

BOROUGH OF YEADON
REGULAR LEGISLATIVE MEETING
APRIL 21, 2011
7:48 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Asher Kemp Jr., Council President, called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRAYER

Councilor McDonald said the prayer.

ROLL CALL

Asher Kemp Jr., President	Present
Sandra D. Thomas, Vice President	Present
Councilor John F. Byrne	Present
Councilor Denise H. Stinson	Present
Councilor John Holden	Absent
Councilor Florence Penny McDonald	Present
Councilor Deborah Robinson-Howell	Present
Dolores Jones-Butler, Mayor	Present
Caren Andrews, Borough Manager	Present
Carl Ewald, Solicitor	Present

Jennifer Hoff presented the new manager of the Elm Street Program, Imogene Wirth-Granlund. Ms. Granlund gave an overview of the community revitalization program to be held in conjunction with Lansdowne. Funds awarded by the State of Pennsylvania.

Borough Council suspended the meeting at 8:00 pm for a reception to meet the new Borough Manager and reconvened at 8:30 pm.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

Tamica Tanksley expressed anger about the home she bought from the Community Action Agency of Delaware Valley. She found major flaws and unsafe conditions in her newly purchased rehabbed home. According to her neighbors the property was previously condemned, and she feels the Borough is responsible for ensuring the safety and proper rehabilitation of Yeadon's properties. Mayor Jones-Butler stated that Ms. Tanksley's home inspector is responsible for protecting her interests. Councilor McDonald stated she met with Ms. Tanksley and referred her to an attorney, and also stated the Borough cares about its residents.

Linda McCrea explained about problems with sewer backing in her basement on April 16, 2011, September 7, 2010 and the July 4 weekend 2010. She stated that work was being performed in the street by All State Power Vac preceding each incident. She also stated when contacting the Streets Department they gave her attitude and had no record of the incidents. President Kemp asked Todd Frey, Borough Engineer to investigate.

Charles Pavia from the 700 Business Club requested support for the annual flea market on Guenther Avenue on June 25, 2011 and October 22, 2011. Mr. Pavia also introduced Arnold Martin, a new business owner in the community.

Motion: Borough to approve request for a flea market. No discussion.

Motioned By: Councilor McDonald

Seconded By: President Kemp

All in Favor, Yes. The motion passed 7 to 0. Unanimous voice vote.

Clara Johnson agreed the Borough needed a borough manager, but wanted to know if any Yeadon residents qualified for the job. She pointed out that the new borough manager was fired from her last position. President Kemp stated the Borough was very thorough in their search and selected the best qualified person for the job. He also stated they always look for Borough residents to fill positions, and also have several residents as employees and contractors. He explained that Council requires background checks on high level employees, as well as bonding. The borough manager's position is subject to political changes and, because of the discretionary nature of the position can be terminated when new council is elected.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Butler reported the Police Chief is recommending the Borough to hire Mr. Raymond Gallo as a turnkey. Mr. Gallo has completed all the training and necessary background checks. The Mayor summarized the Police Chief's written report and stated Yeadon residents need to watch out for neighbors to keep crime down. Mayor Butler also read a letter complementing Officers Criswell and Jones for their fast response to a break in. The mayor is requesting community support for a new recreational center and youth tennis program.

Motion: Borough Council to hire Raymond Gallo to the position of turnkey. No discussion.

Motioned By: Councilor Stinson

Seconded By: Vice President Thomas

All in Favor, Yes. The motion passed 7 to 0. Roll call vote.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Kemp stated the Borough should appoint James Marshall for the planning commission vacancy since he was the only resident to submit a resume. Also, President Kemp reported that Delaware County recognized Yeadon Borough with an award for its support of the Yeadon Library, and he also thanked Linda McCrea for her work with the Library. The Borough is organizing a Yeadon Clean Up Day, schedule to be announced. In addition, residents should contact their state representatives to prevent the William Penn School District from losing necessary funding.

Motion: Borough Council to appoint James Marshall to fill the unexpired term on planning commission. No discussion.

Motioned By: Councilor McDonald

Seconded By: Vice President Thomas

All in Favor, Yes. The motion passed 7 to 0. Roll call vote.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Todd Frey reported he met with Public Works to discuss the Blunston Road project. He also mentioned the 2011 road restoration project. He researched grant information from H2O and Pennvest, and met with neighbors at the last council meeting about sewer backups. The preliminary findings show that residents are in an area with low basements that may be prone to backups, and have an underground stream running through the neighborhood. He is evaluating whether the problem is the sewer or the groundwater, or a mixture of the two. Councilor Holden will have the Code Department forward addresses of residents that contacted him with similar problems. Mayor Jones Butler questioned the link between All State Power Vac and the sewer problems. Mr. Frey stated All State Power Vac is the company performing the sewer lining which was designed to reduce the load on the sewers and the likelihood of backups.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Total revenue is \$1,480,035.44 for this year, currently \$329,391.36 above expenditures. Vice President Thomas reminded the residents to file their earned income tax. President Kemp explained that Council entered into several lease contracts this year to obtain additional revenue since the Borough did not raise taxes this year. The new revenue will be added as a separate line item.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Attorney Ewald reported the total collected taxes and fees for March was \$1,487,098.65. Line items included \$879,279.67 in real estate taxes, \$373,775.09 in sewer fees, and \$251,506.46 in trash fees.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Vice President Thomas presented the Borough's accounts payable for Council approval.

Motion: Borough Council to approve the accounts payable through April 21, 2011 for all expenses except those payments to members of council.

Motioned By: Vice President Thomas

Seconded By: Councilor Holden

Several members recused themselves because of reimbursement payments to listed council members.

Motion: Borough Council to approve accounts payable through April 21, 2011 for all expenses except those payments to members of council. No discussion.

Motioned By: Vice President Thomas

Seconded By: Councilor Stinson

All in Favor, No. Councilor Holden abstained stating he did not have enough time to review. The motion passed 6 to 0. Roll call vote.

Motion: Borough Council to approve the reimbursement for Vice President Thomas. No discussion.

Motioned By: Councilor Stinson

Seconded By: Councilor Holden

All in Favor, No. President Kemp called for roll call vote. Vice President Thomas abstained, Councilors Byrne and McDonald - No. The motion passed 4 to 2. Roll call vote.

Motion: Borough Council to approve the reimbursement for Vice President Thomas. No discussion.

Motioned By: Councilor Stinson

Seconded By: Councilor Holden

All in Favor, No. Vice President Thomas and Councilor McDonald abstained, Councilor Byrne - No. The motion passed 4 to 1. Roll call vote.

Motion: Borough Council to approve the reimbursement for Councilor Stinson. No discussion.

Motioned By: Vice President Thomas

Seconded By: Councilor Holden

All in Favor, No. Councilor Stinson abstained, Councilors Byrne and McDonald - No. The motion passed 4 to 2. Roll call vote.

Motion: Borough Council to approve the reimbursement for Councilor Howell. No discussion.

Motioned By: Councilor Holden

Seconded By: Vice President Thomas

All in Favor, No. Councilor Howell abstained, Councilors Byrne and McDonald - No. The motion passed 4 to 2. Roll call vote.

Motion: Borough Council to approve the reimbursement for Councilor Holden.

Motioned By: Vice President Thomas

Seconded By: Councilor Stinson

Discussion: Councilor McDonald stated that she understood medical insurance contributions to be paid to either the company paying for the insurance or to the insurer. A check is not to be paid to the individual for reimbursement. She inquired about who is checking to make sure the payments are actually being made to the insurance company.

Attorney Ewald stated the Borough Code authorizes the payment of medical insurance for all employees including council members, and does not require it be paid directly to the insurance company. In the event that it is not being paid, there should be proof of payment for reimbursement.

Councilor McDonald also asked who is checking the receipts. President Kemp stated it is the responsibility of the Treasurer and the Finance Director.

All in Favor, No. Councilor Holden abstained, Councilors Byrne and McDonald - No.
The motion passed 4 to 2. Roll call vote.

COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REPORTS

A. Code Department

Collected fees totaled \$46,489.00. Many permits are being issued due to the time of year, but will slow down. Frank Scarpato asked for approval of an amendment for the twin homes in the Myra Bonsall Development on Bonsall Avenue. He stated that he cannot sell the larger house, and presented a report of all the twin home sales in Yeadon in the past year. He reports that his homes were the highest selling homes in Yeadon. Councilor Holden asked if those bigger homes were the highest selling, will the smaller ones lower the value of the bigger homes? Mr. Scarpato stated he took a loss on the bigger homes, and that the new houses will not bring the property value down. He said he will sell them for the same price as the bigger homes in which he took a loss. Attorney Ewald asked if there were any waivers requested. Mr. Scarpato stated that he will comply with every code in the Borough and the building code. He just wants to build smaller homes.

Motion: Borough Council to approve amendment to the land development approval. No discussion.

Motioned By: Councilor McDonald

Seconded By: Councilor Byrne

All in Favor, No. Councilor Holden - No. The motion passed 6 to 1. Roll call vote.

At 9:47pm Councilor Holden left the meeting.

B. Public Works

The fire station has three bids for needed repairs to shed in the rear of Borough Hall. Lowest bid is \$3,300. President Kemp will not award any bids until all bids are present. Mayor Butler stated that Mr. Travers reported only three bids were received and the lowest bidder should be awarded the contract. Council agreed to wait until the next legislative meeting. Council needs to approve the sale of surplus police vehicles and the Wayteck contract for emergency computer backup.

Motion: Borough Council to sell six surplus police vehicles to the highest bidder. No discussion.

Motioned By: Councilor Byrne

Seconded By: Councilor McDonald

All in Favor, Yes. Councilor Holden absent. The motion passed 6 to 0. Roll call vote.

Motion: Borough Council to approve contract for emergency computer backup to the Wayteck company.

Discussion: Councilor Stinson asked about the Wayteck company. President Kemp reported the company is performing all the computer work for Borough Hall. A roll call vote was taken.

Motioned By: Councilor Byrne

Seconded By: Councilor McDonald

All in Favor, Yes. Councilor Holden absent. The motion passed 6 to 0. Roll call vote.

Councilor Byrne stated he is not aware of the content of the last three items on the list. President Kemp suggested for Councilor Byrne to meet with Mr. Travers and bring items back to the next meeting.

C. Public Safety

Parents need to park their cars when retrieving their children at Evans Elementary. Police do not want cars double parked because it is dangerous for the children. Police placed an ordinance at the school about double parking. Parkview apartments had another case of bedbugs. Mary Nixon presented the Borough's emergency management plan to council for approval. The emergency management plan was created in cooperation with other municipalities of Delaware County. A copy will be on display at the library, and may also be uploaded to the website and TV channel.

Motion: Borough Council to approve the Emergency Management Plan. No discussion.

Motioned By: Councilor McDonald

Seconded By: Councilor Stinson

All in Favor, Yes. Councilor Holden absent. The motion passed 6 to 0. Voice vote.

At 9:55 Councilor Byrne left the meeting.

D. Recreation

Tennis Day was on March 19 to kick off the 2011 Tennis Program. Councilor Stinson listed the upcoming recreational events. Mayor Butler stated that Elroy Hudson, who has only been playing tennis for one year in the Yeadon Tennis Program, is the number one player on the high school team.

E. Education

The School Board Director has been invited to the next meeting for updates. Evans Elementary is requesting to use Borough Hall for the 6th grade Move Up Day ceremony.

Motion: Borough Council to approve the 6th grade Move Up Day ceremony to be held at Borough Hall. No discussion.

Motioned By: Councilor McDonald

Seconded By: Vice President Thomas

All in Favor, Yes. Councilors Holden and Byrne absent. The motion passed 5 to 0. Voice vote.

F. Library

Councilor Howell summarized Library events. The Library will be closed for Good Friday.

G. Yeadon Economic Development Corp (YEDC)

President Kemp reported the Borough is ready to appoint members to the Board of Directors for the YEDC. The resumes have been collected and applicants interviewed. There are 8 applicants for 9 positions. The proposed Board Members are:

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| ▪ Gary Core | ▪ Homer Marion |
| ▪ Isaac Dotson | ▪ Jacquelynn Puriefoy-Brinkley |
| ▪ Miles Fields | ▪ Keith Williams |
| ▪ Cheryl Maddox | ▪ Robert Wright |

Motion: Borough Council to appoint the eight applicants to the Board of Directors for Yeadon Economic Development Corp. No discussion.

Motioned By: Councilor Stinson

Seconded By: Vice President Thomas

All in Favor, Yes. Councilor McDonald abstained, Councilors Holden and Byrne absent. The motion passed 4 to 0. Roll call vote.

H. Personnel - No report.

I. Search Committee – No report.

J. Flag Day Events

Car Show and Run Walk at elementary school on June 4. Flag Day parade and fireworks scheduled for June 11. Parade at 10:00am starting at Allen Road. Evening fireworks at Kerr Field at dusk. Motion to approve the fireworks contract.

Motion: Borough Council to approve the fireworks contract. No discussion.

Motioned By: Councilor Stinson

Seconded By: Vice President Thomas

All in Favor, Yes. Councilors Holden and Byrne absent. The motion passed 6 to 0. Voice vote.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor will meet with the VA and Philadelphia Mayor to discuss Mt. Moriah Cemetery problems. Will report back to Council.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

Public comment was opened. No citizens request for public comment.

ADJOURN

There were no other matters on the agenda.
President Kemp asked for a motion to adjourn at 9:45 pm.

Motioned By: Councilor McDonald
Seconded By: Councilor Stinson

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna Turner".

Donna Turner
Borough Secretary