

BOROUGH OF YEADON  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
MAY 2, 2011  
7:40 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
John F. Byrne	Present
Denise H. Stinson	Present
John Holden	Absent
Florence Penny McDonald	Present
Deborah Robinson-Howell	Present
Dolores Jones-Butler, Mayor	Present
Caren Andrews, Manager	Present
Robert Scott, Solicitor	Present

**CITIZEN'S FORUM**

Karen Byrd-Rowley, 820 W. Cobbs Creek Parkway, expressed concerns about the condition of the road. When heavy vehicles such as school buses and trucks traverse the road her house vibrates. Last year pursuant to her complaint the Borough repaved the section of the roadway. The repair is no longer working. Ms. Andrews asked President Kemp if she can assign this to the Borough Engineer for his review. President Kemp said yes. Councilor Byrne said W. Cobbs Creek Parkway is on the list of roads for resurfacing.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Jones-Butler announced a presentation for the proposed Recreation Center on the Yeadon Swim Club property will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Invited guests are County officials, State officials, Drexel University, USTA, Arthur Ashe tennis, and the community. The Mayor requested the Borough start cleaning up the property to allow for a survey. Drexel University has volunteered their services to survey the parcel.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Kemp provided two potential dates for Yeadon Clean-Up Day. May 21 was selected.

President Kemp stated with input from the residents target areas will be established. The community will volunteer their time. The Borough will provide supplies such as trash bags, gloves, and shovels. Mayor Jones-Butler announced she will be unavailable because she will be in Washington DC lobbying for funds for the Recreation Center. Councilor Robinson-Howell is working with a group that has expressed interest in volunteering.

## **BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT**

Ms. Andrews stated the computer infrastructure, hardware, and software systems in the Administration and Code Departments need to be upgraded. Ms. Andrews is working with the IT firm and will report back to Council.

Ms. Andrews asked to table the utility providers review until the Borough hires a Finance Director. This assignment will be given to that person. Everyone agreed.

The Yeadon Borough Fire Company has requested to roof the brick storage enclosure attached to Borough Hall in the rear of the building. The fire company proposes to replace the gate with a garage door. They will pay for the improvement from their funds and obtain a building permit. Mellon Restoration is the proposed contractor. Ms. Andrews was directed to place this on the next Council agenda for a vote.

Ms. Andrews thanked Borough Council and the staff for the warm welcome.

## **COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REPORTS**

There was no report from the Engineer, Finance Committee, Code Enforcement Committee, Public Safety Committee, Recreation, Education, Library, Personnel, and Search.

### **A. Public Works Committee**

1. Councilor Byrne announced the Borough received a \$ 50,000 State grant for signage and thanked Vice President Thomas for making the application.
2. Mayor Jones-Butler indicated a street sign was missing on Fern and Longacre. Councilor Byrne will review this with the Public Works Supervisor.
3. Ms. Andrews is recommending the brick wall damaged near the front entrance of the fire house be repaired in-house by the public works department. Costs for materials and labor will be added to the Commonwealth case for recovery. Council said to proceed.

B. Yeadon Economic Development Corporation (YEDC) – President Kemp reminded Council at the last meeting eight residents were appointed to the committee. Welcome letters are being prepared. A meet and greet session will be established with Council and the YEDC. Mr. Scott reminded Council the by-laws need to be amended to allow for the committee to be self-perpetuating. He suggested the YEDC review the by-laws and present their recommendations to Council.

C. Flag Day Committee – Councilor Stinson announced that details will be available at the next public meeting.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Scott said a portion of the Borough's sewerage flows to the City of Philadelphia through Upper Darby Township. Philadelphia is requiring all Delaware County municipalities that feed into the City's treatment plant to adopt regulations requiring that toxic materials are prohibited from entering the sewer system. The City booklet is 120 pages. Mr. Scott will prepare an ordinance.

**NEW BUSINESS** – No report

## **CITIZEN'S FORUM**

Pamela Humphrey, Angora Drive, asked about the membership on the Personnel Committee. Vice President Thomas said she chairs that committee. Ms. Humphrey asked for the timeline on hiring the Finance Director. Ms. Thomas said now that a Borough Manager is in place the recruitment process will begin. Ms. Humphrey asked if Fresh Start is a part of the Borough Recreation program. Councilor Stinson responded no. Ms. Humphrey asked when citations get issued for residents who are not cutting their grass. Councilor Byrne stated the inspectors travel around the Borough addressing these items as standard practice. Ms. Humphrey asked for the responsible party for the maintenance of street lights. She stated some street lights are non-operational. Councilor Byrne responded this is a service provided by the Borough. Councilor Byrne recommended she call the Borough Manager with the list. Ms. Humphrey indicated there are a few non-functioning lights on Whitby Avenue as you head into Philadelphia. Councilor Byrne indicated some of those lights are in Fairmount Park. Councilor McDonald recommended she contact City Councilwoman Blackwell and State Representative Waters' office. President Kemp asked Ms. Andrews' to contact Councilwoman Blackwell and Representative Waters. Ms. Humphrey asked the Manager to describe her agenda. Ms. Andrews said she will take direction from Council; and, her primary goal is to make this the best community in the region.

## **ADJOURN**

President Kemp wished all the mothers a Happy Mother's Day. President Kemp asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

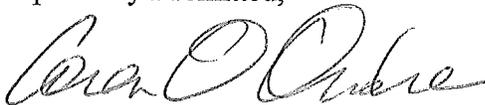
Motioned By: Denise Stinson

Seconded By: Sandra Thomas

All in Favor, Yes.

The motion passed 6 to 0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Caren D. Andrews  
Borough Manager