$2500.

Replacement of Borough trash bins – 15 bins costs \$6860 plus installation.

10 bins costs \$5000 plus installation.

The work to replace these items can be done now but a vote is needed to approve the non-budgeted expense. Several Council members would like to hold off until spring when the expense can be paid out of the budget.

XI. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Updates

The state has approved the line of credit loan. Closing scheduled for 9/4.

XII. MAYOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

XIII. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. Vacant – Environmental Advisory Commission, Reading Avenue Committee

Nothing to report.

B. Matthew Ross – Public Works Committee, Planning Commission

Nothing to report outside of engineer's report.

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

HR meeting later this week.

Public Safety – Need to establish a chain of command someone needs to be trained in all the Manager's responsibilities in the event she is incapacitated because there currently is no assistant manager.

D. David Bria – Sewer Authority

Nothing to report.

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

Nothing to report.

F. John McCann – Community & Economic Development Committee, Historic &
Architectural Review Board

CED met this week and fodc.org is open for donations to the Mary Yardley Bridge fund.

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

Thanks to Manager Johnson for updating calendar with all meetings.

An appeals board will be established and also looking for human relations committee members.

XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

XV. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Bria entered the meeting
Council member interviews

- A. Dawn Perlmutter
- B. Matt Curtin
- C. Victoria Czechowski
- D. Daniel Mohn
- E. Brad Levine

Candidates were interviewed individually in the order in which applications were received. Candidates were given the opportunity to make a brief opening statement with follow-up questions asked by members of Council and Mayor Harding. Candidates were then given the opportunity to make a closing statement. After the interviews were completed the group was reconvened and a vote was taken.

Ms. Thompson motions to appoint Matthew Curtain to the open spot on council, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris.

Ms. Thompson amends the motion to appoint Matthew Curtain via resolution 20-07, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris.

Members of Council and members of the community spoke in support of various candidates.

A roll call vote was held as follows:

Caroline Thompson	Y
David Bria	Y
Uri Feiner	Y
Kim Segal-Morris	Y
John McCann	Y
Matthew Ross	Y

The motion to appoint Matthew Curtain was approved 6-0.

The swearing in ceremony will be held at the next meeting.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Thompson motions to adjourn the meeting at 10:09, which is seconded by Mr. Ross. The motion passes 6-0.

Submitted by,
Mary Ann McLean