

**Yardley Borough Council Meeting
November 15, 2022**

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

Kim Segal-Morris
Matthew Curtin

Caroline Thompson
Don Carlson

David Appelbaum

Council member(s) not in attendance: Matt Ross, John McCann

Also in attendance were Chief Joseph Kelly, Mayor Chris Harding, 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

- FEMA representative, Bob Covelli, and Audrey Penny from Bucks County Emergency Services presented Wes Foraker with a plaque recognizing the Borough's status as a Class 8 community in the NFIP's CRS (Community Ratings System) program. This rating acknowledges communities that go above the minimum requirements to participate in the NFIP CRS program. Paula Johnson and the community were also recognized for their work to achieve this rating. Pennsylvania has the most NFIP communities (2400) in the country and nationally only 5% of communities go above the minimum requirements and join the CRS. Effective 4/1/22 Yardley Borough is 1 of 27 participating CRS communities in PA and is 1 of 13 Class 8 communities. Class 8 provides 10% discount on flood insurance policies purchased through the program.
- Michele Sharer, Friends of Lake Afton – 2nd annual All Things Yardley giftshop sale will be held 11/26/22 from 2:00-5:00 at the Yardley Community Center. Proceeds benefit Friends of Lake Afton.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Larisa Touloukhonava, 39 Breece Drive. Addressed Council regarding safety at the intersection of Main and West College. She and a friend experienced a near-miss accident which seemed to involve a member of the Yardley fire house. Counsel President Thompson has asked the police to speak to Ms. Touloukhonava about the incident. Councilman Appelbaum cautions citizens about dressing in bright colors and using caution now that it is getting darker earlier.

Dawn Perlmutter, 18 W. College. Agrees that the intersection at West College and Main is very dangerous and mitigation efforts have worked in the past and should be implemented again.

- VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED November 15, 2022
- A. Approval of Minutes Dated November 1, 2022
 - B. Yardley Menorah Lighting 12/18/22 in front of Borough Hall and Buttonwood Park – Lubavitch of Yardley
 - C. Banner – Christmas Parade 11/18-12/19/22 (shared)
 - D. Banner – Chanukah Village 11/18-12/19/22 (shared)
- Ms. Segal-Morris motions to approve the Consent Agenda dated November 15, 2022, which is seconded by Mr. Curtin.
A vote was held, and the motion passes 5-0.
- VII. POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT
- A. Police Motorcycle-Grant Purchase
- Ms. Segal-Morris motions to approve the purchase of the police motorcycle, which is seconded by Mr. Appelbaum.
Grant funding supported by Senator Santarsiero’s office will be used to purchase the motorcycle.
Mr. Carlson questioned Chief Kelly about training and costs associated with the purchase.
Dawn Perlmutter, 18 W. College. Questioned Council about ancillary costs and concerns associated with the purchase.
A vote was held, and the motion passes 5-0.
- VIII. MANAGER’S REPORT
- A. Accept Finance Report Dated November 15, 2022
- Mr. Curtin motions to approve the Finance Report dated November 15, 2022, which is seconded by Mr. Carlson.
Council consensus was granted.
- B. Audit Services 2022 DCED Audit
- An engagement letter from Bee Bergvall was presented for approval.
Mr. Curtin motions to engage Bee Bergvall to complete the 2022 DCED audit, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris.
Dawn Perlmutter, 18 W. College. Commented she has been unable to obtain a copy of past audits conducted by Bee Bergvall.
A vote was held, and the motion passes 5-0.
- C. Res No. 22-20 – Application for Keystone Community Grant (Mary Yardley Bridge)
- The Borough requests approval to submit for a 50k grant for Mary Yardley Bridge. Of note, the grant was prepared almost entirely in house and notification should be made in the spring.
Mr. Carlson motions to submit application for the Keystone Community Grant, which is seconded by Mr. Appelbaum.

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

Note: AV equipment is still being installed and the installer is waiting for the delivery of equipment.

IX. ENGINEER'S REPORT

A. FEMA Funded 33 Brown Street Elevation CO#1

Reduction of scope

Ms. Segal-Morris motions to approve CO#1 for 33 Brown Street, which is seconded by Mr. Carlson.

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

B. FEMA Funded 33 Brown Street Elevation Payment Certificate No. 1

Ms. Segal-Morris motions to approve Payment Certificate No. 1 for 33 Brown Street, which is seconded by Mr. Carlson.

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

C. FEMA Funded 33 Brown Street Elevation CO#2

Mr. Curtin motions to approve CO#2 for 33 Brown Street, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris.

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

D. FEMA Funded 33 Brown Street Elevation CO#3

Mr. Curtin motions to approve CO#3 for 33 Brown Street, which is seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris.

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

E. Res 22-21 – Application for Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant (Sidewalks)
PennDot MTF Grant Submission

Ms. Segal-Morris motions to approve application for Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant, which is seconded by Mr. Carlson

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

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, Visit Bucks County is planning a program for a self-guided mural tour in Bucks County. Yardley murals will be included.

B. Matthew Ross – Public Works Committee, Sewer Authority, APO
n/a

C. Matt Curtin – General Government Committee, YMFC
Public review of budget period continues through the end of November.

D. John McCann – Community & Economic Development Committee, Historic & Architectural Review Board, Shade Tree
n/a

E. David Appelbaum – Community Outreach Committee, YBA, Parks and Rec

- Kevin Wilson and his dog, who traveled through Yardley on the journey, completed the 9/11 trail and has arrived home safely.
- A directory of all business and non-profits in Yardley is being created to develop a central repository of resources and information
- Thanks to Dawn Perlmutter for collaborating on a tour of the Borough to identify graffiti and work to have it removed.

F. Don Carlson – ZHB, Sewer

- The Mary Yardley bridge has been ordered and is due in early April.
- Phase II of sidewalk is underway with only minimal disruption of traffic.

G. Caroline Thompson – Planning Commission
Nothing to report.

XIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS
n/a

XIV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Adoption of Social Media Policy: Borough of Yardley – C. Thompson
Ms. Segal-Morris motions to adopt the Borough's Social Media Policy, which is seconded by Mr. Curtin.
A vote was held, and the motion passes 5-0.
Dawn Perlmutter questions who will administer the policy.

B. Adoption of Social Media Policy: Elected Officials – C. Thompson
Mr. Carlson motions to adopt Social Medial Policy – Elected Officials, which his seconded by Ms. Segal-Morris
Brian Welch, 22 Reading Ave, asks about the definition of elected officials and if other Borough staff are included.
Mr. Closser advises that the policy does not need to be changed to further define Elected Officials.

C. Open Space Letter & Petition Update – D. Appelbaum
2 McKinley Drive
Mr. Appelbaum read the letter of support into the record.
Consensus of Council was granted.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Segal-Morris motions to adjourn at 8:25, which is seconded by Mr. Curtin.
A vote was held, and the motion passes 5-0.

Submitted by,
Mary Ann McLean