

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting  
September 19, 2023**

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

Don Carlson  
Michele Sharer

Matthew Curtin  
Uri Feiner

Kim Segal-Morris  
Caroline Thompson

Council member(s) not in attendance: David Appelbaum

Also in attendance were Chief Kelly, Borough Manager Paula Johnson, Engineer Patrick Foley, and Solicitor Andrew Griffin.

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

- Friends of Lake Afton – Boat Rides on Harvest Day \$10/ride
- Harvest Day – 9/28/23

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

- James Jordan, 21 Canal Street – 18-wheel truck traffic on Canal Street has gotten out of control. These are Wawa trucks and other trucks.
- Chris Keilman, 66 Edgewater Ave – Addressed Council regarding rocks on the corner of Morgan Street and Delaware Ave. Mr. Griffin – Historical records show the right of way is 24-25 feet but the roadway was never opened more than 17.5 feet. Rocks are in the right of way, so Borough doesn't have authority unless the road is widened to encompass the right of way. If sightlines are impaired for drivers, the Borough can investigate and order trimming to be done to preserve the sightlines.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED September 19, 2023

A. Approval of Minutes Dated September 5, 2023

Ms. Thompson requests minutes be considered separately.

B. Certificates of Appropriateness 23-31 – 90 S. Main – Wood Screen

23-32 – 24 S. Main St – Fence

22-32 – 121 S. Main St – Wooden Arches – Continuation  
from last fall.

Mr. Curtin motions to approve item B, Certificates of Appropriateness, which is seconded by Ms. Sharer.

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

Ms. Segal Morris motions to approve the minutes dated September 5, 2023, which is seconded by Mr. Feiner.

A vote was held, and the motion passes 5-0-1.

## VII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Police will post road closures for Harvest Day on social media.

Officer Cortez is resigning after 8 years of service to spend more time with his family. A very qualified candidate was interviewed today and may be presented soon for approval.

## VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Consideration to Accept the September 19, 2023 Finance Report  
Consensus was granted.

Cheryl Cler has retired. Christine Ventresca has taken over tax collector and sewer authority duties.

Ms. Johnson presented her manager's report.

B. Acceptance of Refuse Collection Bid  
Republic Services was the low bidder with cost of \$105/quarter per household for 2x/week service, representing a 20% increase over past cost. Other boroughs are seeing 40% increases.

Mr. Feiner motions to accept the Refuse Collection Bid, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris.

Maria Saladino, Yardley Commons. Asked questions about why all residences were considered the same for pricing regardless of size or number of bedrooms.

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

## IX. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

## X. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

## XI. MAYOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

## XII. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. Kim Segal-Morris – Public Safety Committee, Human Relations Committee, EY  
EY porch party 9/22, planning for Canal-o-Ween is underway

B. Uri Feiner - Public Works Committee, Planning Commission, ZHB

Phase 3 of sidewalk discussed. Most of the cost is for drainage rather than sidewalk itself. Public Works is looking for other options for funding.

- C. Matt Curtin – General Government Committee, YMFC  
2024 Budget is being finalized with October 17<sup>th</sup> is slated for presentation to the public. Mr. Carlson and Mr. Curtin want to meet with each council member before 10/17 regarding budging and possible cost cutting. No tax increase is projected at this moment. Please schedule meetings sooner rather than later.

Wes Foraker and Mr. Curtin will meet with YMFC 10/3.

- D. Don Carlson – Community & Economic Development Committee, Historic & Architectural Review Board, Sewer Authority  
Nothing to report.
- E. David Appelbaum – Community Outreach Committee, Parks and Rec, YBA  
N/A
- F. Michelle Sharer – Shade Tree, EAC  
Nothing to report.
- G. Caroline Thompson - President  
In October, meeting formats will change. The first meeting of the month will follow the traditional meeting style. The second meeting of the month will be more of a working meeting with robust discussion with Council and community led by one of the committees around open issues and projects.

### XIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS N/A

### XIV. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Agreement of Sale PECO Lot  
100 Morgan Avenue, 54-4-8, Purchase price \$55,000  
Environmental study will be done.  
Small easement on the property for antenna.  
Adds to open space which helps community rating system.  
The purchase will ease use of the Mary Yardley Bridge with a trailhead for the canal and bridge.  
Mr. Feiner motions to approve the agreement of sale for the PECO lot, which is seconded by Ms. Sharer.  
A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.
- B. Mary Yardley Pedestrian Bridge Payment Certificate 2  
Mr. Carlson motions to approve Payment Certificate 2, which is seconded by Mr. Feiner.  
A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.
- C. 77 Morgan Avenue Payment Certificate 1

- Mr. Feiner motions to approve Payment Certificate 1, which is seconded by Ms. Sharer.  
A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.
- D. 45 South Delaware – Change Order No 4  
Mr. Feiner motions to approve Payment Certificate 4, which is seconded by Mr. Carlson.  
A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.
- E. 45 South Delaware – Change Order No 5  
Mr. Feiner motions to approve Change Order No 5, which is seconded by Ms. Sharer.  
A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.
- F. Consideration of FEMA Funded 93 N. Delaware Avenue Bid  
Bids came in above grant amount.  
RVE recommends rebidding project.  
Ms. Feiner motions to reject the bid and rebid the project, which is seconded by Mr. Curtin.  
A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

#### XV. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Sharer motions to adjourn at 8:23, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris.  
A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

Submitted by,  
Mary Ann McLean