

**BOROUGH OF YEADON
WORKSHOP MEETING
JUNE 6, 2011
7:55 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Asher Kemp Jr., Council President, called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL

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

President Kemp opened the meeting for public comment.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

No citizen's request for public comment.

MAYOR'S REPORT

There was no report for the police department. Mayor Jones-Butler thanked everyone for attending the May 5th event for the new tennis and recreation complex. She asked Council to submit their plans for the recreation center.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Kemp announced that an executive session was held before the workshop meeting to review personnel and legal matters.

President Kemp introduced the proposed Yeadon Youth Employment Program designed for children ages 14 to 18. Ten positions are planned at \$7.25 per hour, six weeks, 16 hours per week. Placement will be at the Borough Library, Public Works, Code Enforcement, and Administration. Information will be posted in the Yeadon Times and on the Borough cable channel. Workshops on career development, goal setting, and college preparation will be mandatory for one hour a week for six weeks.

President Kemp thanked participants for attending Flag Day. He encouraged residents to tell friends about Flag Day events.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

No report.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Caren Andrews attended the Eastern Delaware County Stormwater Collaborative meeting. She asked Council if Yeadon Borough will become a member. The Collaborative will work together on providing the public outreach and programming components of the MS4 stormwater requirements. The annual cost if seven municipalities participate is estimated at \$ 4000. Attorney Ewald will review the documents and report back to Council at the next meeting.

Councilor Byrne suggested to provide handouts for visitors that come to Borough Hall.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No report.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

No report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

No report.

COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REPORTS

A. Code Department and Planning

Steve Travers explained the code enforcement process. The Code officer drives through the community and/ or receives complaints. Violators receive a door hanger notice and have 3 to 7 days for compliance. After the due date, the inspector goes out to check on the residence in violation. If in compliance, the notice is void. If not in compliance, pictures are taken of the property and a non-traffic citation is issued to the homeowner. Fines are set by the District Court Judge. The maximum fine is \$1,000, but the judge normally establishes a \$150 fine for each citation. The Code officer will issue citations for four weeks. At that point Yeadon places the property in the abatement program. In the abatement program, the Borough sends contractors to non-compliant homes to remedy the issues. An invoice with an administrative fee is processed and sent to the property owner. Photos are taken before and after. The bank pays the bill if the property is in foreclosure.

Mr. Travers introduced the Family Dollar land development plan proposed for the corner of Cedar Avenue and MacDade Boulevard. The Yeadon Planning Commission reviewed the plans in May and made recommendations. The developer amended the plans and resubmitted to the Borough. The Yeadon Planning Commission is scheduled to review this on June 8.

Mr. Travers announced that an Arrival Party is planned on July 31 for the teens participating in the Group Work Camp. This year they will be working at eighteen locations in the Elm Street Grant Project area. Seven are in Lansdowne. Eleven are in Yeadon. They will be performing repairs for seniors, low-income residents, and disabled residents. The teens wrap up on August 5.

Council reviewed the handicap parking appeal of 816 Laurel Road. The resident was denied because her street has off-street parking. She sent a letter requesting for a review of the denial. The resident has medical issues that impact her mobility. Council will review this at the next meeting.

B. Public Works

Councilor Byrne explained that Bailey Road basement flooding is due to residents having powder rooms in the basement. A backflow preventer is recommended to be installed on the lateral line. Residents are seeking assistance from the Borough on installation. Councilor McDonald suggested the Borough install the backflow preventers and place a lien on the home. The Borough will recover the cost at time of resale. Ms. Andrews stated the work is estimated at \$4,000 per home per a recent quote from the Borough Engineer.

President Kemp suggested sending residents a notice of the Borough's road resurfacing work so they can hire private contractors to install the backflow preventer. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting when the Borough Engineer is present.

Councilor Byrne stated twice a week trash pickup starts at the end of the month.

C. Public Safety

Mayor Jones-Butler stated the staffing in the police department is at a reduced level due to two recent resignations. She asked to have the Civil Service regulations revised. Attorney Ewald is working on this revision and hopes to have it ready by next meeting.

D. Recreation – No report.

E. Education

Elected officials are invited to the school board meeting on June 11.

F. Library – No report.

G. Yeadon Economic Development Corp (YEDC)

President Kemp said the Committee is ready to get started. A date for the kickoff meeting is being established.

H. Personnel – No report.

I. Search Committee – No report.

J. Flag Day

Councilor Stinson stated the June 4th Walk/ Run Event had 65 participants. In addition, a special walk/run was held for the children. Antique cars were on display in the afternoon. Mayor Jones-Butler handed out trophies. Flag Day is this Saturday, June 11. Planned is a parade, basketball games, bike decoration contest, music, vendors, and fireworks.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Ewald stated he will be attending the next Stormwater Collaborative meeting. He also stated the deadline for responding to the Family Dollar SALDO application is July 13. He announced the Borough is working with Philadelphia on the Mt. Moriah Cemetery issue. The cemetery is in disrepair. Philadelphia has filed an action in court for property improvements.

NEW BUSINESS

President Kemp stated that St. Vincent Church is requesting the Community Park for a picnic on August 6 from 10am to 8pm for 200 participants. He recommended the event finish at 6pm to allow everyone time to leave by 8pm. The Council approved by unanimous vote the event request subject to the 6 pm time change.

Councilor McDonald inquired about the rental of Borough Hall. Caren Andrews explained that the rental application form has been revised by Solicitor's office. Donna Turner is obtaining quotes for custodial services. The event coordinator and custodian positions are advertised on the Borough's community channel. Ms. Andrews has received one resume for event coordinator.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

Clara Johnson asked if there were handicapped on-street parking spaces available for residents in need of these spaces. The answer was yes. She asked Council to make an exception and allow for a handicapped parking space at 816 Laurel Road.

ADJOURN

There were no other matters on the agenda. President Kemp asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:55PM.

Motioned By: Councilor McDonald

Seconded By: Councilor Stinson

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Caren Andrews
Borough Manager /Secretary