

**BOROUGH OF YEADON
REGULAR LEGISLATIVE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2011
7:30 P.M.**

(Minutes Originally Approved on October 20, 2011. Minutes Revised in Regards to the Councilor Presenting the Finance Committee Report. Revised by Motion at the December 30, 2011 Council Meeting.)

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 for 9/11.

ROLL CALL

Asher Kemp Jr., President	Present
Sandra D. Thomas, Vice President	Absent
John F. Byrne	Present
John Holden	Present
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

Kia Green summarized the Yeadon Borough Youth Employment Program. There were eighteen participants. Certificates of appreciation were presented. President Kemp thanked Councilor Robinson-Howell for motivating Council to move forward with the program.

Solicitor Ewald announced that an executive session was held before the legislative meeting regarding personnel and legal issues.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

Solicitor Ewald opened the meeting for public comment by reading the names for the Fellowship of the Doers presentation: Maxine Veasey, Jacqueline Mosley, Isaac Dotson III, Darrell Wilson, Richard Barnes, Gary Core, Annette Johns, and Ricardo Bostic.

Maxine Veasey stated that the Doers are an organization consisting of Borough residents who want to impact policies and practices with their focus on revitalizing Yeadon Borough.

Jacqueline Mosley stated the Doers met with President Kemp and Caren Andrews and discussed code enforcement issues. Homes in disrepair, abandoned homes and cars, high grass and signs in business windows impact the quality of life.

Isaac Dotson, III presented slides illustrating code violations and poor property maintenance. Two of the main gateways into Yeadon are not maintained and unsightly. This discourages people and businesses from moving to Yeadon.

Darrell Wilson asked the elected officials to commit to maintaining Yeadon as a desirable community and require the Code staff to ensure compliance with the Yeadon Codes. He asked that the Borough Manager hold accountable the Code employees.

Richard Barnes asked Borough Council to agree to commit to enforce the Yeadon Codes. Councilor Holden asked the Doers to have neighbors talk to neighbors about the upkeep of their properties. Councilor McDonald stated she has always been committed.

Maxine Brown thanked the Police Department for responding quickly to her recent 911 call. Mrs. Brown reported cars traveling the wrong way on Laurel Road trying to avoid the traffic light.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Butler informed residents there was three hundred fifty-one (351) moving violations and nine hundred thirty-six (936) calls for service this month. Various police officers attended training. Mayor Butler welcomed back the crossing guards. She asked for the appointment of two (2) alternate crossing guards

Motion: Council to approve hiring Craig Lewis and Pamela Williams as alternate crossing guards at a rate of \$9.75 per hour.

Motioned By: Councilor Stinson

Seconded By: Councilor Robinson-Howell

The motion passed 5 to 0. Councilor Holden was not in the room during the motion and did not vote. Councilor Holden returned to the meeting at 8:21 pm.

Mayor Butler announced that she used the Borough's robocall system for the Hurricane Irene event. FEMA brochures are available.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Kemp informed residents that the robocall is operational. The Yeadon Youth Employment Program was a success. The Elm Street grant is underway. The Red Cross Blood Drive had a good turnout with the blood collected remaining in the community.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Todd Frey obtained quotes for the short term roof repairs to the Library building as defined in the KCI structural roof evaluation report. The quotes exceeded \$10,000 which will require the Borough to go to a sealed bid process. KCI is seeking direction from the Library on their future plans before the scope of work is prepared for the bid documents.

The Borough received a complaint about the storm inlets and road surface at the intersection of Guenther and Bullock Avenues. The Engineer reviewed the situation and discovered the inlets

were in need of immediate repair. The Engineer contacted JMC to make the emergency repairs to the inlets and roadway.

The 2011 Road Reconstruction project is complete. On Baily Road the underlying storm culvert was defective and needed replacement. The Engineer authorized the emergency repair which resulted in increasing the road reconstruction contract to \$96,317.60.

Motion: Council to approve the Resolution on the continuing planning requirements of Act 537 PA Sewage Facilities Act, planning at the multi-municipal level by the Delaware County Planning Department.

Motioned By: Councilor Holden

Seconded By: Councilor McDonald

The motion passed 6 to 0.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Caren Andrews stated that the Karate Program was back at the Yeadon Borough Hall. The Recreation Committee recommended a minimum fee structure of \$150 per month. As the program grows they project forwarding 20% of the income to the Borough, but at no time will it be less than \$ 150 per month. This is a one (1) year contract.

Motion: Council to approve the hall rental fee structure for the Karate Program as approved by the Recreation Committee and summarized by the Borough Manager.

Motioned By: Councilor Holden

Seconded By: Councilor Stinson

The motion passed 6 to 0.

The Delaware County Council has formed a non-profit entity to develop an animal shelter. Effective on January 1, 2012 the SPCA will not take any stray animals. Forty-six (46) of the forty-nine (49) municipalities executed the intent to join letter. Yeadon is currently paying the SPCA \$116 per stray animal with the County supplementing it by \$ 125 bringing the total cost per stray animal to \$241. The Delco Animal Control Board is anticipating the cost to be \$250 per stray animal. President Kemp asked if the County will continue to support the costs. Ms. Andrews stated that once the shelter is operational the municipalities will pay 100% of the expenses. President Kemp asked if the price would change if the Borough doesn't engage now and if there was a timeline to sign the letter of intent. Ms. Andrews stated no action was necessary at this time. Chief Molineux informed Council that they were going to break ground on the new facility around October 1st in Darby Township. The Animal Control Board is looking for a temporary structure to operate in the interim while the new facility is under construction.

Caren Andrews asked Council to approve the 2011 Application for County Aid in the amount of \$12,353.00 for Road Restoration.

Motion: Council to approve the 2011 Application for County Aid.

Motioned By: Councilor Holden
Seconded By: Councilor Robinson-Howell
The motion passed 6 to 0.

The Borough received the Year 2012 MMO calculation prepared by the Borough's actuarial firm. The Minimum Municipal Obligation for the three pension plans are as follows: Police Plan \$220,949, Non-Uniformed Union Plan \$21,466, Non-Uniformed Non-Union Plan \$53,664. This will be inserted into the Year 2012 Budget.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Deborah Roundtree reported the General Fund Revenues of \$3,627,822.91 and Expenditures \$3,322,935.98, Sewer Revenues \$1,049,161.17, Expenditures \$976,385.57. Capital Fund \$6,634.29 Revenues, Expenditures \$94,396.14, Motor License Fund Revenues \$194,486.92, Expenditures \$58,873.45, and Vehicle Replacement Fund Revenues \$146.86, Expenditures \$24,057.44.

Deborah Roundtree asked Department Heads to think about cutting costs because the EIT funds are not coming in as anticipated. Councilor Stinson asked how much revenue the Borough would collect from EIT. Deborah Roundtree said it is estimated at \$600,000.

President Kemp asked Council to entertain a motion to allow Caren Andrews to move forward with departments to explore options for reducing expenses. President Kemp asked to amend the agenda to include the motion.

Motion: Council to approve Caren Andrews moving forward with departments to explore options for reducing expenses.

Motioned By: Councilor Stinson
Seconded By: Councilor McDonald

The motion passed 6 to 0.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Laverne Johnson reported taxes collected for the month of August: Real Estate \$15,370.33, Sewer \$5,672.90, Trash \$4,715 for a total of \$25,758.23.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

President Kemp stated the Finance Report would be given at the Workshop meeting. The A/P list needs to be approved.

Councilor McDonald questioned the Delaware County Transportation Service invoice for the Bus Trips/Camp Garrett in the amount of \$5,000. Caren Andrews and Mayor Butler explained the camp is free; however, there is a \$75 per week charge for transportation.

Councilor McDonald questioned the Robert Jarrell property abatement cleanup invoices. Councilor McDonald asked about the fee structure. Caren Andrews referred questions to Steve Travers. Mr. Travers stated that the charges in question were for multiple cuts, large quantities of debris removal, and many man hours to get the properties to Code standards. Councilor McDonald asked for an additional breakdown of costs and requested a re-evaluation of the program. Councilor Holden asked to see photos of the properties in question. President Kemp stated he will place this topic on the October Workshop agenda.

Councilor McDonald questioned the YEDC invoice in the amount of \$20,000. President Kemp stated the money is in the budget. It is startup funds for the YEDC. President Kemp stated this will go on the October Workshop agenda.

Motion: Council to approve the Accounts Payable through September 15, 2011 excluding the Robert Jarrell Property Abatement invoices and the YEDC payment.

Motioned By: Councilor Holden
Seconded By: Councilor Stinson

The motion passed 6 to 0.

COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REPORTS

A. Code Department

Councilor Byrne reported \$18,575 as the total revenue collected for August and a total of two hundred twelve (212) violation notices were written.

Steve Travers informed Council that a resident on Rundale Avenue would like them to reconsider their request for a handicapped parking space. Councilor McDonald mentioned she spoke to the re husband. His spouse has difficulty with the rear stairwell due to a medical condition. Mayor Butler stated the resident had a handicapped placard, not a license plate. President Kemp stated this will be placed on the October Workshop agenda.

B. Public Works – No Report

Councilor McDonald asked if something could be put around the planters on the 700 block of Church Lane. The planters are attracting loiterers.

C. Public Safety – No Report

D. Recreation

Councilor Stinson reported that Karate is back and to please call Roy Hunter for further details. Questions for soccer, please contact yeaasport.org. Piano lessons are still held on Tuesday & Thursdays, 11:00am – 12:00pm. The annual Haunted Hall will be held on October 26th & 27th. Tennis lessons at Yeadon Swim Club had at least 30 youth participants.

E. Education – No report.

F. Library

Councilor Robinson-Howell reported that the Library would be holding a workshop on "Raising Money-Savvy Kids" on Tuesday, November 2, 2011 and a financial series workshop for women starting on Tuesday, September 13, 2011. The Friends of the Yeadon Public Library will be having their annual Gala on Saturday, October 8, 2011.

G. Yeadon Economic Development Corp (YEDC)

President Kemp stated the YEDC is moving forward. The Executive Board has been appointed. The YEDC has met four (4) times and are meeting monthly.

H. Personnel – No report.

I. Search Committee – No report.

J. Flag Day

Council Stinson reported that the Flag Day Committee would start meeting in October.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Ewald asked Council to adopt an ordinance to amend Delcora's standards, rules, and regulations and the City of Philadelphia's wastewater control regulations.

Motion: Council to adopt the ordinance to amend Delcora's standards, rules, and regulations and the City of Philadelphia's wastewater control regulations.

Motioned By: Councilor Holden

Seconded By: Councilor Robinson-Howell

The motion passed 6 to 0.

St. Michaels Church has delinquent sewer fees for Years 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2010. St. Michaels has agreed to establish an installment repayment plan with Portnoff Law Associates and honor said commitment. In return Portnoff will waive legal fees. The Borough staff is asking for Council to waive the interest charge. Years 2008 and 2009 are proposed to be marked as paid in full based on the Borough's documents.

Motion: Council to consider the installment plan between St. Michael's Church and Portnoff. If St. Michaels honors the installment repayment plan, Portnoff will waive legal fees and the Borough will waive interest charges. Years 2008 and 2009 are considered paid in full.

Motioned By: Councilor Holden

Seconded By: Councilor Stinson

The motion passed 6 to 0.

Attorney Ewald asked Council to consider three motions to ratify tax assessment appeals that have been approved by the William Penn School District and Delaware County.

Motion: Council to consider Parkview Court Apartments tax assessment at \$26 million for tax year 2009-2013.

Motioned By: Councilor Holden
Seconded By: Councilor Byrne

The motion passed 6 to 0.

Motion: Council to consider the 418 Church Lane tax assessment at \$146,000 for tax year 2009-2011.

Motioned By: Councilor Holden
Seconded By: Councilor Stinson

The motion passed 6 to 0.

Motion: Council to consider 436 Lansdowne Avenue for renovations made to the apartment complex, tax assessment at \$2.8 million for tax year 2011. This is an improvement to the tax base of \$1 million.

Motioned By: Councilor Holden
Seconded By: Councilor McDonald

The motion passed 6 to 0.

Attorney Ewald stated the Borough was in court for the enforcement of a disorderly issue. The conviction was upheld in the Court of Common Pleas.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

Clara Johnson asked for the status of the Yeadon Recreation Center. President Kemp informed her that Council is waiting for letters of commitment. The Borough does not have the funds to construct the Center.

Dr. Carolina Harris has been reviewing the financial documents. Dr. Harris asked for Council to look at the A/P list every month and try to get services at a cheaper value.

Louis Bolling put in a request for a revised Comprehensive Plan. He also put in a request for education seminars on how we can work together to improve the Borough in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan. He mentioned the Borough's website is outdated. President Kemp informed him that the new website is being developed and should be operational by October 31st.

Attorney Ewald announced the Court appeal process was complete. The Court ruled that a laundromat is a permitted use in the former Rite Aid building located on Church Lane.

ADJOURN

There were no other matters on the agenda. President Kemp asked for a motion to adjourn at 9:50 PM.

Motioned By: Councilor Holden
Seconded By: Councilor Byrne

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Caren Andrews".

Caren Andrews
Borough Manager/Secretary