

BOROUGH OF YEADON
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 17, 2012
7:40 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

John Holden, Council President, called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

John Holden, President	Present
Denise Stinson, Vice President	Present
Rosalind Johnson	Present
Asher Kemp, Jr.	Present
Deborah Robinson-Howell	Present Arrived late in the beginning of Engineer's Report
Gracie Snead	Present
Nelva Wright	Present
Dolores Jones-Butler, Mayor	Present
Caren Andrews, Manager	Present
Michael Puppio, Solicitor	Present

President Holden announced there was an Executive Session held tonight for personnel and legal issues.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

No Report

MINUTES

President Holden called for a motion to accept the minutes of March 5, 2012.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MARCH 5, 2012 MINUTES

Motioned By: Councilor Kemp

Seconded By: Councilor Wright

Councilor Johnson had a question about an entry under YEDC committee notes referencing "survey monkey". Because it is a proper name, Councilor Johnson suggested it be capitalized. Councilor Johnson had further questions as to why February minutes were not presented for council approval. Borough Manager Caren Andrews expressed that Councilor Johnson had an exception with the February minutes and was invited to listen to the tape.

Voice vote with no opposition. Motion to approve minutes 7:0.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Jones-Butler announced the children are going to New York for the Arthur Ashe Day at the U. S, Open. The Mayor is working with PA Resource Council and Material Processing Corporation to schedule a recycling event in June for computers, laptops, batteries to be held in the parking lot of Parkview Terrace Apartments. The demolition of the Yeadon Swim Club has been added to Delaware County's final plan for this year's budget.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The tree in front of Major's Deli has been moved to Church Lane and Chester Avenue across from the Tri-Star convenience store.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Councilor Robinson Howell entered the Council Chambers.

Ms. Mulvena spoke on the results of the trash and recycling bids opened April 17, 2012 at 9:30AM. Suburban Waste was the clear low price for trash collection with a five year bid (once per week or twice per week). Republic Service of PA as the clear low bid for recycling with alternate bid 3.2 for 3 years.

MOTION REPUBLIC SERVICES OF PA BID ALTERNATE 3.2, 3 YEAR CONTRACT (YEAR 1 \$95,880, YEAR 2 \$97,798, YEAR 3 -\$99,754) *PROVIDING REPUBLIC HAS PA SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING PERMITS.**

Motioned by: Councilor Johnson

Seconded by: Councilor Kemp

Ken Anderson spoke on their bid. Republic will honor the alternate bid.

John Holden	Yes
Denise Stinson	Yes
Rosalind Johnson	Yes
Asher Kemp, Jr.	Yes
Deborah Robinson-Howell	Yes
Gracie Snead	Yes
Nelva Wright	Yes

Motion passed 7:0.

Discussion on changing trash collection schedule to once week summer schedule. President Holden polled council members for their opinions. Councilor Snead was in favor of once per week trash collection. Councilors Wright, Robinson-Howell, Stinson, Johnson and Kemp agreed to continue twice weekly summer collection. President Holden concurred.

MOTION TO KEEP TWICE WEEKLY SUMMER (JULY, AUGUST) AS CURRENTLY EXISTS. SUBURBAN WASTE MANAGEMENT 2.1, 2 YEAR CONTRACT (YEAR 1 \$231,200, YEAR 2 \$231,200)

Motioned by: Councilor Wright
Seconded by: Councilor Kemp

John Holden	Yes
Denise Stinson	Yes
Rosalind Johnson	Yes
Asher Kemp, Jr.	Yes
Deborah Robinson-Howell	Yes
Gracie Snead	No
Nelva Wright	Yes

Motion passed 6:1

Ordinary Street and Sewer Maintenance bids opened March 28, 2012 at 9:30 AM for Storm/Sewer & Street Maintenance & Sanitary Sewer maintenance

MOTION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR AN INDEFINITE QUANTITY JMC, INC. OF GLEN MILLS FOR LOTS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 –WITH NO DOLLAR AMOUNT IDENTIFIED AT THIS TIME.

Motioned by: Councilor Rosalind Johnson
Seconded by: Denise Stinson

John Holden	Yes
Denise Stinson	Yes
Rosalind Johnson	Yes
Asher Kemp, Jr.	Yes
Deborah Robinson-Howell	Yes
Gracie Snead	Yes
Nelva Wright	Yes

Motion passed 7:0

MOTION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR AN INDEFINITE QUANTITY TO AF DAMON, INC. OF UPLAND PA FOR LOTS 5, & 6 WITH NO DOLLAR AMOUNT IDENTIFIED AT THIS TIME.

Motioned by: Councilor Rosalind Johnson
Seconded by: Councilor Kemp

John Holden	Yes
Denise Stinson	Yes
Rosalind Johnson	Yes
Asher Kemp, Jr.	Yes
Deborah Robinson-Howell	Yes
Gracie Snead	Yes
Nelva Wright	Yes

Motion passed 7:0

MOTION TO RELEASE APPLICATION # 10 FOR HILLVIEW CIRCLE DATED APRIL 11, 2012 TO BE APPROVED FOR RELEASE OF \$17,805. THIS COMPLETES THE WORK COVERED BY THE ESCROW.

Motioned by: Councilor Rosalind Johnson

Seconded by: Councilor Deborah Robinson- Howell

John Holden, President	Yes
Denise Stinson, Vice President	Yes
Rosalind Johnson	Yes
Asher Kemp, Jr.	Yes
Deborah Robinson-Howell	Yes
Gracie Snead	Yes
Nelva Wright	Yes

Motion passed 7:0

The Engineer shared Storm Water Tip Public for Education MS 4 permit– Litter on street finds its way into our local streams through storm drain system. Not only does it contribute to storm water pollution it also contributes to neighborhood blight. Offered suggestions on how residents could participate in getting rid of litter.

BOROUGH MANAGER’S REPORT

PennDot/ARLE required Borough to replace all borough stop signs. 205 stop signs have been replaced. Workplace safety committee members Matt Black, Rufus Stokes, Chief Mollineux attended a certification on May 11. Regarding the \$50K DCED Grant for Police Station renovations;-invoices are coming in slowly. Borough Manager requested permission to do a series of pre-paid checks. Required by law to exhaust all grant funding by June 30th deadline. All outstanding invoices must be paid by then.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE BOROUGH MANAGER TO PAY POLICE STATION DCED GRANT INVOICES IN JUNE.

Motioned by: Councilor Rosalind Johnson

Seconded by: Councilor Wright

John Holdent	Yes
Denise Stinson	Yes
Rosalind Johnson	Yes
Asher Kemp, Jr.	Yes
Deborah Robinson-Howell	Yes
Gracie Snead	Yes
Nelva Wright	Yes

Motion passed 7:0

TREASURER'S REPORT

Councilor Nelva read the report.

Councilor Rosalind Johnson raised question about paying the TAN. The TAN issue will be addressed during the Finance Committee report.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT –Laverne Johnson

April 30, 2012-79% of properties collected

April 30, 2011-73% of properties collected

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT -Councilor Nelva Wright

President Holden asked for a motion to approve the A/P List of May 17, 2012.

MOTION TO APPROVE MAY 2012 A /P LIST.

Motioned By: Councilor Wright

Seconded By: Councilor Johnson

Councilor Johnson questioned the extra \$2K in the payroll from April to May and asked why payroll is increasing. Borough Manager will investigate and report back. Councilor Wright suggested that Council identify the best practices for prepaid, recurring invoices/ bills (i.e. PECO, Aqua).

Councilor Snead questioned duplicate tax payment entry. Borough Manager explained it occurs when tax bill gets paid twice, usually by the property owner and the mortgage company. Tax collector must issue a refund request to Finance Department with evidence that both checks cleared the lock box system.

Councilor Johnson questioned why Highways and General Services was way over budget. Public Works is over budget in line item devoted to street signs. Borough Manager explained the signage replacement is a reimbursable project. Documentation is sent to Penn Dot and they will issue a check. When the check is received the Finance Director will issue a reverse entry for that expenditure. Borough Manager will give numbers of reimbursement for signage at next workshop meeting.

Councilor Wright addressed the US Netcom Corporation renewal fee for Robocall service. Council will discuss alternatives to Robocall service at next the Workshop meeting. Borough Manager will research more cost effective solutions to reaching residents.

Councilor Kemp expressed that a lot of time & effort was expended in setting up the system and suggested the discussion replacing the system be on agenda for next Workshop Meeting and suggests Council move for having this payment processed.

John Holden	Yes
Denise Stinson	Yes
Rosalind Johnson	Yes
Asher Kemp, Jr.	Yes
Deborah Robinson-Howell	Yes
Gracie Snead	Yes
Nelva Wright	Yes

The motion passed 7:0 to accept AP list for May 2012

Councilor Wright gave a summary of the Finance Committee meeting of May 15th, with Library Community & Trustees of the Library, Council members, Borough Manager & Finance Director where the viability & maintenance of library was discussed.

MOTION TO MAKE 2012 TAN PAYMENT (PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST) TO BE PAID EARLY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SAVINGS ON INTEREST

Motioned by: Councilor Wright

Seconded by: Councilor Kemp

Councilor Johnson questioned how much of the TAN would be repaid from General Fund and Sewer Fund. Councilor Johnson has concerns that Borough has cash flow issue and strongly recommends that each Council member attend a finance meeting to go through budget line-by-line to look at ways make necessary adjustment.

John Holden	Yes
Denise Stinson	Yes
Rosalind Johnson	Yes
Asher Kemp, Jr.	Yes
Deborah Robinson-Howell	Yes
Gracie Snead	Yes
Nelva Wright	Yes

Motion passed 7:0

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE BOROUGH TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CART, FOR REMOTE CAPTION SERVICES AT BOROUGH COUNCIL AND WORKSHOP MEETINGS.

Motioned by: Councilor Kemp
Seconded by: Councilor Wright

John Holden	Yes
Denise Stinson	Yes
Rosalind Johnson	Recused
Asher Kemp, Jr.	Yes
Deborah Robinson-Howell	Yes
Gracie Snead	Yes
Nelva Wright	Yes

Motion carried 6:0

COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REPORTS

Public Safety Report – Chief Donald Molineux

Three new tasers were ordered and paid for by a grant. A check for \$3,007.95 was given to the Finance Director. A revised grant from the Department of Justice was approved. Award check in the amount \$14,715 will be earmarked for the replacement of technology (replace server and upgrade computer system). Grant funding must be expended by September 2012. \$1200 grant for *Buckle Up* to run May 21st –June 10th to monitor and enforce traffic around school zones. Finally, Police Department sponsored a community relations program speaking to parents group about children’s safety and bullying.

Code Enforcement and Planning – No report

Public Works

Borough Manager, Caren Andrews reported current Public Works projects include: signage replacement, property abatement and line striping.

Recreation –Ron Francis, Chair

Summer Youth Tennis program, focusing on youth 10 & under runs June 18th through August 20th and culminates with a trip to Arthur Ashe Day at the U.S. Open on August 25th. Flag Day Races at Evans School on June 2nd. Yeadon Car Show, June 9th from 11Am- 3 PM. Flag Day Fireworks June 9th beginning at dusk at Kerr Field. Department of Recreation and Police Athletic League will sponsor a Flag Day Youth Program in August. more information to be announced. Applications are available for Camp Garrett summer program. 3rd annual Yeadon/Philly Basketball game will be held June 9th at Community Park beginning at 11:00AM. Recreation Committee is working on the Yeadon Fun Times to be distributed in August. Ron Francis announced the passing of James Holiday, Adult Basketball League Coordinator.

Borough Manager gave an update on replacing Community Park bleachers; Elm Street has expressed willingness to solicit matching dollars for the project. Vice President Stinson suggested this item be placed on workshop agenda.

Councilor Johnson referred Nile Swim Club request for financial support for summer 2012 events. She noted the timing of the request and recommended a letter be sent explaining that they submit their requests through the Recreation Committee during budget process.

Education – No report

Library – Councilor Deborah Robinson-Howell

Summer reading Kick Off with a concert by Peter Moses May 18th @ 11:00AM. Free *Science in the Summer* program for kids sponsored by Glaxo Smith Kline & The Franklin Institute 7/16-7/19. Arthur Night with Donald Bogle, May 24th to discuss his new book *Heat Wave: The Life and Career of Ethel Waters*. Harlem Book Fair July 21st. Cost is \$45.00.

Yeadon Economic Development Corp (YEDC) – Councilor Kemp

YEDC is completing quality of life survey. . YEDC will review suggestions from Councilor Johnson regarding summer work program and funding.

Flag Day – Councilor Denise Stinson

Car Show June 9th at Kerr Field from 11 AM – 3 PM. There will be vendors and activities and conclusion with fireworks display will begin at dusk.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Currently working on assessment appeals, review of all bids and advertisement of property advertisement of abatement bid which will come under old business.

NEW BUSINESS

President Holden asked if there is any new business.

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION AUTHORIZATION OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPERTY ABATEMENT

Motioned By: Councilor Johnson

Seconded By: Councilor Stinson

John Holden	Yes
Denise Stinson	Yes
Rosalind Johnson	Yes
Asher Kemp, Jr.	Yes
Deborah Robinson-Howell	Yes
Gracie Snead	Yes
Nelva Wright	Yes

Motion carried 7:0.

MOTION TO APPOINT A 2ND REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON THE MT. MORIAH NON-PROFIT CORP.
President Holden offered Rev. Rohan Hepkins in nomination.

Motioned by: Councilor Johnson

Seconded by: Councilor Kemp

John Holden	Yes
Denise Stinson	Yes
Rosalind Johnson	Yes
Asher Kemp, Jr.	Yes
Deborah Robinson-Howell	Yes
Gracie Snead	Yes
Nelva Wright	Yes

Motion carried 7:0.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE REPAIR OF LEAF MACHINE REPAIR UP TO \$2500

Motioned by: Councilor Johnson

Seconded by: Councilor Kemp

John Holden	Yes
Denise Stinson	Yes
Rosalind Johnson	Yes
Asher Kemp, Jr.	Yes
Deborah Robinson-Howell	Yes
Gracie Snead	No
Nelva Wright	Yes

Motion passed 6:1

**MOTION TO CONTINUE SUMMER WORKSHOP MEETINGS (JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER)
JULY 2, AUGUST 6 & 1ST TUESDAY IN SEPTEMBER**

Motioned by: Councilor Snead

Seconded by: Councilor Johnson

John Holden	No
Denise Stinson	No
Rosalind Johnson	Yes
Asher Kemp, Jr.	No
Deborah Robinson-Howell	No
Gracie Snead	Yes
Nelva Wright	No
Dolores Jones-Butler, Mayor	

Motion passed 5:2

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE OPENING NEW ESCROW ACCOUNT AT BENEFICIAL BANK TITLED 809 SERRILL AVENUE TILTED FIRE ESCROW ACCOUNT.

Motioned by: Councilor Wright
Seconded by: Councilor Johnson

John Holden	Yes
Denise Stinson	Yes
Rosalind Johnson	Yes
Asher Kemp, Jr.	Yes
Deborah Robinson-Howell	Yes
Gracie Snead	Yes
Nelva Wright	Yes

Motion passed 7:0

MOTION TO APPROVE WRIT OF EXECUTION LISTED DATED APRIL 18, 2012 FROM PORTNOFF LAW ASSOCIATES LTD FOR COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT SEWER AND REFUSE TAXES.

Motioned by: Councilor Johnson
Seconded by: Councilor Snead

John Holden	Yes
Denise Stinson	Yes
Rosalind Johnson	Yes
Asher Kemp, Jr.	Yes
Deborah Robinson-Howell	Yes
Gracie Snead	Yes
Nelva Wright	Yes

Motion passed 7 to 0

MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Motioned by: Councilor Robinson-Howell
Seconded by: Councilor Wright

Discussion as to responsibilities/job description and salary range of Administrative Officer. Solicitor clarified process – not on agenda, there will be a period for public comment. Councilor Johnson asked to table the motion as it was inappropriate, highly irregular and indicated the request should have come from Personnel Committee.

SECONDARY MOTION TO TABLE MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Motioned by: Councilor Johnson
Seconded by: Councilor Snead

John Holden	No
Denise Stinson	No
Rosalind Johnson	Yes
Asher Kemp, Jr.	Yes
Deborah Robinson-Howell	No
Gracie Snead	Yes
Nelva Wright	No

Motion to table not passed 5:2

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MOTION

Jacquie Brinkley- Develop a job description and salary needs to be developed.

Learin Johnson- Move doesn't make sense.

Bernice Robinson – Develop a job description, salary range. It appears that it was not discussed among council. Must be someone who has the experience, not a patronage job.

Councilor Wright- the advertisement would provide the transparency and would include the job description and salary compensation.

Terry McGirth – Rehire the person who was let go because of budget constraints. Every person who has been let go has been a resident of the community.

Councilor Johnson referred attention to line item 401.130, there was no salary allotted for clerical position. Why aren't the former employees eligible for re-hire?

John Holden	Yes
Denise Stinson	Yes
Rosalind Johnson	No
Asher Kemp, Jr.	No
Deborah Robinson-Howell	Yes
Gracie Snead	Yes
Nelva Wright	Yes

Motion to advertise for Administrative Officer approved 4:3

CITIZEN'S FORUM

Audrey Harris

There is no transparency in the borough and personnel changes make no sense. No transparency in selection process of Borough Solicitor.

Solicitor, Michael Puppio

Political and religious beliefs do not influence advice provided to Yeadon Borough Council and is given within accordance of the law. Bound by the rules of professional responsibility as an attorney of the state of Pennsylvania.

Dr. James Smith

Another accident at the intersection of Church Lane and Guenther Ave. No traffic regulations, possibility it is most dangerous intersection in the borough. Has had many meetings over several years with Council and PennDot about the problem yet no action has been taken.

Maxine Veasey

Last September 75 members of Fellowship of the Doers and residents of Yeadon asked for support in day-to-day routine code enforcement of business & residential violations. The way a community looks affects value of housing and quality of businesses. Hold Borough Manager and Code Director accountable for fulfilling their duties as defined by Borough Codes. Saw limited progress. Slide presentation of businesses and residences in direct violation of code ordinances.

Jacqueline Mosley

Yeadon residents can't depend on day-to-day routine code enforcement. Tax payers have a right to expect code Enforcement employees are committed to improving and maintaining the quality of life in Yeadon. Residents have the right to ask for their dismissal if they are not fulfilling their role. The Borough Manager, Code Director, and other employees who are not invested in the well-being of community should step down immediately.

Annette Johns

Surveyed Councilors about their commitment to taking appropriate actions against any Borough employees who are not committed to performing their duties.

A lively discussion between members of the audience and President Holden ensued.

ADJOURNMENT

President Holden called for a motion to adjourn at 10:12 PM.

Motioned By: Councilor Wright

Seconded By: Councilor Kemp

Respectfully Submitted,



Caren Andrews
Borough Manager/Secretary