

**BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
BOROUGH COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2013
7:40 PM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL**

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION – President Stinson

CITIZEN’S FORUM, AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

PRESENTATION – Elm Street Project, Debbie Lamborn

Currently in year 3 of 4 year implementation. Union Gardens Neighborhood Boundaries: Baltimore Pike to Fairview Avenue, Fairview Avenue to Baily Road and Lansdowne Avenue to Union Avenue

- Goals identified: Clean, Safe & Green
 - Reduce blighted properties
 - Increase home ownership
 - Partner with Community Action Agency to rehab and resale properties
 - Homeowners energy efficiency grant program
 - Free tax preparation
 - Facade program up to \$5000 to make renovations to the exteriors of homes
 - Minor home repair program
 - Weatherization with CAADC
 - Budget councilor for first time homebuyers

Upcoming Farmers Market October 24th from 4:00-7:00PM at Community Park

Extensive question and answer period followed concerning: historic designations, how information about program is delivered to Borough and communications with Code Department, number of homes in Yeadon receiving façade grants and once properties are rehabbed if they sold at fair market value. .

MINUTES

APPROVE LEGISLATIVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2013

Motioned by: Councilor Johnson

Seconded by: Councilor Kemp

Voice vote with one abstention. Motion carries 5:0

APPROVE COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES OCTOBER 7, 2013

Motioned by: Councilor Dotson

Seconded by: Councilor Kemp
Voice vote with no opposition. Motion carries 6:0

MAYOR'S REPORT

Police Report presented by Chief Donald Molineux

Civil Service Commission will be administering the Agility Test at Kerr Field October 19th at 9:00AM. Eleven applicants will be participating.

One action item. One officer recently resigned and one was removed due to a policy violation, need to hire an additional officer.

MOTION TO HIRE MICHAEL J. SARA AS PART TIME POLICE OFFICER AT THE RATE OF \$15.00 PER HOUR

Motioned by: Councilor Johnson

Seconded by: Vice President Wright

Voice vote with no opposition. Motion carries 6:0

Discussion

Request by Councilor Dotson that Police Chief Molineux include an update of activities on 700 block of Church Lane in his monthly report.

Discussion of the need for security/surveillance cameras in the business corridor and whether they should be purchased by Borough or by individual business owners.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Union Gardens Farmer's Market October 24 from 4:00-7:00 PM, rain or shine in Community Park.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Demo Yeadon Swim Club

Request to County for additional \$2,675.00 for asbestos abatement

Evans School

After renovations to grounds, the 15 trees for water quality improvement were not planted, will revisit in the spring

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE QUOTE FOR FAÇADE AND MASONRY REPAIR OF BOROUGH HALL

Questions came before a second was obtained, Point of order motion withdrawn

MOTION TO OPEN BID FOR IMPROVEMENT FOR FAÇADE AND MASONRY REPAIR OF BOROUGH HALL

Motion withdrawn, because question and unreadiness was expressed before a second was obtained

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Motioned by: Councilor Johnson

Seconded by: Vice President Wright

Voice vote with no opposition. Motion carries 6:0

Question from Engineer if painting was included in

MOTION TO OBTAIN A BID FOR PAINTING OF BOROUGH HALL

Motioned by: Councilor Johnson

Seconded by: Councilor Dotson

Voice vote with no opposition. Motion carries 6:0

Yeadon Library Addition

A zoning hearing is set for October 22, 2013 at 7:30. Upon approval, the land development plans will be finalized and forwarded to the Borough's Planning Commission and the County Planning Department for review. Following these reviews, Council would then be in a position to consider a land development application.

Repairs to Borough Hall

Datum Restoration has completed the limited roof repairs Council approved. To date, Dan Wright has not observed any leaks; but, we will continue to monitor. The roofing company informed Public Work that they do not believe the need for a new roof is imminent. Engineer recommends Council consider budgeting for a new roof in the next 2 to 3 years.

Ordinary Street and Sewer Maintenance – 2014

The current Ordinary Street and Sewer Maintenance contracts will be expiring in November 2013. It is requested that Council authorize the preparation and advertisement of bids for work related to storm and sanitary sewer repairs and street resurfacing.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE PREPARATION AND ADVERTISEMENT OF NEXT ORDINARY STREET AND SEWER MAINTENANCE

Motioned by: Councilor Johnson

Seconded by: Vice President Wright

Voice vote with no opposition. Motion carries 6:0

DELCORA Act 537 Plan Revision for the Eastern Service Area

There is no update from the report made last month.

Stormwater Tip of the Month

With the arrival of fall, falling leaves and grass clippings left in the streets can cause stormwater pollution. To help prevent this pollution, clean up all leaves and grass from the streets and storm drains along your property. The waste from their decomposition can eventually get into the storm drains, making their way into the streams and rivers where they can rob aquatic life of oxygen.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Borough Phones

The first stage of SIP Trunk conversion has begun. Comcast is porting all the phone lines for conversion. The analog lines (faxes, alarms & elevator) will be ported separately. SIP trunk line installation will be completed in the next two weeks.

Public Works

Philadelphia Horticultural Society is offering free trees Tuesday October 15th. Public Works will meet at Collingdale Borough Hall to collect 12 trees and take a special demo on how to plant the root bound trees. These trees will replace the trees in Community Park that have succumbed to disease and the 3 trees that were cut down on Cobbs Creek Parkway island that were also blighted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Borough Fund Balances

- General Fund \$1,453,977.46
- Refuse Fund \$658,368.49
- Sewer Fund \$888,376.06

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Taxes collected

- Real Estate 15,397.16
- Sewer 8,593.53
- Trash 4,455.00
- Total Collected 28,445.69

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Finance Committee met October 15th and reviewed: AP List, year to date (YTD) cash flow analysis and earned income tax. Received updates on Yeadon streetlight energy savings (September 2013 - \$325.36 versus January 2013 - \$850.00- a savings of \$524.64: Preparing for the FY 2014 budget process.

MOTION TO APPROVE /P LIST OF OCTOBER 17, 2013

Motioned by: Councilor Dotson

Seconded by: Councilor Kemp

Voice vote with no opposition. Motion carries 6:0

Personnel Committee

Some overlap between Personal and Public Works

Public Works

Due to vacancies in Public Works manpower needs to be shifted.

MOTION TO CHANGE THE EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF SEASONAL EMPLOYEES DESHAWN BUTTERFIELD AND OSCAR LAWRENCE FROM SEASON EMPLOYEES TO PUBLIC WORKS TRAINEES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12.00 PER HOUR FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS ENDING MAY 31, 2014.

Discussion preceded a second. Solicitor clarified the procedure.

Motion by: Councilor Johnson

Seconded by: Councilor Dotson

Discussion:

Per request of Councilor Kemp, Councilor Johnson amplified the motion. One Public Works employee will be out indefinitely and four employees are of retirement age. Councilor Kemp questioned if they are seasonal employees what would the benefit of being switched to Public Works in employees. Councilor Johnson clarified that seasonal employment ends December 2013. They are not permanent employees and are part time employee with no more than 30 hours per week.

Voice vote with no opposition. Motion carries 6:0

Problems with one of the PW trucks and it was included in the FY 2014 Budget but it needs to be replaced before anticipated

MOTION TO PURCHASE A NEW PUMP FROM D. HART & SONS ON 1986 FORD F-70 SEWER TRUCK IN THE AMOUNT \$8,886

Motioned by: Councilor Johnson
Seconded by: Vice President Wright

Discussion:

Councilor Dotson inquired if the truck is a 1986 model why isn't the Borough replacing the entire truck? Borough Secretary explained it is not the truck that is at issue but the sewer equipment attached to the truck that needs replacing. The truck only has 7000 miles on it and is only used to scope sewers. It goes from the Public Works garage to the sewer line in need and never leaves the 1.9 mile radius of the Borough. Councilors Kemp & Dotson would like Public Works to provided warranty information. Councilor Dotson stated that since he has served on Council several pieces of equipment have broken (elevator, phone system and now sewer pump) and need to be replaced, is the borough providing enough oversight in the maintenance of equipment. Borough Secretary offered that both the telephone and sewer pump had been identified for the FY 2014 budget for replacement and unfortunately needed to be replaced immediately. Three quotes for elevator repair were obtained in the spring but the elevator broke before Council could approve a vendor to make the necessary repairs.

Voice vote with no opposition. Motion carries 6:0

Code

Follow up to discussion at Council Workshop session. Per findings of the PA Department of Labor & Industry audit conducted in September, the Code Department must secure certain documents. Council made the recommendation to use the closet in the Council Room but the space is inadequate but looking at an alternative space that currently houses the archived ordinances and minutes.

Councilor Dotson wanted to re-visit Public Works and inquired about the removal of a dead tree Longacre and W. Cobbs Creek Parkway. Councilor Johnson verified that \$1300.00 had been approved for the removal of the dead trees on Longacre Blvd and on Baily Rd.

Public Safety

No report

Recreation Committee

- Haunted Hall
 - Teen Scream (13+) October 29th from 6:30-8:30
 - 12 and under, October 30th from 6:30-8:30
 - Everyone is invited to bring a non-perishable food item for area food banks
- Tree Lighting Ceremony and Holiday Party Friday , 16/6 from 6:00-8:30, needs volunteers

Report from DCAB

Delaware County Boroughs Association – “Fall Fest” October 26th and monthly meeting October 21st

Report on Candidate’s Forum - by Councilor Dotson

Hosted by the Fellowship of the Doers on October 16th from 7:00-9:00PM. Councilor Dotson thought it was successful and informative and thanked all in attendance.

Building One Pennsylvania/First Suburbs

MOTION TO TAKE OUT 1/3 PAGE AD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$350.00 FOR THE BUILDING ONE PENNSYLVANIA PROGRAM BOOK.

Motioned by: Councilor Johnson

Seconded by: Councilor Dotson

Voice vote with no opposition. Motion carries 6:0

SOLICITOR’S REPORT-None

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION TO APPROVE NEW LANGUAGE AND ADVERTISE CHANGES TO TRASH ORDINANCE

Motioned by: Councilor Dotson

Seconded by: Councilor Robinson-Howell

Questions:

Councilor Dotson inquired if businesses can secure their own dumpsters and is concerned that Borough not assume an adversarial position with the business owners. Councilor Johnson assured that there is an ongoing relationship with the Business owners of 700 block of Church Lane and that she has been invited to their breakfast meeting October 21, 2013 to talk about these and other issues.

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

MOTION TO POST COMDIAL TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT (36-15 LINE INSTRUMENTS) ON E-COMMERCE WEBSITES FOR SALE

Motioned by: Councilor Dotson

Seconded by: Councilor Kemp

Voice vote with no opposition. Motion carries 6:0

Discussion

Purchase of new fire pumper

Fire Company will pay entire upfront costs. Borough will not make payment until 2015. 33% will be paid by Fire Company, 66% will be financed by Borough over 12 year period.

MOTION TO PURCHASE NEW FIRE APPARATUS (OPTION ONE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$518, 366

Motioned by: Councilor Johnson

Seconded by: Councilor Robinson-Howell

Solicitor informed that because item, was not on agenda it is defined within Borough code that there should be public comment

Public Comment

Tom Cook- *Longacre Blvd*

Can the piece of equipment that needs to be replaced be sold? Chief DiInenzo said the truck is so old that it does not have a marketable value and will be sold for scrap

William Bagley - *Whitby Ave*

What will happen to the old truck? It will be listed for sale and if no buyers, it will be scrapped.

Councilor Dotson asks if the public understood the cost and the Borough's responsibility.

Rohan Hepkins- *Church Lane*

Needed clarification of Borough's responsibility.

President Stinson asked again if members of the public understood and called for vote.

Voice vote with no opposition. Motion carries 6:0

OLD BUSINESS -None

CITIZEN'S FORUM

William Bagley- *Whitby Avenue*

Mr. Bagley is concerned with safety issues in the Borough. He would like to see more police presence to deter crime. There are no more bicycle patrols. As more officers retire, they are not being replaced for budgetary reasons.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion for adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:33PM

Respectfully submitted,



Marcia L. Hinton
Borough Secretary