

BOROUGH OF YEADON  
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
BOROUGH COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
JANUARY 7, 2013

**CALL TO ORDER - 7:30 PM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Name	
Councilor Holden	Absent
Mayor Jones-Butler	Present
Councilor Johnson	Present
Councilor Kemp	Present
Councilor Robinson-Howell	Present
Councilor Snead	Present
Vice President Wright	Absent
President Stinson	Present

**SWEARING IN** - Marcia L. Hinton was sworn in as Borough Secretary by Mayor Dolores Jones-Butler

**PRESENTATION - FARMERS MARKET, Elm Street Project**

Jennifer Hoff & Erica Goodwin

**Purpose:** To bring fresh food to & artisanal foods to the community & foster economic development. An opportunity to meet neighbors, provide a community meeting space where both Lansdowne & Yeadon communities can come together to foster unity  
Target dates Thursdays from 4-7Pm from June through October

**Amenities:** Food, music & artists, tented spaces

Requested of Yeadon Borough

Permission to use Community Park on requested days

Permission to erect small tent to store items

Coordinate with Police Department to ensure safety

RE request shared usage of use of Nile Swim Club and/or Careview Church parking & restroom facilities

**Money needed**

Each Borough will be asked to donate \$500.00 to cover crossing guard expense

Market Manager- (approximate salary \$2000.00)

4 hours day of Farmer's Market and 2 hours during week- for a total of 6 hours weekly. They have applied for grant funding from PA Department of Agriculture and the Claniel Family Foundation. It is their experience they will likely get about \$2000.00 in grant assistance.

President Stinson asked how the Market Manager position will be advertised. The announcement & application will be posted on Elm street website, hopefully on borough website and cable channel. Councilor Snead asked if Thursday s were optimal for a farmer's market considering people are working. Jennifer Hoff responded that they have met with great success using the Thursday model. It is close to the weekend when most people cook. President Stinson asked if the market will continue rain or shine. Jennifer Hoff said it will go on rain or shine and in six years only had to cancel three times.

Mayor Jones-Butler asked why the event was only advertised in Tribune. Jennifer Hoff explained that Tribune offered a very good deal and Delco Daily Times doesn't have that large a subscription base. Louis Bolling, a Yeadon resident works for Tribune and free delivery to Yeadon residents.

### **CITIZEN'S FORUM, AGENDA ITEMS ONLY – No comments**

**MAYOR'S REPORT** - None

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - None

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Code Committee Meeting 12/6/12- Councilor Johnson**

Among items discussed: procedural check list developed for issuing building permits, an analysis of all permits to determine if third party inspections are needed, review of resident complaints and a copy of Blight was shared by committee chair Councilor Johnson.

#### **Public Safety Committee Meeting 12/11/12 - Councilor Johnson**

Among items discussed: Block Captain's Social December 15, ARLE grants for roadway signage replacement, issues at apartment complexes (Parkview Court and Foxcroft), Emergency Management NIMS presentation and Council Chair's report.

#### **Public Works Committee Meeting 12/4/12 - Councilor Johnson**

Among items discussed: leaf collection will continue through 12/21, snow plows/spreaders & bowers ready for winter, 390 tons of deicer & full skid of sidewalk deicer, vehicle maintenance and winterization, Holiday decoration of Borough hall, Police department renovations, quality of life issues 700 block of Church Lane, traffic lights in need of repair and installation and petty cash fund to eliminate employee wait for reimbursement.

Councilor Johnson will request approval of Committee Reports at January 17, 2013 Council meeting

Councilor Kemp had several observations: vacancies on the Zoning Board and it is time to take time to look at appointments, time to revitalize Town Watch, Emergency Management Evacuation Plans need to be posted throughout Borough Hall and status of borough's AED (defibrillator).

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **REQUEST FOR TWO NEW STREET LIGHTS, ALLEN DRIVE**

Covered fully in Councilor Johnson's report; will be put on Agenda for January 17<sup>th</sup> legislative meeting.

### **THOMAS J ANDERSON & ASSOCIATES, INC, MUNICIPAL PENSION SERVICES**

Borough Manager explained the letter- Councilor Johnson suggested making a decision to move forward with their services. All Councilors were in agreement

Councilor Johnson shared that Councilor Kemp was correct in expiration of appointments. The Shade Tree Commission, the Civil Service Commission, Zoning & Planning Commission appointments have expired. A Comprehensive Plan should have been re-done in 2010. Planning Commission has not meet in 2012. Commission members should be sent a letter asking their intentions to continuing serving and if not to reconstitute the commission with new appointees. Councilor Johnson asked - how to determine, advertise and recruit for the appointments to commissions. Suggestions were to post on Borough website, get recommendations and input from Council and use of a Robocall announcement.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **GUENTHER AVENUE, ONE WAY FROM CHURCH LANE TO YEADON AVENUE**

Councilor Johnson asked Borough Manager if she has gotten any more feedback from PennDot. Signs will have to reverse and a limited number of parking meters would be impacted. The Borough Manager was asked to find out cost to complete transition. Traffic is being impacted by people now going the wrong way on Whitby, Cypress and Yeadon Ave.

Councilor Johnson ascertained Council's position on issue? Council was polled and all were in agreement. Councilor Kemp suggested referring some aspects to solicitor. Councilor Johnson thought the question would be better addressed by the borough engineer who interfaces with PennDot. The Borough Manager suggested that the issue be put on January 17<sup>th</sup> Council meeting agenda under Engineer's Report. This will necessitate a new ordinance. Police Chief Molineux will also be invited to give feedback.

## **CITIZEN'S FORUM**

**Tom Cooke**

808 Longacre Blvd

The street is sinking in front of house and water is pooling. Dan Wright tried to image the lateral sewer line to determine if damage to lateral was causing the sinkage and water, but the camera was broken. Was told by Borough Manager that it was not his concern and why was he involved. Was told he had to install a curb at a property that had never had a curb.

Borough Manager rebutted and said that picture was taken by camera of lateral sewer lines. Mr. Cook said the camera broke as public works was to call him when the camera worked, but he is still is waiting for a call.

Councilor Johnson said this issue needs to be discussed at Public Works Committee with the Borough Engineer. Councilor Johnson will conduct a site visit and thanked Mr. Cook's for his willingness to come out and address it.

**Clara Johnson** asked for the difference between workshop and council meetings. President Stinson explained Council workshop meetings were for discussion of issues and Council meetings were legislative sessions to vote on issues. Clara Johnson inquired when can residents interact after agenda items rather than having to wait until the end of the meetings for the Citizen's Forum. Councilor Johnson clarified that residents were once able to garner input before Council voted on each motion. The downside to that was Council meetings went on to 11:00 PM because of community input. Councilor Johnson stated that citizens should be encouraged to attend committee meetings to voice their input.

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Motioned by: Councilor Kemp

Seconded by: Councilor Robinson-Howell

**ADJOURNMENT** 8:37 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Marcia L. Hinton

Borough Secretary