

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting
January 3, 2022**

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

Caroline Thompson
Matthew Ross

Kim Segal-Morris
John McCann

David Bria
Christopher Campellone

Council member(s) not in attendance:

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

Swearing in of Mayor Harding, Councilpersons, and Tax Collector, 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Christopher Harding was sworn in as Yardley Mayor by Manager Johnson.

Mayor Harding swore in returning Councilpersons Bria, Thompson, Ross, new Councilman Christopher Campellone, and Tax Collector Melissa Wayne.

I. CALL TO ORDER – Christopher Harding, Mayor
The meeting was called to order at 7:30.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Nominations for Council President, Mayor Harding
Mr. Ross nominates David Bria for Council President.

Election of Council President, Mayor Harding
A vote was held and passed 6-0, appointing David Bria as Council President.

Nominations for Council Vice President, Council President
Mr. Ross nominates Caroline Thompson for Vice President

Election of Council Vice President, Council President
A vote was held and passed 6-0, appointing Caroline Thompson as Council Vice President.

Mr. Closser outlines the procedure for filling vacancies on Council as detailed in Yardley Borough Code. The vacancy will be formally announced at the following meeting on January 18, 2022.

III. ROLL CALL

IV. REAPPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH PROFESSIONALS

- A. Res. 22-01 Appointment of Borough Engineer
- B. Res. 22-02 Appointment of Borough Solicitor

Ms. Segal-Morris motions to reappoint Remington & Vernick as Borough Engineer, which is seconded by Mr. Ross, with costs not to exceed the hourly rates detailed in the schedule included in the meeting materials.

Ms. Thompson notes that Council and the Manager are working closely with RVE to ensure that projects and costs are meeting expectations.

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

Ms. Thompson motions to reappoint the Borough Solicitor, Curtin and Heefner, with costs not to exceed \$150/hour, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris.

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

V. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Carlson, 14 Creekview Drive, Chair of the Planning Commission. Ms. Carlson inquires, considering the current Covid situation, if meetings may be held by Zoom since the state emergency order has expired. Mr. Closser indicates that there is some flexibility and Zoom meetings can happen provided a quorum is present in person. If applicants need to appear before the Commission, the goal should be to meet in person with the applicant and Commission members.

VII. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED January 3, 2022

A. Approval of Minutes Dated December 21, 2021

B. Bills List Dated January 3, 2022

C. Reappointments to Borough Boards and Commissions

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda dated January 3, 2022 is made by Ms. Thompson, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris.

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

VIII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Monthly service statistics for December 2021.

Police service statistics for December 2021: The department handled 607 calls for service, issued 5 parking ticket, issued 44 traffic citations, issued no criminal citations, investigated 3 motor vehicle accidents, and made 4 arrests (3 for DUI.)

Annual service statistics for 2021.

Police service statistics for 2021: The department handled 6189 calls for service, issued 30 parking ticket, issued 830 traffic citations, issued 11 criminal citations, investigated 85 motor vehicle accidents, and made 32 arrests (10 for DUI.)

Commendation of officers who working New Year's Eve. Of note is that 3 DUI citations were issued around the New Year's Eve holiday in a community that normally sees around 10 DUI citations in an entire year.

IX. MANAGER'S REPORT

- 2021 audit already started.
- Borough office will remain locked for the time being in order to reduce the risk of Covid exposure to the small office staff.

X: ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Yardley Walk – Lennar will be out 1/4/22 regarding winterization.
- ML7 – RVE is waiting for a schedule from the contractor for that work to proceed.

XI. PROJECT UPDATES

- A. Mary Yardley Bridge
Submitting back to PHMC. Received drawings for bridge project. Will be shared with Manager.
- B. PECO Property
Looking for PECO Phase I
- C. North Main Street Sidewalks – Phase II and Phase III
Still waiting for PennDot so advertising for Phase II can begin.
Phase III – RVE will be issuing a proposal for design shortly.

XII. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

XIII. MAYOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

XIV. COUNCILMEMBER REPORT – Assignments will be updated once Council vacancy is filled.

- A. – 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

There is a new system for putting items on the meeting agenda. When Council considers a vote on a resolution that spends money for a budgeted item, a resolution form needs to be completed and sent out with the meeting packet. The resolution form is online and available to councilmembers and staff. A passed resolution form will be completed after the vote and included in the minutes for the following meeting.

The Borough received correspondence from LMT acknowledging that the agreement allowing Borough residents to join the LMT Pool at the LMT resident rate is no longer in place. Mr. Bria suggests that LMT may be open to a new agreement on this issue.

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, Shade Tree Commission
Nothing to report.

G. – Community Outreach Committee, Experience Yardley
Nothing to report.

XV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

XVI. OTHER BUSINESS

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Segal-Morris motions to adjourn at 7:54, which is seconded by Ms. Thompson.

Submitted by,
Mary Ann McLean