# Yardley Borough Council Meeting September 7, 2021

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

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

Matt Curtin

Council member(s) not in attendance:

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

I. CALL TO ORDER –David Bria, President The meeting was called to order at 7:30.

## II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## III. ROLL CALL

## IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- September 11<sup>th</sup> remembrance event sponsored by Carry the Load at the National Cemetery will be held Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- David Applebaum Experience Yardley. Music on Main has been incredibly successful this summer. Thanks given to Yardley Borough's management team and Council for their support contributing to the success of the event.

## V. PUBLIC COMMENT

- John Simone, owner Yardley Town Center. Borough ordinances are not being enforced equally. He would like to see discussions opened to ensure that everyone is complying with the ordinances and that enforcement is consistent. If that discussion cannot happen then matters will have to be taken to court.
- Susan Taylor, 35 Lookover Lane. Suggests upgrading sound system for those
  watching meetings remotely because the microphone at the speakers' table cannot
  be heard on the broadcast. Mr. Bria noted that an upgraded sound system for
  Borough Hall is on the list of desired projects to be done with the federal money
  coming to the Borough.
- Dawn Perlmutter, 18 W. College Avenue, spoke regarding history of code violation enforcement in the past and ongoing.

## VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED September 7, 2021

- A. Approval of Minutes Dated August 17, 2021
- B. Bills List Dated September 7, 2021
- C. Certificate of Appropriateness 21-25 21 East Afton Sign

21-26 37 South Main Street Fence

- D. Event Permit Beerfest
- E. Event Permit Music on Main

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda dated September 7, 2021 was made by Mr. McCann, which is seconded by Ms. Thompson.

A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.

## VII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Thanks to the police department for their many extra hours of outstanding work over the past three weeks with the storm and the shooting.

Police service statistics for August 2021: The department handled 563 calls for service, issued 2 parking tickets, issued 69 moving traffic citations, investigated 7 traffic accidents, and made 2 arrests (0 for DUI.)

## VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) Police and Non-Uniform Pension The MMO amount for 2022 for the police is \$70,036 and for the non-uniformed staff is \$4973.

Mr. Ross motions to approve the MMO obligation for police and non-uniformed pensions, which is seconded by Ms. Thompson.

A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.

B. Resolution No 21-07 Waive Required Officer Contributions (For calendar year 2022 only.)

Ms. Segal-Morris motions to approve Resolution 21-07, which is seconded by Mr. Ross. A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.

## C. Acceptance of Salt Bid 2021-2022

Mr. Ross motions to accept the 2021-2022 Salt Bid from Morton Salt for \$57.88 per ton delivered and \$57 per ton undelivered, which is seconded by Ms. Thompson. A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.

## IX: ENGINEER'S REPORT

Updates included in submitted report.

- X. Project Updates as needed
  - A. Main & Afton Intersection as per submitted report
  - B. Mary Yardley Bridge as per submitted report
    There have been increases in lead time and costs for the project. The engineer is
    evaluating options and will provide updates in the coming weeks. There has been
    an increase from 3 weeks to 14 weeks for fabrication and a \$20,000 increase in
    cost.
  - C. PECO Property as per submitted report

    No movement other than looking for other grant opportunities.

D. North Main Street Sidewalks, Phase II

The Engineer has received verbal approval of HOP.

Mr. Ross motions to advertise for bidding on Phase II of the North Main Street Sidewalk Project, which is seconded by Mr. McCann.

A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.

E. Elevation project – Inspections are beginning.

Community Comment - Dawn Perlmutter - Recent rain has caused water, drainage, and tree issues on Van Horn. The engineer has met with residents and DEP is moving forward with significant fines. ML7 is waiting to secure a contractor for the remediation plan.

## XI. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

## XII. MAYOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

#### XIII. COUNCILMEMBER REPORT

A. Matthew Curtin – Environmental Advisory Commission, Reading Avenue Committee

Nothing to report.

- B. Matthew Ross Public Works Committee, Planning Commission Nothing to report.
- C. Kim Segal-Morris Public Safety Committee, Human Relations Committee, TTN Airport Updates

Nothing to report.

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, North Main Street Traffic Committee Nothing to report.

CED-Discussed outdoor seating and extension of waiver.

Mr. McCann motions to extend the outdoor seating waiver through November 30, 2021, which is seconded by Mr. Ross.

Mr. Feiner – Can this waiver be extended indefinitely?

David Applebaum – Suggested extended the waiver through the Christmas season so restaurants can plan ahead for the holidays.

Scott Burney – Asks Council to consider putting guardrails on the extension to avoid abuse.

A discussion followed in which it was determined that it would be best to continue the temporary extensions and make any permanent changes through an amendment to the Borough's ordinances.

A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.

Discussion about long-term parking solutions for the Borough.

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

Nothing to report.

## XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### XV. OTHER BUSINESS

Collective Bargaining Agreement 2022-2025 – Ms. Segal-Morris

Ms. Segal-Morris motions to approve the proposed collective bargaining agreement between the Yardley Borough Police Department and Yardley Borough covering the period 1/1/22-12/31/25, including a 5% salary increase for each of the four years of the contract, which is seconded by Mr. Ross.

A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.

#### XVI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm is made by Mr. McCann, which is seconded by Mr. Ross. A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.

Submitted by, Mary Ann McLean