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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Denise Stinson at 7:33 PM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

John Holden, President	Absent
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	Absent
Michael Puppio, Solicitor	Present

A statement was read by Vice President Stinson regarding allegations surrounding Borough Council President John Holden will be resolved by the Court of Common Pleas. Borough Council will restructure and reorganize leadership during the new business portion of the meeting. Borough Council is committed to put aside personal differences to work on issues that affect residents of Yeadon.

Vice President Stinson announced that an Executive Session was held before the meeting. The Solicitor, Michael Puppio, stated that the Executive Session covered Labor, Personnel and Legal Issues.

**PRESENTATION — ELM STREET PROJECT, FARMER'S MARKET**

Proposal for Farmers Market Yeadon Community Park by Jennifer Hoff LDC that will feature food vendors, framers, musicians and farmers, artist and artisans. Parking lot is ideal for the event Thursday, 9/27 & Thursday 10/25. Parking permission has been granted from Care View Church and Nile Swim Club.

Vice President Stinson asked for motion

Motioned by: Councilor Rosalind Johnson

Seconded by: Councilor Asher Kemp

Voice vote with no opposition. Motion approved.6:0

**CITIZEN'S FORUM, AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

There was no comment

## MINUTES

### **MOTION TO ACCEPT - FEBRUARY 23, 2012 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Motioned by: Councilor Rosalind Johnson  
Seconded by: Councilor Asher Kemp  
Voice vote, Councilor Kemp abstains. Motion carries 5:0

Terry M<sup>c</sup>Girth had concerns about the approval of the A/P list. Solicitor Puppio advised that Council was in the midst of a motion.

Voice vote with no opposition. 6:0 Motion carried the minutes were approved.

Terry M<sup>c</sup>Girth continued voicing his concern that Council can't approve the A/P list for August 2012 if the Finance meeting was cancelled. There was no resident participation. In question: item 41001310 (consulting services), item 454220 (mulch supplies) and projected cash flow analysis with note on last page which reads "*estimates and judgments were made in preparing this cash projection*". Mr. M<sup>c</sup> Girth inquired as to when A/P list will discontinue estimates. Mayor Jones-Butler said when the meeting reached the Finance portion of the agenda he would have a forum to express his opinion.

### **MOTION TO ACCEPT - MARCH 15, 2012 COUNCIL MEETING**

Motioned by: Councilor Rosalind Johnson  
Seconded by: Councilor Asher Kemp  
Voice vote with no opposition 6:0. Minutes approved.

### **MOTION TO ACCEPT - APRIL 2, 2012 WORKSHOP MEETING**

Motioned by: Councilor Rosalind Johnson  
Seconded by: Councilor Asher Kemp  
Voice vote with no opposition. 6:0. Minutes approved

### **MOTION TO ACCEPT - APRIL 19, 2012 COUNCIL MEETING**

Motioned by: Councilor Rosalind Johnson  
Seconded by: Councilor Asher Kemp  
Voice vote with no opposition. 6:0. Minutes approved.

### **MOTION TO ACCEPT — MAY 7, 2012 WORKSHOP MEETING**

Motioned by: Councilor Rosalind Johnson  
Seconded by: Councilor Nelva Wright

Councilor Johnson expressed unreadiness concerning corrections:

- Page 3 Community Park is not restricted to 15 people but to groups of no more than 15.
- Page 5 Citizen Forum going forward use first and last names of speakers during citizen's forum to eliminate any confusion if speakers have the same last name.
- Page 6 Caren Johnson is listed as Borough Manger correct to Caren Andrews

### **MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES WITH THE NECESSARY CORRECTIONS**

Motioned by: Councilor Rosalind Johnson  
Seconded by: Councilor Asher Kemp

Voice vote with no opposition 6:0. Minutes approved with necessary corrections.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**-Presented by Chief Donald Molineux

Councilor Kemp- asked for clarification on Metro Tech. Chief Molineux stated that a \$7500 grant for technology was secured for 2012. The Windows based technology allows data from Visual Alert I to be migrated to Visual Alert II, enabling Yeadon to share arrests reports with police agencies throughout Philadelphia, Delaware and Montgomery counties.

Councilor Johnson stated that loitering situation on 700 Church Lane is out of control. Councilor Johnson called for aggressive monitoring. Chief Molineux stated his officers are taking an aggressive approach. In the last month 10 people were arrested loitering in that block and \$3000 dollars in drug money was confiscated.

Councilor Wright asked about vandalism and burglary trends. Chief Molineux stated that statistics have been down every month since January. He shared that police staffing is down to 12 full time officers from 15 officers. He is decreasing part time officer hours. The Borough will have full complement of full time officers by August 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **MOTION TO APPOINT SHARMAINE MCEACHERN AND WILBERT TASCO TO THE POSITION OF ALTERNATE CROSSING GUARD AT THE RATE OF \$ 9.67 PER HOUR**

Mayor Jones-Butler asked for movement on action item

Motioned by: Councilor Rosalind Johnson

Seconded by: Councilor Asher Kemp

Voice vote taken. No opposition; motion carried 6:0.

Mayor Jones- Butler – 40 children from tennis group are going to Arthur Ashe Day at the U.S. Open on August 25<sup>th</sup>. The trip is at no expense to Borough, the trip is supported by Friends 4 Tennis and generous donations. Mayor Jones- Butler thanked everyone in community who supported the program.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

### **MOTION AWARD THE BID FOR THE YEADON PUBLIC LIBRARY ROOF SYSTEM REPLACEMENT**

Vice President Stinson asked for a motion to table

Motioned by: Councilor Rosalind Johnson

Seconded by: Councilor Asher Kemp

Voice vote with no opposition. Motion to table the Award of Bid carried 6:0

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

Councilor Nelva Wright announced copies are available in the lobby area. Councilor Johnson- said cash flow analysis still does not reflect information about 2010 Bond Issue. I. Hamid, Finance Director should be advised that bond information should be included in the cash flow analysis.

## **TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

Laverne Johnson suggested that council members speak directly into their microphone the people in the back of chambers can't hear. Council thanked her for the input

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE-** No report.

### **MOTION APPROVE A/P LIST OF AUGUST 16 2012**

Councilor Wright asked for approval of A/P list with the exclusion of entry item on page 4- 401.310 dated 7/13/12 to H & T Enterprises LLC Management & Professional Services. To be removed from AP list for further clarification.

Further discussion: Councilor Johnson had questions regarding expenditures for tennis programs. Mayor Jones- Butler offered further clarification of funding for tennis program; tennis clinics brought in money to pay for the instructors. Councilor Johnson recommended that the recreation report needs to be monitored more carefully and that the recreation budget captures the proper program credits and debit.

Motioned by: Councilor Rosalind Johnson

Seconded by: 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Robinson-Howell

Voice vote with no opposition. Motion passed 6:0.

**PUBLIC SAFETY-** No report

**RECREATION-** Vice President Stinson read report

- Yeadon Borough and the William Penn School District are partnering with Cheyney University to offer after school programs featuring science, math & engineering.
- YEAA will offer soccer in Community Park in September
- Camp Garrett concluded August 10<sup>th</sup>
  - 21 Yeadon youth attended the 8 week camp in Marple Newton.
- After School program at Bell Avenue and Evans schools will begin in late September focusing on science & environmental activities

**LIBRARY-** No report

**CODE DEPARTMENT -** Report read by Vice President Stinson

Code officers visited business and spoke to them regarding signage in front windows. Citations are being issued for non-compliance with the rental ordinances. A Zoning Hearing Board will be held on August 20<sup>th</sup> regarding Zoning Application 12-02 Next G Communications. The Family Dollar project almost completed. The Code Department is receiving complaints regarding vacant properties and unmaintained yards. A report is being generated for the maintenance abatement contractor.

Councilor Johnson expressed some unreadiness on Code report. Code Department needs to stop having conversations with business and need to start aggressively issuing citations. Wants memo written to Code

about signage and aggressive getting residents to repair sidewalks. Wants changes in how this community looks.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

### **MOTION TO APPROVE THE TAX ASSESSMENT STIPULATION FOR FOLIO # 48-00-0198546, 4 HILLVIEW CIRCLE**

This motion concerns the Hillview Circle tax assessment. William Penn School District took lead on fighting tax assessment appeal and was resolved at appropriate level based upon appraiser's review. Vice President Stinson asked for motion to approve 48-00-01985-16.

Motioned by: Councilor Rosalind Johnson

Seconded by: Councilor Asher Kemp

Voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried 6:0

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **MOTION - APPROVE THE WRIT OF EXECUTION LIST DATED JULY 17, 2012 FROM PORTNOFF LAW ASSOCIATES, LTD FOR THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT SEWER AND REFUSE**

Motioned by: Councilor Rosalind Johnson

Seconded by: Councilor Gracie Snead

Voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried 6:0.

### **MOTION TO AUTHORIZE PORTNOFF LAW ASSOCIATES TO PROTECT THE BOROUGH'S INTEREST IN THE MATTER OF COLIN NATION AND DOREEN NATION FOR A FLAT FEE OF \$ 500.**

Motioned by: Councilor Rosalind Johnson

Seconded by: Councilor Asher Kemp

Councilor Nelva Wright asked for clarification. Portnoff Associates was contracted to represent the Borough in tax delinquencies.

Voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried 6:0.

### **MOTION TO TERMINATE CONTRACT FOR DR. CAROLINA HARRIS**

Motioned by: Councilor Rosalind Johnson

Seconded by Councilor Gracie Snead

Voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried 6:0.

### **MOTION TO REORGANIZE BOROUGH COUNCIL LEADERSHIP**

Motioned by: Councilor Rosalind Johnson

Seconded by: Councilor Asher Kemp

Voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried 6:0.

The Solicitor stated the next appropriate motion would be nominations for Council President. The motions do not need to be seconded.

**MOTION TO NOMINATE COUNCILOR ROSALIND JOHNSON AS PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL GRACE**  
Motioned by: Councilor Gracie Snead

**VOTE ON NOMINATION OF COUNCILOR ROSALIND JOHNSON**

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

Motion failed 2:4.

**MOTION TO NOMINATE COUNCILOR DENISE STINSON AS PRESIDENT OF BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
Motioned by: Councilor Deborah Robinson –Howell

**VOTE ON NOMINATION OF COUNCILOR DENISE STINSON**

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

Motion carried 4:2. Councilor Stinson was elected President of Borough Council

**MOTION TO NOMINATE COUNCILOR NELVA WRIGHT FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF BOROUGH COUNCIL.**

Motioned by: Councilor Deborah Howell- Robinson

There were no more nominations.

**MOTION FOR CLOSING OF NOMINATIONS.**

Motioned by: Councilor Asher Kemp

Seconded by: Deborah Robinson-Howell

Voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried 6:0

**MOTION TO VOTE ON NOMINATION OF COUNCILOR NELVA WRIGHT AS VICE PRESIDENT OF BOROUGH COUNCILOR**

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

Motion carried. Councilor Nelva Wright was elected Vice President of Borough Council 4:2.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**MOTION - ACT 167 STORM WATER**

Motion to table

Motioned by: Councilor Asher Kemp,

Seconded by: Councilor Rosalind Johnson

Voice vote with no opposition. Motion to table carried 6:0.

**REORGANIZATION BOROUGH COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEES**

<b><u>Elm Street</u></b>	<b><u>Finance</u></b>
Councilor Asher Kemp	Vice President Nelva Wright
<b><u>Public Works</u></b>	Councilor Debra Robinson-Howell
Councilor Asher Kemp declined	Councilor Rosalind Johnson
Councilor Nelva Wright declined	<b><u>Public Safety</u></b>
<b><u>YEDC</u></b>	Councilor Rosalind Johnson
Councilor Asher Kemp	<b><u>Personnel &amp; Search</u></b>
<b><u>Recreation</u></b>	Councilor Rosalind Johnson
President Denise Stinson	President Denise Stinson
Councilor Gracie Snead	<b><u>Education</u></b>
<b><u>Library</u></b>	President Denise Stinson
Councilor Deborah Robinson-Howell	Councilor Rosalind Johnson
President Denise Stinson	<b><u>Code</u></b>
	Councilor Rosalind Johnson

Councilor Johnson suggested Council revisit scheduling dates for committee meetings. There were four committee meetings scheduled on August 14<sup>th</sup>, far too many meetings for one day.

**CITIZEN'S FORUM**

**Brittany Dell** – permission 800 Block of Bullock Avenue. Meet and greet, block party 9/15. Borough Manager will contact her on Monday.

**Leslie M<sup>c</sup>Girth**

Community Music Fest sponsored by Fresh Start, Darby Borough and State Representative Ronald G. Waters will be held September 8<sup>th</sup> from 11:00-8:00PM in the parking lot of the MacDade Shopping Mall . The concert will feature talent show, Gospel concert and Jazz featuring Breakwater and Gerald Veasley. Projected attendance 1000 people. May require additional police officers. Representative Waters is providing additional security. Fresh Start secured a grant to give back to our communities. Leslie M<sup>c</sup>Girth asked for borough support in supplying tables and chairs, assistance in hanging banner and advertising event on Borough website and cable channel.

**Richard Barnes**

Richard Barnes read a letter written to local business Brewers Outlet on Church Lane regarding obvious code violations and requested removal of signage by June 29, 2012. Multiple signs and trash dumpsters are affecting resident's quality of life and discourage potential homeowners from wanting to purchase in

Yeadon. Solicitor- Borough needs to speak with code department to provide clarification.

**Maxine Veasey 6/29**

Read correspondence on behalf of Jacqueline Puriefoy Brinkley thanking Councilors Stinson and Robinson-Howell for their commitment in allowing residents to participate in the process of revamping rules for use of Community Park. The next step is to identify funds for the improvement of the park and upgrading equipment.

**Councilor Kemp**

Thanked everyone for their best wishes. He will be getting married in September and will not be around for much of September.

**Leslie McGirth**

Announced the passing of Julius Grant. He was longtime Yeadon resident and member of the Tuskegee Airmen. The funeral will be held Saturday August 18<sup>th</sup>. She requested a proclamation be issued by Borough Council to be read at the funeral.

**From the audience**

Congratulations on the appointment of Councilor Denise Stinson as President and Councilor Nelva Wright as Vice President. The speaker expressed hope that our community will heal under their leadership.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion for adjournment

Motioned by: Councilor Asher Kemp

Seconded by: Councilor Deborah Robinson-Howell

Meeting adjourned at 8:58PM

Respectfully submitted by,



Caren Andrews

Borough Manager/Secretary