

**BOROUGH OF YEADON**  
**DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**  
**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**May 18, 2017**

The Borough of Yeadon Legislative Council Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Sharon Council-Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

Solicitor: Charles Gibbs

Absent: Mayor Rohan Hepkins, Engineer Eileen Mulvena, Finance Director Joseph Possenti

**3. CITIZENS FORUM (Comments limited to 3 minutes)**

- Mary Jacobs, 510 Orchard Ave, spoke on her concern of the house attached to her, 508 Orchard Ave. The house has been abandoned and marked for demolition. Ms. Jacobs wanted to know when it was going to be torn down, and how it will affect her house.
- Robert Johnson, 506 Orchard Ave, is the other neighbor to the aforementioned home. He stated he has lived there for 12 years and the house has been falling down for just as long. His concern is for his family and neighbors, who currently maintain the outside of the property.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **Motion to Approve Legislative Minutes dated April 20, 2017**  
**Moved by:** Vice President D. McCabe **Seconded:** Councilor L. Johnson  
**Motion withdrawn after discussion**
- **Motion to Approve Legislative Minutes dated April 20, 2017 ( with a correction to add narrative from guest speakers and full list of events from Council President's report)**

**Moved by:** Vice President D. McCabe **Seconded:** Councilor L. Johnson

**Voted No:** Councilor C. Johnson, Councilor L. Monroe

**Motion passed 5-2**

#### **5. MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Mayor Hepkins' report was read by Police Chief Donald Molineux.
- The Civil Service Commission has been conducting interviews to fill the current vacancy of one (1) fulltime officer. A candidate has been recommended.
- Comcast Cares Day was held Saturday, April 22. Special thanks was given to Comcast and to the Public Works Department for the removal of garbage
- The Yeadon Police Department was thanked for their positive involvement during the primary election held on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### **6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- Council President thanked all residents who came out for this Council meeting.

#### **7. BLACK HISTORY OF YEADON**

- Leslie McGirth presented awards to former Mayor, Jacqueline B. Mosely as well as Mr. and Mrs. Colin Nation, recognizing their service and commitment to the Borough of Yeadon.

#### **8. ENGINEER'S REPORT**

- Engineer, Eileen Mulvena, was not present for the meeting.

#### **9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

- Borough Manager, Mr. Bland, recapped the 4 Request for Action Requests received by the Borough: 3 neighbor complaints and 1 large tree stump in the roadway.
- A notice from the County was distributed to Council regarding the Community Development Block Grant. The Borough is already a part of the Urban Qualification, giving access to the CDBG. This letter gave the option to opt out.
- A reminder was given to all election candidates to remove their campaign signs now that the election is over.
- Mr. Bland thanked the Chief for all of his commitment and dedication to the Borough and wished him well on his retirement.
- Agenda item mistakenly included under the Administrative Report was discussed: the donation request from Fresh Start Program. Council President explained that

the request was not necessary for the agenda because it was previously voted on during the Budget process.

- **Motion to authorize the re-advertisement of the bid for demolition of 508 Orchard Ave.**

**Moved by:** Councilor L. Johnson

**Seconded:** Councilor T. Jones-Waters

**Motion passed 7-0**

#### **10. LIBRARY DIRECTOR, RICHARD ASHBY**

- Yeadon Library Director, Richard Ashby, announced that the Library received a \$500 grant for the Library's rain garden.
- Mr. Ashby reminded residents that the Read-A-Thon is Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8am to 8pm. The fundraiser will have a book fair and fish fry.
- A funny story was told of when past Mayor Mosley took out a few books from the Library, as well as his first chance to meet her.
- Borough Manager, Joe Bland, thanked Mr. Ashby for the opportunity to read to the students for story hour.

#### **11. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

- Tax Report read by Mr. Mark Possenti, in place for Finance Director, Mr. Joe Possenti.
  - Total Tax Collected for March 2017: \$1,037,107.06

#### **12. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **a. Finance**

- **Motion to Approve Cash Balances Report**

**Moved by:** Councilor L. Johnson

**Seconded:** Councilor R. Austin

**Voted No:** Councilor C. Johnson, Councilor L. Monroe

**Motion passed 5-2**

- **Motion to Approve Accounts Payable List**

**Moved by:** Vice President D. McCabe **Seconded:** Councilor T. Jones-Waters

**Voted No:** Councilor L. Monroe

**Abstained:** Councilor C. Johnson

**Reason for abstention:** Councilor C. Johnson claimed no transparency on AP List.

**Motion passed 5-1**

##### **b. Public Safety - Councilor Dr. D McCabe, Vice President, Chair**

- Vice President McCabe notified the residents that the preliminary hearing for the murder of Natasha Gibson will be held on May 26<sup>th</sup> at the District Court in Yeadon. The victim's mother reached out and asked the community to please show up to show their support.
- Fire Chief and Emergency Management's reports were given at Caucus.
- Chief Donald Molineux reported that bike patrols will begin the end of the month.
- **Motion to Approve Hiring of 1 Full Time Police Officer (contingent on passing all requirements)**  
**Moved by:** Councilor L. Johnson      **Seconded:** Councilor T. Jones-Waters  
**Motion passed 7-0**
- **Motion to Approve Hiring of 1 Crossing Guard**  
**Moved by:** Councilor L. Johnson      **Seconded:** Councilor R. Austin  
**Motion passed 7-0**
- Vice President McCabe took time for special comment – thanking Chief Donald Molineux for his 41 years of service to the Borough of Yeadon and congratulated him on his retirement. Dr. McCabe highlighted the care Chief has taken with the community children, making himself present at each school day dismissal, as well as the detail he put into his work.
- **Motion to Approve a Special Page in the Minutes be dedicated to Chief Molineux**  
**Moved by:** Vice President D. McCabe      **Seconded:** Councilor R. Austin  
**Motion passed 7-0**

**c. Ordinance / Zoning - Councilor Tomeka Jones-Waters, Chair**

- Councilor Jones-Waters explained the Code Report was presented at Caucus.
- **Motion to approve handicap parking permit for 531 Holly Road**  
**Moved by:** Councilor L. Johnson      **Seconded:** Councilor R. Austin  
**Voted No:** Councilor C. Johnson, Councilor L. Monroe  
**Motion passed 5-2**

**d. Municipal Services - Councilor Clara Johnson, Chair**

- Councilor Johnson reported that the Public Works Committee meeting for May was canceled.
- Public Works has asked for funds to be available, not to exceed \$300, to complete beautification on the bus shelters.

- Grace Court would like representatives from all emergency services to join them for a luncheon to honor them on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Each department will be given cases of water. They would also like to plant flowers and vegetables in the empty lot behind Borough Hall.
- The last Public Works meeting for the Summer will be Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.

**e. Community Relations - Councilor Learin Johnson, Chair**

- Councilor Johnson reminded residents that Flag Day is Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> and Perennials of Love is Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> and residents are requested to plant a flower in their yard to honor someone they have lost.
  - A Borough wide clean-up will be held the third Saturday of the month.
  - YEAA is having an awards banquet on Friday. Anyone interested in attending was instructed to call the Borough.
  - National Health and Wellness event will be held on Wednesday May 31<sup>st</sup> at 8am. The event is held at the Friendship Circle.
  - Rain Barrel Workshop will be held on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at Borough Hall.
- **Motion to Authorize 700 Business Club’s Annual Flea Market Dates: Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> (once 700 Business Club provides proof of insurance)**  
**Moved by:** Vice President D. McCabe **Seconded:** Councilor R. Austin  
**Voted No:** Councilor C. Johnson

**Motion passed 6-1**

**f. Education Liaison**

- Councilor Austin reported that the Education Committee Meeting will be held Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at the Green Ave campus.
- Last day of school is June 9<sup>th</sup>, Graduation is June 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Free meals for children under 18 will be available from June 26 until July 27, Monday-Thursday. Breakfast will be served 8-9am and lunch from 11am-12pm will be served.

**g. Library Liaison**

- Councilor Jones-Waters reported that Mr. Ashby had already spoken.

**13. SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Mr. Charles Gibbs**

- Solicitor Gibbs reported that an Executive Session was held prior to the Council meeting to discuss personnel and contractual matters.

#### **14. NEW BUSINESS**

- Councilor Learin Johnson requested that Borough Manager, Joe Bland, look into having decorative blue lights added to the trees along the 700 block Business District.

#### **15. OLD BUSINESS**

- No Old Business to record.

#### **16. ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting adjourned at 9:13 PM.

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Majovie Bland, Manager  
Borough of Yeadon



*This page of the May 18, 2017 Legislative Council Meeting Minutes has been reserved as an ever-lasting reminder of the 41 years served to the Borough of Yeadon by Police Chief Donald Molineux, honoring his retirement.*

Chief Molineux's years of service officially end on May 31, 2017. The stellar service and attention Chief provided to the Borough will always be remembered, as will his dedication to the safety of Borough residents and the exceptional progress of the Yeadon Police Department.