

**BOROUGH OF YEADON
WORKSHOP MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 2011
7:30 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. The meeting was publicly advertised to allow for an action item on interfund transfers.

ROLL CALL

Asher Kemp Jr., President	Present
Sandra D. Thomas, Vice President	Absent
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 announced that an Executive Session was held before the workshop meeting regarding personnel, legal, and land. Councilor Holden was present during Executive Session.

Solicitor Ewald opened the meeting for public comment.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

Mr. Arnold Martin spoke. He represents the Business Association for the 700 Block of Church Lane. The Association is seeking permission to hold their 2nd annual fall flea market on October 22, 2011 with a rain date of October 29, 2011. Mr. Martin thanked the Borough for the lighting, trees, and improvements made on Church Lane. He is having problems with people loitering around the new planters. Mr. Martin asked Council to consider putting something around them. Caren Andrews stated Dan Wright is exploring options to remedy this issue and will be reporting back to Council soon.

MAYOR'S REPORT – No Report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Kemp stated Council needs to select the banner and format for the new website. The website is tentatively scheduled to launch on October 31st. Examples drafted by the webmaster were passed out to Council. Council preferred Theme 2 Option 3. President Kemp asked if new pages would be added to the website. Caren Andrews said yes with Community Events and Right to Know as an example of the new pages. President Kemp asked if a page could be added to allow residents to update their contact information for the Robo Call list. Councilor Stinson asked that residents be able to e-mail information to the Borough.

President Kemp mentioned the Delaware County Association of Boroughs (DCAB) meeting was held at Yeadon Borough Hall on September 29, 2011. Councilor Byrne was recognized for thirteen (13) years of service on Yeadon Borough Council and DCAB.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – No Report

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT – No Report

TREASURER'S REPORT – No Report

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT – No Report

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Councilor Byrne asked for a motion to adopt interfund transfers from Sewer Fund, Refuse Fund, and Lockbox to General Fund.

Motion: Council to adopt interfund transfers from Sewer Fund, Refuse Fund, and Lockbox to General Fund.

Motioned By: Councilor McDonald

Seconded By: Councilor Stinson

The motion passed 5 to 0.

COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REPORTS

A. Code Department

Councilor Byrne introduced the James Ebron handicapped parking denial. This topic was discussed last month. Councilor McDonald stated the wife came into her office and explained her medical issues. Councilor McDonald saw firsthand the difficulty the resident had in walking. She supports the request.

Councilor Byrne reminded everyone of the ordinance that states a resident needs a handicapped license plate in order to be considered for the handicapped parking space. This resident has a placard. Councilor McDonald will work with the resident on the plate.

Steve Travers summarized the Property Abatement Program. The bank owned properties reimburse the Borough for the abatement expenses. Councilor McDonald asked that residents be given an opportunity to compete for the business. Steve Travers explained the vendor requirements which include liability insurance, commercial grade landscaping equipment, and a trash pump.

Steve Travers invited Council to take a site visit with him to review the conditions of the blighted properties. President Kemp stated he wants to move forward with the current vendor to finish up the projects for the year.

Councilor Byrne mentioned signage on windows in Commercial Districts. Steve Travers took pictures and delivered letters to those who were not in compliance.

Steve Travers informed Council that he is in the process of coordinating a Zoning Task Force meeting.

B. Public Works – No Report

C. Public Safety – No Report

D. Recreation – No Report

E. Education

Councilor Stinson reported PSSA scores for the 2010/11 school year.

F. Library

Councilor Robinson-Howell reported that The Friends of the Yeadon Public Library would be having their annual Gala on Saturday, October 8, 2011. Updates for the expansion of the library are forthcoming.

G. Yeadon Economic Development Corp (YEDC)

President Kemp reported the YEDC is asking for \$5,000 for startup costs. He asked the Solicitor for guidance with the Borough giving funds to a 501(c)(3). Solicitor Ewald stated under the Borough Code the municipality may appropriate funds for community development programs internally or through other agencies. Mayor Butler asked if they were creating another 501(c)(3). Solicitor Ewald stated the tax code was revised requiring more frequent filings. YEDC was inactive and did not file the IRS paperwork. Also it was noted the name of the group changed to the YEDC.

H. Personnel

President Kemp announced progress is being made in the Finance Director search with a decision being made in the near future.

I. Search Committee – No report.

J. Flag Day

Council Stinson reported the Flag Day Committee will have their first planning meeting for Year 2012 activities on October 11, 2011.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Ewald explained the municipal real estate tax lien sale program. In the past the Borough worked with XSpand. XSpand is no longer purchasing the liens due to a change in their business model. The Borough is working with a different entity called Municipal Revenue Service. They are offering ninety (90) percent of the face value for all Year 2010 delinquent properties. Council was interested.

Solicitor Ewald stated the Borough will need to adopt an ordinance and agreement to join the Eastern Delco Stormwater Collaborative (MS-4). Eight communities were invited with four including Yeadon expressing an interest. The other communities interested are Sharon Hill, Upper Darby, and Collingdale.

NEW BUSINESS

President Kemp reminded everyone of a PECO grant received a few years back for a strategic plan for the Yeadon Community Park. He will be discussing this at the upcoming Elm Street meeting.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

Dr. Carolina Harris wants to be sure Council is following the laws when it pertains to the YEDC. She asked for an agreement of understanding with the YEDC.

Dr. Harris asked to update the Comprehensive Plan.

Dr. Harris commented on the resident that was denied handicapped parking and asked for a little more compassionate.

Dr. Harris asked when the Borough was going to work on the 2012 Budget. Caren Andrews stated the department heads have been crunching numbers. Public meetings will be announced soon.

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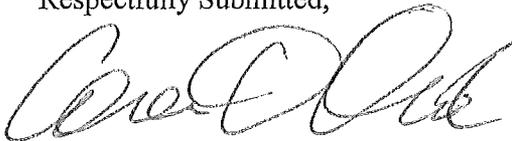
There were no other matters on the agenda. President Kemp asked for a motion to adjourn at 9:08 P.M.

Motioned By: Councilor McDonald

Seconded By: Councilor Stinson

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Caren Andrews
Borough Manager/Secretary