

BOROUGH OF YEADON  
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 21, 2012  
7: 30 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Holden at 7:39 PM

**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
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 legal and personnel issues.

**CITIZEN'S FORUM**

Jacqueline Mosely – Community Park. Concerned about proposed 11 PM closing. The park is dark and not very well lit and presents a safety issue.

Jacqueline Brinkley – Community Park. Community Park designed as a small park for Borough residents. It was not envisioned as a park for everyone. Trash and loud music is a disturbing to residents.

Terry McGirth – Appointment of Building Code Official and Borough needs to create a job description for this position. Concerned about 821 Rader Avenue. The property was condemned in 2006 and now sewage is running down the street.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Jones-Butler -Youth tennis program has begun and is receiving an excellent response.

Police Report -Chief Donald Molineux.

Three full time officers are out, 2 related to work injuries, one non-occupational related. Part time employees are leaving to take other positions.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Appointment of FOP Bargaining Committee – Nominated: Councilor Kemp, Councilor Wright & President Holden. Councilor Kemp declined. Mayor Butler indicated that she would like to serve. Committee is comprised of President Holden, Councilor Wright and Mayor Butler.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

**MOTION** to advertise - Act 167 Stormwater Ordinance –

Motioned by: Councilor Johnson

Seconded by: Councilor 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

Roll call vote. Passed 7:0

Next month Council will vote on authorization to prepare MS 4 application. The Engineer read aloud the storm water tip.

## **BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT**

The Borough received a Delaware County CDBG for the demolition of the structure at the Yeadon Swim Club property.

Ms. Andrews reminded everyone recycling days are Wednesday.

Councilor Snead asked why there were no minutes this month. Borough Manger stated it has been a very hectic month and was unable to get them done.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT- Councilor Wright**

Councilor Johnson inquired why Finance Director I. Hamid was not present. President Holden said I Hamid indicated he was attending. President Holden he will follow up with him.

Councilor Johnson asked about the Cash Flow Analysis report. Councilor Wright said this is part of the Finance Report.

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT – Laverne Johnson**

**COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REPORTS**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Council recessed at 8:10 PM; resumed at 8:18 PM

Councilor Wright read the cash flow spreadsheet projection prepared by I. Hamid.

Jacqueline Brinkley asked for an interpretation of the report. President Holden encouraged attendance at the Finance Committee meeting. Some of the residents spoke and said Councilor Wright was not reporting correctly.

Councilor Snead expressed concern that Borough will not have available funds at year's end to pay bills. Solicitor Puppio said if this proves to be the case, the Borough may file a petition with Court of Common Pleas.

Councilor Johnson said the Finance Committee needs to focus on reducing expenditures. She said the recent hiring of the Administrative Officer and Business consultant was not in the budget. Councilor Johnson said there was savings in the legislative health benefits. Councilor Johnson said the elevator needs repairs. A line by line review of the budget is needed.

In the midst of public outcry, Mayor Butler-Jones asked the audience to listen and be calm.

President Holden asked for the date of the next Finance Committee Meeting. Councilor Wright said July 17<sup>th</sup>. Councilor Johnson said we cannot delay. There are no workshop meetings in July, August, and September. Councilor Johnson said we have no Treasurer. President Holden asked for the Finance Committee to meet more frequently. President Holden asked Councilor Wright to schedule more meetings.

President Holden asked for a motion for the A/P List of June 21, 2012.

**MOTION TO APPROVE A/P LIST OF JUNE 21, 2012**

Motioned by: Councilor Wright

Seconded by: Councilor Robinson-Howell

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

Roll call vote with 1 abstention. Approved 6:0. Councilor Johnson said she did not receive the A/P list.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Chief Molineux spoke on changing the date of the meeting. Having it on the first week of the month is not ample time to prepare for the meeting.

**MOTION TO CHANGE THE PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING TO 2<sup>ND</sup> TUES OF THE MONTH, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, 1:00 PM START.**

Motioned by: Councilor Kemp

Seconded by: Councilor Stinson

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

Roll call vote. Motion passed 7 to 0.

**MOTION TO DEPOSIT INSURANCE CHECK FOR 2009 CROWN VIC INTO VEHICLE REPLACEMENT FUND**

Chief explained that the car was totaled. The approximate value is \$ 12K. The department will need a vehicle in 2013.

Motioned by: Councilor Kemp

Seconded by: Councilor Wright

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

Roll call vote. Motion passed 7:0.

Councilor Johnson asked if the second person has been added to the Parking Enforcement staff. The Personnel Committee will review the applications. The previous employee said he was interested, but had to reapply.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Councilor Kemp said the front of Borough Hall was in need of painting. Councilor Johnson said Public Works is over budget. She said there is no oversight in the Public Works Department. Councilor Johnson said there is no Code Director. Councilor Johnson announced she contributed \$ \$ 300 to the Borough for the planting of flowers at Borough Hall. .

#### **RECREATION –Councilor Stinson**

Flag Day walk/run was successful. Youth tennis camp is underway. Camp Garrett has begun. Senior piano lessons and Sister to Sister are being offered by Alice Payne.

President Holden asked about the \$ 2500 donation by Parkview Court for tennis. It was confirmed. Parkview Court also donated \$2500 to Camp Garrett for transportation.

#### **EDUCATION – No report.**

Councilor Johnson spoke about House Bill 2468 which would increase vouchers to private schools.

Councilor Johnson reported that at the recent YEDC Summit Superintendent Joseph Bruni said the Yeadon students were among the top performers in the school district.

#### **LIBRARY – Councilor Robinson-Howell**

Councilor Johnson was concerned about needed repairs to the air conditioning system and the library roof.

#### **YEADON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP (YEDC) – Councilor Kemp**

YEDC conducted a SWOT analysis on June 2 focusing on education, business, infrastructure, and transportation. Councilor Johnson is working on a Youth Program for 2013 at no cost to Yeadon. Councilor Kemp is looking for volunteers to serve on Elm Street Grant subcommittees. Councilor Kemp was asked if Elm Street can donate signs for Community Park.

#### **CODE COMMITTEE –No report.**

#### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Puppio announced the property abatement program bid was advertised with bids due on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Only one bid was received from A to U Services, Sharon Hill, PA. The Solicitor recommended the bid be awarded as follows: Property abatement contract Lot 1, items 1.1 and 1.2 to A to U Services, Inc. at the rate of \$ 85 per hour and Lot 2, items 2.1 and 2.2 to A to U

Services Inc. at the rate of \$ 85 per hour. The award is contingent on the parties entering into a contract within the next 30 days. A motion was requested.

**MOTION TO AWARD THE PROPERTY ABATEMENT BID AS DEFINED BY THE SOLICITOR TO A TO U SERVICES INC. SUBJECT TO A CONTRACT BEING EXECUTED WITHIN THE NEXT 30 DAYS.**

Motioned by: Councilor Johnson

Seconded by: Councilor Stinson

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
Dolores Jones-Butler, Mayor	

Roll call vote. Motion carried 7: 0

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION TO APPOINT RUFUS STOKES AS THE ZONING OFFICER AT NO ADDITIONAL COST; TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT ONLY.**

Motioned by: Councilor Wright

Seconded by: Councilor Robinson-Howell

Councilor Johnson said the Borough is piling on the responsibilities but not removing any assignments. Councilor Stinson said Mr. Stokes can handle the responsibility.

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

Roll Call Vote. Motion Passes 5:2.

**MOTION TO APPOINT BOROUGH MANGER, CAREN ANDREWS RIGHT TO KNOW OFFICER ON A TEMPORARY BASIS.**

Motioned by: Councilor Wright

Seconded by: Councilor Kemp

Councilor Stinson asked if anyone else is available. Councilor Holden said the Borough Manger has the training to fulfill the position. Councilor Johnson said this task belongs with the Administrative Officer.

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

Roll call vote. Motion passed 5:2

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Andrews stated the Crime Policy is up for renewal.

#### **MOTION TO RENEW CRIME POLICY WITH SAME HARTFORD WITH SAME LIMIT, SAME DEDUCTIBLE WITH ONE YEAR PREMIUM \$1627.00**

Motioned by: Councilor Johnson

Seconded by: Councilor Kemp

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
Dolores Jones-Butler, Mayor	

Roll call vote. Motion passed 7:0.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **MOTION TO REFUND \$875.00 TRASH FEE TO THE COMMERCIAL BUSINESS OF FOREACRES FLORIST AND REMOVE ONE UNIT FROM THEIR ANNUAL BILLING CYCLE. THE REFUND IS FOR YEARS 2009, 2010, 2011, AND 2012.**

Motioned by: Councilor Johnson

Seconded by: Councilor Kemp

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
Dolores Jones-Butler, Mayor	

Roll call vote. Motion passed 7:0.

**MOTION TO RATIFY DVRPC/PHS PENNVEST TREE GRANT APPLICATION**

Grant came about via Stormwater Collaborative. Locate where trees would go, would be installed and maintained at no cost to the Borough.

Motioned by: Councilor Kemp

Seconded by: Councilor Johnson

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
Dolores Jones-Butler, Mayor	

Roll call vote. Motion approved 7:0.

**MOTION TO APPOINT MILES FIELDS AS THE BOROUGH'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE DARBY CREEK JOINT AUTHORITY**

Mr. Field submitted a letter of interest and resume in consideration. Councilor Kemp strongly encouraged Council to appoint Mr. Fields.

Motioned by: Councilor Kemp

Seconded by: Councilor Robinson-Howell

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

Roll call vote. Motioned carried 4:0 with Councilors Stinson and Johnson abstaining.

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE A THIRD CHECK SIGNER.**

Councilor Kemp suggested Councilor Johnson. She declined. President Holden said he will volunteer if no one else is available.

Motion tabled.

**COMMUNITY PARK, RULES & REGULATIONS**

Solicitor found proposed ordinance and advertisement for ordinance, but can't find any evidence of an ordinance passed. Councilor Wright suggested looking at original ordinance and get started drafting amendments. Councilor Johnson asked is this was the work of the ad-hoc committee. Councilor Robinson- Howell affirmed that it was. Councilor Johnson had concerns about excessive size of groups, proposed fees too low to compensate Public Works overtime and sound system amplification for sustained periods is a hardship to neighbors around Community Park.,

President Holden asked if Committee would table the discussion to be continued at a special meeting June 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

**MOTION TO APPROVE BLOCK PARTY IN THE 700 TO 723 BULLOCK CONTINGENTS UPON REQUISITE SIGNATURES SUBMITTED.**

Motion made by: Councilor Johnson

Motion seconded by: Councilor Snead

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

Roll call vote. Motion approved 6: 0 with Councilor Johnson abstaining

**MOTION** to approve handicapped parking space for Laura Simpkins original request submitted in April. Councilor Johnson asked for a motion. President Holden said this will be put on special meeting agenda June 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

## CITIZEN'S FORUM

**Betty Graham** – Spoke to process: there needs to be an adjustment to 2012 Budget is needed of poor management, February 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> meetings were violation of Sunshine Laws, hiring a Tea Party Republican Solicitor and Consultant without community input, at June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting President Holden called police to clear the chambers so that the public could remove the public so they could not hear. The Borough is operating without directors of Code, Public Works and Library.

**Vera DeLoatch** – Can televised Council meetings be restored? She would like to see the educational status of Yeadon students celebrated.

**Clara Johnson** – Some Councilors want to dictate without community involvement. The Personnel Committee was set up with special guidelines, but when asked what the special guidelines are the same answer is returned; “under review”. Ms. Johnson has attended every public Personnel Committee meeting and there was no discussion about hiring a business consultant. If Councilors can't follow the Open Meeting Act they need to step down from Council. She admonished that certain councilors must stop closed doors meetings..

**Linwood Morris** – Made considerable expenditures advertising the Annual Car Show and believes he should be compensated. He did all the work without advertising and setting up the event without any help from the Borough and feels he got nothing in return.

**Stephanie Alston** – 811 Rader Avenue. On May 11<sup>th</sup> paint splashed all over her car while she out of town. Trash company has no respect for Yeadon property; trash cans are thrown around. Driveway is not safe. President Holden will have Borough Manager follow up with Ms. Alston. Ms. Alston filed with her insurance company, but was told there was a clause that the trash hauler was not liable.

**Isaac Dotson** – *Committee for Clean Floors at Yeadon Auditorium.* The floors are filthy and dangerous. The auditorium is not cleaned after events. Mr. Dotson is asking Borough Council to allocate money for buckets, ringer, detergent \$ 170 and the Yeadon Shotakan Karate club will mop the floor.

**Maxine Veasey** – *Fellowship of the Doers.* Protest undemocratic measures taken by members of the council that dilutes due process and sunshine law violations. Corrupt public policies disenfranchise citizens. Rescind hiring decisions made at the last special Council meeting. Protest disagreeable, confrontational acrimony and unethical council since its opening in January 2012. Include residents in decisions of who works for Yeadon. Position of Code Director should be advertised and interviewed by all Council members. The Fellowship of the Doers believes we must identify people who are thinkers and are reflective of the true character of this borough.

**Muhammad Komara** - Moved here in 2003 from Guinea, West Africa. He has been mentored by John Holden since his arrival in this country. He considers John Holden to be a father figure and believes he is the man to lead the next generation of this community. Mr. Komara asked members of the audience to allow him to speak uninterrupted as he allowed them to speak without interruption. He stated that to move on as a community we must be able to respect each other. He asked for member of the community to work together.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Holden called for a motion to adjourn at 10:30 PM.

Motioned By: Councilor Asher Kemp  
Seconded By: Councilor Nelva Wright

Respectfully Submitted,



Caren Andrews  
Borough Manager/Secretary