

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting
October 4, 2022**

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

Kim Segal-Morris
Matthew Curtin

Caroline Thompson
John McCann

David Appelbaum
Don Carlson

Council member(s) not in attendance: Matt Ross

Also in attendance were Chief Joseph Kelly, Borough Financial Assistant Patty Sargent, Engineer Patrick Foley, and Solicitor Ernest Closser.

I. CALL TO ORDER – Caroline Thompson, President

The meeting was called to order at 7:30.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 11/8 Council meeting is moved to 11/9 due to election
- Canal-o-ween organizers are looking for volunteers
- Carve-a-thon – 10/30 from 12-3. Families gather in the PECO lot to carve 300+ pumpkins to line the canal
- Yardley Beer Fest – 10/15/22 12-4 in Fitzgerald Field

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Peter Klabe, 116 S. Bell – Expressed displeasure with zoning enforcement with respect to the size of political advertisements in the Borough. The ordinance limits the size of signs to four square feet and there are much bigger signs being posted, including at 120 N. Main. Ms. Thompson will ask the zoning officer to investigate this.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED October 4, 2022

- A. Approval of Minutes Dated September 20, 2022
- B. Appointment of Christine Thomas to Shade Tree Commission with Term Ending 2025
- C. Approval of Banner Permit: Kayden's Korner 10/9/22 to 10/16/22

Mr. McCann motions to approve the Consent Agenda dated October 4, 2022, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris.

Earl Markey, College Ave, - Remarks that all banners approved to be posted in the Borough should be content neutral in order to avoid 1st Amendment issues.

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

VII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Police service statistics for September 2022: The department handled 520 calls for service, issued 65 parking tickets, issued 0 traffic citations, issued 0 non-traffic citations, investigated 7 motor vehicle accidents, and made 3 arrests (0 for DUI.)

A. Hiring of a New Full Time Police Officer – tabled until next meeting

- The department's annual coat drive is currently being planned for this season. More information to follow.

VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Accept Finance Report Dated October 4, 2022

Mr. Carlson moves to accept the Finance Report dated October 4, 2022, which is seconded by Mr. Appelbaum.

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

IX. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Ms. Thompson asks if the grant request discussed in the engineer's report could cover LED lighting throughout the Borough. The engineer will investigate.\

X. PROJECT UPDATES

A. North Main Street Sidewalks – Phases II & III

Phase II – Working on administrative items with the contractor and trying to obtain the schedule for the project, which will be distributed to Council as soon as it is available.

Phase III – Waiting for PennDot response

B. Mary Yardley Bridge

Contracts complete. Limited notice to proceed has been finalized so bridge can be purchased. Engineer is awaiting the timeline for the purchase of bridge in order to set the project schedule.

Mr. McCann expressed concern about the existing bridge lasting the winter. A walk of the site was done recently with Manager Johnson and the engineer, but another visit can be planned if Mr. McCann wishes.

XI. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

XII. MAYOR'S REPORT

Thanks to Mr. Carlson and Mr. Appelbaum for participating in the Yardley radio show.

XIII. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

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

- EY is updating their website.
- Small business is set for Saturday 11/26. Come out to shop and support local businesses.

- B. Matthew Ross – Public Works Committee, Sewer Authority, APO
n/a
- C. Matt Curtin – General Government Committee, YMFC
- Finalizing review of the budget to distribute to Council within the next week.
- D. John McCann – Community & Economic Development Committee, Historic & Architectural Review Board, Shade Tree Commission
- CED – Discussed outdoor seating with local business owners and will provide feedback to Council on ideas and recommendations for ordinance changes.
 - Expressed recognition for the boards and commissions who do such great work in our community.
- E. David Appelbaum – Community Outreach Committee, YBA, Parks and Rec
- Has engaged his computer science students from Drexel to do volunteer work with The Gather Place to help them create a web presence.
- F. Don Carlson – General Government, ZHB, Sewer
- Getting up to speed and working with Mr. Curtin on budget.
- G. Caroline Thompson – Planning Commission
- New livestream system will be installed starting on 10/10.
 - A client satisfaction meeting will be held with RVE 10/5.
 - FEMA – Council is required to take incident training to be eligible for elevation grants. Please take the training as soon as possible.

XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

XV. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Curtin motions to adjourn the meeting at 7:51, which is seconded by Mr. McCann. A vote was held, and the motion passes 6-0.

Submitted by,
Mary Ann McLean