

BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
BOROUGH LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 17, 2016

The Borough of Yeadon Legislative Meeting was called to order by Council President Sharon Harris at 7:39 PM.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Council members: Renita Austin, Sharon Harris (President), Clara Johnson, Learin Johnson, Tomeka Jones-Waters, Dr. Dolores McCabe (Vice President), LaToya Monroe.

Mayor: Rohan Hepkins

Engineer: Eileen Mulvena

Solicitor: Charles Gibbs

3. UNIT CITATIONS

Vice President Dr. Dolores McCabe, Chair of Public Safety, introduced Mayor Hepkins; who presented a Unit Citation to Darby Borough Fire Engine Co. #4. President Harris presented a Unit Citation to Yeadon Borough Fire Engine Co. #16. Vice President Dr. McCabe

thanked the firefighters for their courageous & heroic act(s) of risking their own lives, to save another; and for keeping our communities safe.

4. NEW LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS

President Harris introduced new board members, Ms. Sandra Brown-Wright & Ms. Annette Johns. She thanked them for their commitment to serve.

5. CITIZENS FORUM

Remarks From:

- -Ms. Rosalind Jones-Johnson
- -Ms. Gracie Snead
- -Mr. Anthony Jacobs
- -Ms. Liana Roadcloud
- -Mr. Clifford Brock
- -Ms. Denise Christmas-Wimberly
- -Ms. Florence McDonald

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the Special Meeting minutes dated February 3, 2016 as presented to Council, was moved by Councilor Learin Johnson and seconded by Vice President D. McCabe. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

Motion to approve the Caucus Workshop minutes (with corrections) dated February 11, 2016 as presented to Council, was moved by Councilor Learin Johnson and seconded by Vice President D. McCabe. The motion passed 6-1. Voting yes: R. Austin, S. Harris, L. Johnson, T. Jones-Waters, D. McCabe, L. Monroe. Voting no: C. Johnson

Motion to approve the Legislative Council minutes dated February 18, 2016 as presented to Council, was moved by Councilor Learin Johnson and seconded by Councilor R. Austin. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hepkins expressed his views on wanting to remove Cypress St. from the snow emergency route. He also discussed partnering with an organization called “Do-it-Different”, to host its 2nd annual Food & Clothing Drive. Due to multiple recent break-ins, Mayor Hepkins advised residents to call 911 to report crime. He also made mention of the “Youth Police Academy”.

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Council President Harris announced that an executive session took place prior to the legislative meeting; and read a message that she shared at the prior Caucus Workshop Meeting, that discussed the responsibilities and duties of elected officials. She referenced the “Borough Code” and stated that the body of law that represents the borough (council members), have a fiduciary responsibility to not cause harm or cost to the Borough of Yeadon. President Harris also discussed the report of former Finance Chair, Councilor Monroe. Councilor Monroe objected to President Harris’s commentary and called for numerous points of personal privilege. (Objections to the following statements):

- Discrepancies & Challenges to her report
- Report was disseminated into the community, and placed on a blog site.
- That is not the protocol or procedure

- I have never encountered a Councilor, which instead of serving would start this investigation. I'm not sure about what that is.

- I was served with a cease and desist order.

- A councilor coming on to this platform and conducting an investigation.

9. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2016-005, Authorizing Yeadon Borough to proceed with the Investment Grade Audit to be completed by Johnson Controls, was moved by Vice President D. McCabe and seconded by Councilor Clara Johnson. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

Motion to Award a Conditional Contract to Peter E. Munger, for the Removal and Replacement of the Carpet and Cove Base at the Yeadon Public Library, for the Contract Amount of \$20,960.00, was moved by Councilor L. Monroe and seconded by Councilor Learin Johnson. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

Ms. Eileen Mulvena discussed the conditions of the streets, aging sewer lines & infrastructure in the borough. She also explained acceptable uses of liquid fuels money, and the differences between cold patch & permanent repair, relating to potholes. Ms. Mulvena advised that televising sanitary sewer and storm water lines should be completed, prior to the paving of any road.

Ms. Mulvena read her monthly stormwater tip. **(SEE REPORT)**

10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Motion for Permission to Advertise for the Position of Treasurer, was moved by Councilor L. Monroe and seconded by Councilor Clara Johnson. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

Motion for Permission to Advertise 4 Seasonal Employee Positions for the Municipal Services Department, was moved by Councilor Learin Johnson and seconded by Councilor Clara Johnson. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

Motion to Allow the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) to Design and Host Yeadon Borough's Website, at an Annual Cost of \$389.00 and a One-time Set up Fee of \$50.00, was moved by Councilor Learin Johnson and seconded by Councilor Clara Johnson. The motion passed 5-2. Voting yes: R. Austin, S. Harris, L. Johnson, T. Jones-Waters, D. McCabe. Voting no: C. Johnson, L. Monroe

11. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Finance Director, Joseph Possenti read the report: **(SEE REPORT)**

Total Deposits - \$286,404.49

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Public Safety- Vice President Dr. McCabe, Chair

- Emergency Management Training
- Annual Firefighter Awards Banquet
- Youth Police Academy

b. Ordinance/ Zoning- Councilor T. Jones- Waters, Chair

- Recognized Mr. Richard Ashby for his Awards

- Read a letter of Acknowledgement of deceased resident
- Zoning issues at 946 Bullock Ave & 212 Elder Ave
- Code enforcement training

c. Municipal Services/ Public Works- Councilor C. Johnson, Chair

- Discussed meeting with Public Works Director & Manager to discuss sewer work
- Public Works committee meets on the first Monday of every month at 1pm

Motion to Advertise Public Works Committee Meetings for the first Monday of each Month, beginning April 4, 2016, was moved by Councilor Clara Johnson and seconded by Councilor L. Monroe. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

d. Community Relations- Councilor L. Johnson, Chair

RECORDER FULL (OUT OF SPACE & UNABLE TO CONTINUE RECORDING)

13. SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Motion for Authorization to Investigate an Employee Matter was moved by Councilor L. Monroe and seconded by Councilor L. Johnson. Motion passed 6-1. Voting Yes: R. Austin, L. Johnson, L. Jones- Waters, S. Harris, D. McCabe, and L. Monroe. Voting No: C. Johnson

Motion to Publish an Advertisement for Waste Water was moved by Councilor L. Monroe and seconded by L. Johnson. Motion was passed unanimously 7-0.

Motion to Approve Resolution 2016-006 Removing Lawrence Healy was moved by L. Johnson, and seconded by R. Austin. Motion was passed 6-1. Voting Yes: R. Austin, L. Johnson, C. Johnson, T. Jones-Waters, S. Harris, D. McCabe. Voting No: L. Monroe.

14. NEW BUSINESS

Council President Harris tasked the Borough Manager with the duty of conducting an internal investigation into the Borough's Website & Office Copier.

15. OLD BUSINESS

No old business to record

16. CITIZENS FORUM

Remarks from Residents

17. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was moved by Councilor T. Jones-Waters and seconded by Councilor R. Austin. The meeting adjourned at 11:24pm.