

Yeadon Borough Council

Minutes of Regular Legislative Meeting held February 17, 2011

Borough Hall, Baily Road and Church Lane

The regular meeting of Borough Council was held pursuant to public notice. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. Members present were Councilor Stinson, Vice President Thomas, Councilor Holden, President Kemp, Councilor Robinson Howell, Councilor McDonald and Councilor Byrne. Mayor Butler, Engineer Todd Frey, Chief Molineaux and Carl Ewald, Esq. from the Solicitor's office were also present. Councilor McDonald led a prayer and the meeting was commenced after a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public comment – the Public comment period was opened.

Rosalind Hepburn spoke and stated that she believed Council had made a mistake in denying the appeal of a MS patient who applied for a handicapped parking space at the last meeting.

Rosalind Johnson asked to speak. She stated that she believed the Solicitor should not be present at workshop meetings to save money. She believes that the Code Director needs to be present at meetings because there are a lot of code violations in the Borough. She also stated that the last house on the 700 block of Yeadon Avenue does not have a sidewalk, the garage is in bad condition and automobiles are being repaired on the property. She believes the Borough needs to take an enforcement action against the owner.

Napoleon Houser from the CVCC IMPACT Church stated that he would like to do a community outreach day on July 30 in Community Park.

The Borough Council approved the minutes for the September 16, 2010 regular meeting and December 14, 2010 special meeting.

Motion – Councilor McDonald made a motion to “approve the Minutes for September 16, 2010 meeting.” Councilor Byrne seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A roll call vote was taken.

Councilor Stinson - Yes
Vice President Thomas - Yes
Councilor Holden - Yes
President Kemp - Yes
Councilor Byrne - Yes
Councilor Robinson Howell - Yes
Councilor McDonald - Yes

The Motion carried 7-0.

Motion – Councilor Byrne made a motion to “approve the Minutes for December 14, 2010 meeting.” Councilor McDonald seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A roll call vote was taken.

Councilor Stinson - Yes
Vice President Thomas - Yes
Councilor Holden - Yes
President Kemp - Yes
Councilor Byrne- Yes
Councilor Robinson Howell - Yes
Councilor McDonald - Yes

The Motion carried 7-0.

Mayor's Report –

Mayor Butler reported the Police Chief is requesting the Borough to approve the purchase of a new 2011 Crown Victoria for \$24,057.44 for the police department. \$13,033 will be paid towards the vehicle by a grant. Councilor McDonald asked who will drive the car. Mayor Butler said this is a replacement car driven by all police officers.

Motion – Councilor Holden made a motion that “Borough Council approve the purchase of the new police car.” Councilor Stinson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken.

Councilor Stinson - Yes
Vice President Thomas - Yes
Councilor Holden - Yes
President Kemp - Yes
Councilor Byrne- Yes
Councilor Robinson Howell - Yes
Councilor McDonald - Yes

The Motion carried 7-0.

Mayor Butler summarized the Police Chief's written report. She reported the Department Police Alert software was updated. The County is funding up to \$300 for each work station. The items were budgeted. Borough will save about \$3,000 as a result. She also summarized a report on Police Department training.

Mayor Butler stated she attended a USTA seminar. She reported that Yeadon Borough will be developing a Tennis complex. On March 19, the recreation department will be presenting a Tennis Day in America exposition. Tennis is the only sport that is growing and Yeadon Borough has three operating courts. Mayor Butler asked residents to get involved.

President's Report –

President Kemp asked to recognize the prior Council Members. Also, he appointed Vice President Thomas, Councilor Holden, and himself to the Yeadon Economic Development Corporation (YEDC) committee to review resumes for the appointment of members to the YEDC in March.

President Kemp also reported that an energy fair for residents will be held on March 6, 2011 about options for energy purchase.

Engineer's Report –

Todd Frey reported that the Blunston Road Interceptor project was complete. He stated the Cobbs Creek Interceptor project should be terminated due to lack of performance. The same contractor has the Storm Sewer lining project 2009-04 which should also be terminated. He also reported that the 2011 Road Restoration specifications are now being prepared for advertisement.

Mr. Frey provided the DELCORA annual report for the sanitary sewers. He reported the Engineering Department has agreed not to raise the 2011 rates. President Kemp asked that the Engineer's Report be provided in advance so Council can review.

Councilor Holden asked if the Engineer was applying for any grants. He reported they are currently researching grants.

Mayor Butler asked if multiple cars were coming and charging \$.50 per mile. Mr. Frey stated they only take one vehicle if there is more than one person. Since the office is in Newark the mileage is \$35 per meeting.

Treasurer's Report –

General Fund - Total Revenues for the Year are \$79,365.25. Total Expenditures are \$527,114.49.

Refuse Fund - Total Revenues for the Year are \$4,813.42. Total Expenditures are \$39,290.86.

Sewer Fund - Total Revenues for the Year are \$9,631.08. Total Expenditures are \$866.67.

Capital Fund - Total Revenues for the Year are \$6,732.23. Total Expenditures are \$7,794.00.

Motor License Fund - Total Revenues for the Year are \$125.91. Total Expenditures are \$1,326.94.

Vehicle Replacement Fund - Total Revenues for the Year are \$56.31. Total Expenditures are \$0.

Expenditures exceed revenue because taxes are not coming in yet for the year. This should be resolved when taxes come in April. The Borough is already over budget on snow removal and street sign replacement. Council will have to allocate funds from other areas.

Vice President Thomas stated the sign replacement was from an auto accident and insurance should cover it. There will be a deficit on the capital fund because the revenue was raised last year.

Tax Collector's Report –

\$43,817.17 was collected in real estate taxes. \$12,377.24 was collected in sewer fees. \$8,602.00 was collected in trash fees. The total collected in October was \$64,796.90. There are still

receivables from 2010 that have not been paid. \$269,065.37 in property taxes will be turned over to the tax claims bureau. \$126,234 in sewer fees and \$66,930 in trash fees will be turned over to Portnoff. The tax collector's office is open 9am-12 noon Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday on the 3rd floor of Borough Hall.

Finance Committee – Vice President Thomas presented the Accounts Payable for February.

Motion – Councilor Holden made a motion that “Borough Council approve the accounts payable through February 15, 2011.” Councilor Byrne seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A roll call vote was taken.

Councilor Stinson - Yes
Vice President Thomas - Yes
Councilor Holden - Yes
President Kemp - Yes
Councilor Byrne- Yes
Councilor Robinson Howell - Yes
Councilor McDonald - Yes

The Motion carried 7-0.

Vice President Thomas reported that the Borough is considering a one time \$150 incentive payment to part-time employees.

Motion – Vice President Thomas made a motion that “Borough Council approve a one time \$150 incentive payment to part-time employees excluding union employees.” Councilor Byrne seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A roll call vote was taken.

Councilor Stinson - Recused herself
Vice President Thomas - Yes
Councilor Holden - Yes
President Kemp - Yes
Councilor Byrne- Yes
Councilor Robinson Howell - Yes
Councilor McDonald - Yes

The Motion carried 6-0.

Code Enforcement – Code Enforcement work load was high and brought in \$36,000 in fees. Councilor Holden asked if revenue was coming in from snow removal violations. Councilor Byrne stated the judge dismissed many of the violations. One inspector had 24 violations and 23 were thrown out. He also stated code enforcement will look into the 700 block issue raised by the resident in public comment.

Public Works – Councilor Byrne reported that street sweeping starts Monday. He also reported that planters will be installed in March when weather is warmer. The project should be completed in

April. Councilor Stinson corrected that Monday is a holiday so the street sweeper will not start until Tuesday.

Public Safety – Councilor McDonald stated the police responded very quickly to an incident of cell phone theft and was able to apprehend the thieves. She said we need to report incidents to protect our neighbors. She also asked residents to follow the speed limit.

Councilor Holden commended officers for quick response to a gas leak smell.

Recreation – Alice Payne is accepting more seniors for piano lessons at \$5 per lesson. Tennis Day is celebrated on March 19.

Residents are encouraging minority contractors to get involved in the Ardmore Avenue School renovation.

Education – The Library Director is leaving. Councilor Stinson thanked him for his service on the Education Committee.

Library – Councilor Howell thanked Jeff Cabrell for his service as Library Director. She asked him to summarize his report.

Yeadon Economic Development Corporation – Councilor Holden reported that February 17 was the close date for applications to the YEDC and February 28 is an open house. Interviews will start March 14 and should be completed by March 31. Appointments should be made on April 21 and the YEDC should be in place by the end of April.

Personnel – the Borough is advertising for a HR consultant. Interviews for Borough Manager are coming up. There are five applicants. Hopefully a new manager will be appointed next month.

Search Committee – No report.

Flag Day – Committee will be meeting twice per month now.

Solicitor's Report –

State civil service requirements have changed and the Borough will have to amend its regulations to comply. The Mayor asked if the Borough will be billed for the Seminar. Mr. Ewald reported the Borough will not be billed for the seminar.

New Business – No new business.

Public Comment – Public comment was opened.

Moses D. Kdoyea asked about the expenditures exceeding revenues and if the treasurer could be clearer about the sources of revenue.

Jeff Cabrell said there is assistance at the Library for filing taxes. He asked the Board to continue working with the Library Board, and to continue work on constructing a new library because the current building is too small.

Lawrence Johnson inquired about the energy fair. President Kemp reported it will be in Borough Hall from 2pm – 6pm.

Jacquelynn Puriefoy-Brinkley stated the Borough failed to recognize Black History Month and recommended that a proclamation be passed to recognize Women's History Month. This is important because it can get citizens' attention.

Isaac Dotson asked if the Dollar Store at Carroll's florist proposal is on the agenda. He said that the site at MacDade and Cedar is proposed to be a 9,100 sq.ft. dollar store. He has concerns about the proposal and asked council to make people aware of the upcoming Planning Commission meeting to consider it. He is not in favor of it.

Rosalind Hepburn stated she is usually at Cypress and Bailey Road in the morning. She feels police presence is needed because of tension between the teenagers, and also to control traffic. She also stated school taxes are high. She said there are non-residents coming to the schools and students need to be re-registered. Students from other districts are sneaking in.

Rosalind Johnson stated SB-1 is sponsored by Anthony Williams and targets William Penn for vouchers. She said this bill will harm the school district and raise taxes. Residents need to call Senator Williams to oppose the bill.

Jacqueline Mosley asked why the Borough is replacing driveways. Councilor Byrne said the Borough replaced sewer lines and had to repave the dug up road. Ms. Mosley asked about the inlet. He said the sewer project was tearing up the driveway.

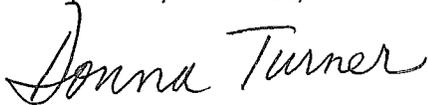
She also asked about young people giving out flyers saying they should vote for the present judge because he is protecting children from Caucasian police officers who give false information to incarcerate students.

Isaac Dotson stated that he and Ms. Puriefoy-Brinkley are having a meeting called "Having a Conversation" to talk about civic issues in Yeadon.

There were no other matters on the agenda. Councilor McDonald moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilor Holden seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05PM by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Donna Turner
Borough Secretary