

Yardley Borough Council Meeting
April 19, 2022

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

David Bria	Caroline Thompson	Matthew Ross
Christopher Campellone	Matthew Curtin	Kim Segal-Morris
John McCann		

Council member(s) not in attendance:

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

I. CALL TO ORDER – David Bria, President

The meeting was called to order at 7:31.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

All members present. Mayor Harding is not in attendance.

IV. REORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL

Mr. Bria is stepping down as Council President but will remain on Council.

A. Nomination of President of Council

Mr. Campellone nominates Caroline Thompson for position of Council President.

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

B. Nomination of Vice President of Council

Mr. Bria nominates Kim Segal-Morris for position of Council Vice President.

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

C. Nomination of President Pro Tem

This position goes into effect in the event the president and vice president are not available.

Mr. McCann nominates Matt Ross for position of President Pro Tem.

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

V. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Lake Afton clean up day will be Saturday 4/23 8-12.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Albert Celini, 18 Van Horn

Asked for a status report on properties on Van Horn regarding remediation. New damage was caused by the recent rain. The recent landscaping plan provided by ML7 is unsatisfactory to the residents. The Engineer agrees more and varied plantings are

needed and this has been communicated with ML7. Residents do not approve of stones on the ravine as a long-term solution. Mr. Celini inquires about additional fines and consequences as well as timelines for accountability.

- Jonathan Woodring, 14 Van Horn – Inquires about legal remedies and timelines.
- Janet Celini – 18 Van Horn
Has video of rain damage she would like to show the engineer and the manager.
- Frederick Rabena, 35 S. Main. 1-Additional exit sign installed at shopping center parking lot which is causing problems for his customers accessing La La Lobster as well as potential for causing a traffic accident. 2-Mr. Rabena met with Paula, Zoning Officer, and Mark Sarson regarding back fence on his property. He received a permit for the fence months ago and now the zoning officer says the egress with the fence is not sufficient and has to be made larger. Mr. Rabena is asking for clarification of the situation with respect to the fence and his neighbors restricting access to his property.

VII. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA DATED April 19, 2022

A. Approval of Minutes Dated April 5, 2022

B. Bills List Dated April 19, 2022

C. Event Permit - Yardley Beer & Wine Fest, October 15, 2022

D. Certificates of Appropriateness: 22-07 9 S. Main St. – Sign
22-08 195 S. Canal St. - Fence

Mr. Bria motions to approve the Consent Agenda dated April 19, 2022, which is seconded by Ms. Ross.

A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0 with Mr. Bria abstaining with respect to Item A.

VIII. POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT

Bucks County Children’s Advocacy Center met with police staff regarding child victims of crime and managing those types of cases.

IX. MANAGER’S REPORT

Nothing to report

X. SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Nothing to report.

XI. MAYOR’S REPORT

Nothing to report.

XII. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

- A. Kim Segal-Morris (Public Safety – chair) – Police Department Liaison, Human Relations Liaison, YBA Liaison
Nothing to report.

B. Matt Ross (Public Works - chair) - Sewer Authority Liaison, APO Liaison
Public Works met to discuss all open issues.

C. Matt Curtin (General Government – chair) Tax Collector Liaison, Yardley-
Makefield Fire Company Liaison
General Government met. There will be a presentation in May regarding Q1
performance against budget.

D. John McCann (Community and Economic Department - chair) HARB Liaison,
Shade Tree Liaison
Nothing to report.

E. Chris Campellone (Community Outreach - chair) – ZHB Liaison, Parks & Rec
Liaison, EAC Liaison
Nothing to report.

F. Caroline Thompson – Planning Commission
Brainstorming notes have been compiled and circulated.

XIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Tax Collector Replacement Process/Timeline

This week the position will be posted on social media and in county publications. It
is a part-time position for 1 ½ years until the next municipal election.

May 16th – A mandatory session will be held for applicants to learn all the details and
requirements of the tax collector position.

May 23rd – Applications due.

June 7th Council meeting - Interviews will be held and appointment made.

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Resolution No 22-10 Establishing a Board of Appeals – Mr. Curtin

This board is part of the State's Uniform Construction Code. The board offers a potential
remedy when an applicant is unsatisfied with a decision from the UCC Building Code
official. The board is staffed by persons familiar professionally with construction
matters and those with professional certifications. Borough residency is preferred but not
required. This board is not meant for deciding neighbor disputes and the board serves at
the pleasure of Council.

Mr. Ross motions to adopt Resolution No 22-10 Establishing a Board of Appeals, which
is seconded by Mr. Campellone.

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

B. Resolution No 22-11 Purchasing Electronic Ticketing Devices – Ms. Segal-Morris

The police department is requesting the replacement of two ticketing devices because the
ones they are currently using will become obsolete after December 2022 when Verizon
shuts down 3G service. The cost is \$9,750 and they have a five-year life expectancy.

Ms. Segal-Morris motions to adopt Resolution No 22-11 Purchasing Electronic
Ticketing Devices, which is seconded by Mr. Curtin.

Mr. Bria notes that ARPA funds should be able to be used to pay for these devices.
A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0

C. Resolution No 22-12 Purchase Mobile In-Car Radio – Ms. Segal-Morris
This will be used in the one service vehicle which does not currently have a radio. The cost is \$6,313.06.
A motion was made by Mr. Ross to adopt Resolution No 22-12 Purchase Mobile In-Car Radio, which is seconded by Mr. Bria.
A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bria motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:16, which is seconded by Ms. Campellone.
A vote was held, and the motion passes 7-0.

Submitted by,
Mary Ann McLean