

Yeadon Borough Council

Minutes of Regular Legislative Meeting held March 17, 2011

Borough Hall, Bailey Road and Church Lane

The regular meeting of Borough Council was held pursuant to public notice. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM. Members present were Councilor Stinson, Vice President Thomas, Councilor Holden, President Kemp, and Councilor Robinson-Howell. Mayor Butler, Engineer Todd Frey, Chief Molineaux and Carl Ewald, Esq. from the Solicitor's office were also present. The meeting was commenced after a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Council decided to put off approval of the minutes because some members did not have enough time to review.

Public comment – the Public comment period was opened.

William Fleming, Sr. is concerned about the take-out beer deli opening. He opposes the consideration of this deli because it is not conducive to the community.

Tiffany Newmuis also opposes the deli because alcohol could hurt students, and encourages alcohol use and bad behavior.

Napolean Houser asked for approval for Carefest, a church outreach day at the community park. CareFest is presently on the agenda for approval.

Audrey Wimes Lafayette stated she had flooding in her basement from the sewer in March with several feet of water. Insurance did not cover the damage. She also stated several residents had 3-6 feet of water and the fire department showed up. They lost a lot of possessions including heaters.

President Kemp asked her to stay after the meeting to set up a time to meet with him.

President Kemp stated Council learned of the deli this evening and is not in support of it.

Frank Scarpatto's request was on the agenda for revision to the plans for the twin homes on Myra Avenue. His request was for approval of an amendment to build smaller homes since the economy is not supporting construction of bigger homes. He eliminated the garages and made the homes 20% smaller.

Councilor Holden asked if there was an escrow account. Mr. Scarpatto said it is not. Councilor Stinson asked about the sprinklers. Mr. Scarpatto said he would comply with current code. The economy is the cause for the amendment. The homes will sell for \$150,000. Prior homes were offered for \$289,000 and only sold for \$170,000.

Mayor's Report –

Mayor Butler asked Council to approve the resolution supporting the tennis program.

Motion – Councilor Holden made a motion that "Borough Council approve the resolution in support of the tennis program." 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- Absent
Councilor Robinson-Howell - Yes
Councilor McDonald - Absent

The Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Butler recognized Sgt. Thomas Reynolds for 25 years of service. She reported that parking officer, Richard Smally was injured during the ice storm. She also reported that a new car is on order and two officers, one a resident were sworn in and will start soon.

Mayor Butler summarized the police training provided and the Police Chief's written report. Also, a tennis demonstration will be held Saturday from 10am – 1pm at the former swim club.

President's Report –

President Kemp asked for approval of a resolution honoring Women's History Month.

Motion – Councilor Stinson made a motion that "Borough Council approve the resolution honoring Women's History Month." Councilor Holden seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. The Motion carried unanimously.

The following residents were recognized by Council:

- Toni Brazington
- Edna Hendricks
- Leslie McGirth
- Mayor Delores Jones Butler
- Mayor Jacqueline Mosley
- Nan Barnwell

Council also considered the request to use Community Park for CareFest sponsored by Careview Community Church. The festival is designed to reach out to the community. There will be a clothing and book give away, prizes, games and music. Council requested the event start at 10:00 am. The event is supposed to run from 12:00pm to 6:00pm. Set up will start at 10:00am and clean up will be completed by 8:00pm. Parking will be accommodated at the church and the park.

Motion – Councilor Holden made a motion that "Borough Council approve the request to use Community Park for CareFest on July 30, 2011 conditioned on signing a lease, agreeing to fix any damages and naming the Borough in insurance coverage." Stinson 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- Absent
Councilor Robinson-Howell - Yes
Councilor McDonald - Absent

The Motion carried 5-0.

Engineer's Report –

Todd Frey reported the Blunston Road Interceptor work is complete. They are expecting to perform a video inspection soon. Also, the Cobbs Creek Interceptor and storm sewer 09 contracts are in the process of being cancelled. Mr. Frey also reported that the 2011 Road Restoration project will be advertised in April. They are looking to coordinate with the utility companies to be sure the road will not be dug up too soon after resurfacing.

Mr. Frey also reported that applications for grants have begun on the enclosed grants list. Councilor Holden said apply for all of them. Mr. Frey stated to focus on likely grants because there is a cost to prepare them.

Mr. Frey offered to meet with residents who complained about flooding.

Treasurer's Report – No report.

Tax Collector's Report –

Laverne Johnson submitted a written report showing \$152,024.82 collected in real estate taxes, \$46,340.82 collected in sewer fees, and \$40,480.00 collected in trash fees. The total collected for February 2011 was \$238,845.43.

She also reported that delinquent taxes have been turned over to the Tax Claim Bureau. Delinquent trash and sewer fees will soon be given to Portnoff.

Finance Committee – Vice President Thomas presented the Accounts Payable.

Motion – Vice President Thomas made a motion that "Borough Council approve the accounts payable through March 17, 2011." Councilor Holden seconded the motion. There was no discussion.
A roll call vote was taken.

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

The Motion carried 4-0.

Vice President Thomas reminded residents to file earned income tax before April 15. Also, property taxes, and sewer and trash fees were not raised this year.

Code Enforcement - The agenda included Frank Scarpatto's amendment. Councilor Holden asked to table the amendment for further discussion. Council agreed.

Public Works – Councilor Byrne was not present to introduce motions regarding the action items under public works.

Public Safety – No report.

Recreation – Tennis Day will be on March 19, 2011. Flag Day is June 11, 2011 with a parade and fireworks. The Run/Walk and car show will be on June 4, 2011. Slots are available for senior piano lessons. Roy Hunter visited the Haverford Township recreation center.

Library – No Report.

Education – President Kemp and Robert Wright, Sr. attended the school district events regarding the school renovations and testing. They invited the superintendent to keep them updated on progress.

Yeadon Economic Development Corporation – Interviews are being scheduled for the YEDC positions for completion by May 1.

Personnel – Job postings for the Borough are on the cable channel. Currently there is an opening for part-time administrative personnel and part-time HR consultant.

Search Committee – The Borough is looking for a full time Finance Director.

Flag Day – Flag Day is June 11. The Walk Run and Car Show will be on June 4.

Solicitor's report –

Solicitor is working on the lease for the swim club. A construction company is looking for an area to stage equipment for six months. They will pay for storage at a rate of \$1,500 per month.

Motion – Councilor Holden made a motion that "Borough Council agree to lease the land contingent upon entering a lease agreement approved by the Solicitor." Vice President Thomas 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- Absent
Councilor Robinson-Howell - Yes
Councilor McDonald - Absent

The Motion carried 5-0.

Council considered a resolution regarding disposal of computers. The resolution is required for disposal of obsolete computers according to Borough Code.

Motion – Councilor Stinson made a motion that "Borough Council approve the resolution to dispose of obsolete computers." Councilor Holden seconded the motion. He asked if it would be a green disposal. A roll call vote was taken.

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

The Motion carried 5-0.

New Business – No new business.

Public Comment – Public comment was opened. No citizen requests for public comment were made.

There were no other matters on the agenda. Councilor Holden moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilor Stinson seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30PM by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna Turner". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Donna Turner
Borough Secretary