

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting
October 19, 2021**

The meeting was held in Council Chambers with the following members present:

Caroline Thompson
David Bria
Matt Curtin

Uri Feiner-via phone
Matthew Ross
John McCann

Kim Segal-Morris

Council member(s) not in attendance:

Also in attendance were Mayor Chris Harding, Chief Joseph Kelly, Borough Manager Paula Johnson, Borough Financial Assistant Patty Sargent and Solicitor Ernest Closser.

I. CALL TO ORDER –David Bria, President

The meeting was called to order at 7:30.

Please note the Council meeting scheduled for November 2nd will be moved to 11/3 due to election day.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. Presentation by the Yardley Police Department and other area police departments to recognize Chief Joseph Kelly for his heroism and dedicated service during the events of August 18, 2021.

V. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Gabrielle Piccari Luongo and Dan Luongo, 68 N. Main Street, addressed Council regarding tree removal on a property adjacent to their property as well as pending construction on the site. Tree removal recently prevented residents from accessing their property and necessitated calling for police assistance. The Borough Engineer notes that no building can be done without formal approvals and permits and those have not been requested or granted. Mr. Ross and the engineer will look into this matter with DEP and local ordinances.
- Dawn Perlmutter, 18 W. College. Regarding the Luongo's concerns, Dr. Perlmutter comments that the code enforcement officer should be involved in this matter with respect to code violations. Additionally, Dr. Perlmutter has withdrawn her application for appointment to HARB.

In response to Dr. Perlmutter's comments, Mr. Bria notes that Borough staff are doing their jobs effectively and are addressing all concerns in this specific situation and for the community generally.

- Kim Prickett, 20 W. College Avenue – Read a prepared statement and distributed print material regarding Dr. Perlmutter's run for a seat on Borough Council.

VII. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED October 19, 2021

- A. Approval of Minutes Dated October 5, 2021
- B. Bills List Dated October 19, 2021
- C. Banner Permit – Canal-O-Ween
- D. Event Permit – Menorah Lighting November 28, 2021
- E. Certificate of Appropriateness 21-30 45 East Afton Avenue - Signs
21-31 16 South Main Street - Signs

Experience Yardley is looking for volunteers to help with Canal-O-Ween.

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda dated October 19, 2021 was made by Ms. Thompson, which is seconded by Mr. Ross.

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

VIII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

IX. MANAGER'S REPORT

A vote will be held at the next meeting for publication of the preliminary budget for public review and comment.

IX. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

X. MAYOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

XII. COUNCILMEMBER REPORT

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

Reading Ave committee met and are discussing next steps and plans going forward.

B. Matthew Ross – Public Works Committee, Planning Commission

Nothing to report.

Public Works will be submitting two separate grant applications, one for Phase 3 of the sidewalk project and one for Mary Yardley bridge.

Mr. Ross motions to authorize the engineer to prepare two grant applications due 11/5/21, which is seconded Mr. McCann. A vote was held and the motion passes 7-0.

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, Shade Tree Commission

Nothing to report.

G. Uri Feiner – Community Outreach Committee, Experience Yardley

Nothing to report.

XII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn at 8:08 pm is made by Mr. Ross, which is seconded by Ms. Thompson.

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

Submitted by,
Mary Ann McLean