

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting  
November 1, 2022**

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

Kim Segal-Morris  
Matthew Curtin  
Matt Ross

Caroline Thompson  
John McCann

David Appelbaum  
Don Carlson

Council member(s) not in attendance:

Also in attendance were Chief Joseph Kelly, Mayor Chris Harding (arrived 7:40), 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

None

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED November 1, 2022

A. Approval of Minutes Dated October 18, 2022

Mr. Ross motions to approve the Consent Agenda dated November 1, 2022, which is seconded by Mr. McCann.

A vote was held with Mr. Carlson and Ms. Segal-Morris abstaining, and the motion passes 5-0-2.

VII. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Police service statistics for October 2022: The department handled 681 calls for service, issued 2 parking tickets, issued 59 traffic citations, issued 2 non-traffic citations, investigated 6 motor vehicle accidents, and made 2 arrests (0 for DUI.)

Police Department Coat Drive is running from 11/1/22 to 12/31/22.

VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Accept Finance Report Dated November 1, 2022

Manager Johnson requests to withdraw check #344 to Premier Builders.

Mr. Ross moves to accept the Finance Report dated November 1, 2022, which is seconded by Mr. Appelbaum.

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

- Leaf collection in the Borough will be held 11/5, 11/19, 12/3.

B. 2023 Budget Presentation

Manager Johnson presented a review of 2022 and an overview of the preliminary 2023 budget.

Mr. Curtin discussed the proposed tax increase and rationale behind the increase.

Mr. Carlson discussed discretionary and non-discretionary expenses with respect to the budget and the proposed millage increase.

General Government is available to discuss the budget in depth with any member of the public who wishes.

C. Consideration to Adopt the 2023 Preliminary Budget

Mr. Curtin motions to adopt the 2023 preliminary budget, which is seconded by Mr. Carlson.

Council members spoke in support of the budget process and in support of the proposed millage increase. Of note, the average household increase will be approximately \$37.00 for 2023.

Various members of the public addressed Council regarding the budget.

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

D. Consideration to Advertise Public Inspection of the 2023 Preliminary Budget

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Mr. Curtin motions to advertise public inspection of the 2023 Preliminary Budget, which is seconded by Mr. Appelbaum.

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

E. Consideration to Advertise the 2023 Tax Levy Ordinance

Mr. Curtin motions to advertise the 2023 Tax Levy Ordinance, which is seconded by Mr. Ross.

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

IX. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Nothing in addition to the previously supplied report.

X. PROJECT UPDATES

A. Mary Yardley Bridge

Contract has been awarded. The bridge will be ordered and manufactured.

Construction will begin in the Spring. The contractor has provided an alternative bridge color which costs about \$4000 less.

Ms. Thompson offers that she feels it's not worth the time to save that relatively small amount of money and could delay the project.

No motion was entertained to consider a new color for the bridge for a cost savings of \$4000.

- B. North Main Street Sidewalk – Phase II  
A construction schedule as been set, and work will start next week. The project should be complete before Christmas, weather permitting.
- C. Consideration of PennDot MTF Grant Application for North Main Street Sidewalk Phase III. Submission due 11/14.  
The grant would cover the \$31255.49 deficit on the project.  
RVE presented information about the MTF Grant Application and requested approval to proceed with submitting the application at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.  
Manager Johnson will make a first pass at the grant application with assistance from RVE in order to save money.  
Mr. Ross motions to apply for the MTF grant for \$100,000 with a Borough match of \$30,000, which is seconded by Mr. Appelbaum.  
A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.  
A resolution will be needed at the next council meeting.

XI. SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Nothing to report.

XII. MAYOR’S REPORT

Nothing to report.

XIII. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

- A. Kim Segal-Morris – Public Safety Committee, Human Relations Committee,  
No report.
- B. Matthew Ross – Public Works Committee, Sewer Authority, APO  
No report.
- C. Matt Curtin – General Government Committee, YMFC  
Gen Government will make times available to meet with public to review the budget.
- D. John McCann – Community & Economic Development Committee, Historic & Architectural Review Board, Shade Tree  
Outdoor dining and spring event planning being considered by CED.
- E. David Appelbaum – Community Outreach Committee, YBA, Parks and Rec  
Community outreach is considering activities to engage the community and draw people into Yardley.
- F. Don Carlson – ZHB, Sewer  
No report.

- G. Caroline Thompson – Planning Commission  
A. No Action/For Information Only: Markey v. Yardley Borough, et al. Case No. 42 U.S.C. 1983, 1988  
B. Yardley Borough Social Media Policy – Draft  
Ms. Thompson provided a copy of the draft social media policy to Mr. Earl Markey and to any other members of the community wishing to have one. She hopes to hold a vote on the policy at the next meeting.

#### XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Presentation by Resident Uri Feiner on Open Space Considerations in Yardley/LMT Open Space opportunity.  
The owner of a 6+ acre plot of land adjacent to the Borough will be sold by its owner, Joe Jennings, and he hopes to sell it to LMT to be preserved as open space. Mr. Feiner hopes that the Borough could write a letter to LMT to support the idea and stating how preserving the land would be great for the entire community. Joe Jennings, 2 McKinley Avenue and owner of the plot of land, addressed Council. Mr. Appelbaum will draft a letter to be considered to be signed by Councilmembers. Harry Gamble, 16 Maplevale Drive, spoke in support of preserving the land. He presented a petition to Council which will be reviewed by the Solicitor for consideration at the next meeting.

#### XV. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

#### XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Curtin motions to adjourn to executive session at 8:46, which is seconded by Mr. McCann. A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.

XVII. Executive Session: Legal: Discussion of Possible Settlement Negotiations: Earl J. Markey III v. Yardley Borough, et al. Case No. 42 U.S.C. 1983, 1988

Submitted by,  
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