

**BOROUGH OF YEADON**  
**DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**  
**MINUTES OF BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP/BUDGET MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 10, 2014, 7:30 PM**

The Yeadon Borough Council met at Yeadon Borough Hall on the above date. President Sharon Council called the meeting to order at 7:48 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

The following members were present: President Sharon Council, Vice-President Nelva Wright and Councilors Clara Johnson, Learin Johnson, Rosalind Jones-Johnson, Dolores McCabe and Gracie Snead. Also present were Mayor Rohan Hepkins, Borough Manager Larry Healy, Finance Director Joseph Possenti, Jr. and Police Chief Donald Molineux.

**CITIZEN'S FORUM**

Cliff Brock: Make sure Recreation dollars are not re-appropriated; Potholes cannot wait until spring; wants Police Department Sub-station in Municipal Lot reopened or move it to MacDade Shopping Center.

Dr. Carolina Harris: Has questions on Budget.

J. Possenti: Broke down Management Firm fees as was requested. \$250,000 in Liquid Fuel Funds to repair streets. Meeting with Portonoff regarding collections. Earned income tax raised \$80,000 in January.

President Council: Get Auditor's report.

Councilor Jones-Johnson: Problems with paying from wrong fund was wrong. Manager and Finance Director were fired and Angelic Jones was hired after audit and fixed the problems. There is a five year plan. Suggested Mr. Brock meet with Recreation Department.

President Council: Two weeks ago Mr. Possenti found the Sewer Fund owed \$100,000 to the General fund and Liquid fuels owe \$55,000. Council is looking to reduce taxes by getting dollars back to General Fund.

Councilor Jones-Johnson: There should have been a transition of Finance Directors. Some Public Works jobs can be paid by Sewer Fund. Refuse fee is in line people want twice weekly trash pickup. Sewer fee is high storm water seeps into sanitary system.

J. Possenti: Increase collections, meeting with Department Heads.

President Council: Spoke of Delta Plan and said it has not been approved by current Council. More Recreation Funding is needed. Flag Day events were cut back along with no 5k Run, no piano lessons, no tennis, wants Council to be thorough.

Councilor Jones-Johnson: Said piano and tennis programs were not disbanded. There was no proposal to the committee. Piano program did not bring in enough dollars to cover cost.

Councilor Snead: Lady from Chester did no present proposal for tennis and Ms. Payne did not write a proposal for piano.

Councilor C. Johnson: Needed clarification. Ms. Payne's salary was more than she brought in. Vice-President Wright: Ms. Payne provided sister 2 sister and music programs. Not all is about dollars, said Mr. Francis' proposal was discarded and Mr. May said his 5K Run was also discarded.

Councilor L. Johnson: Wanted to start Majorettes Program. Proposal was approved for \$200 in August.

Councilor Snead: Proposal was late to the Budget. Dollars already allocated.

Councilor Jones-Johnson: Purpose of workshop is for committee chairs to report to Council, not hearing from people who were not at the meeting.

President Council: Committee meetings were for orientation of new process. Department heads attended. There is an update of phone numbers for ROBO calls. Looking for Committee volunteers. Next month council will receive information from chairs in order to prioritize and discuss issues at the Executive Sessions.

Vice-President Wright – Finance Chair – Meeting attended by three council members and Dr. Carolina Harris. Discussed cash report, Beneficial moving, maybe look at a Credit Union. AP and bank statements go to councilors to look at.

Mayor Hepkins: Discussed police staffing and need to hire one officer immediately. We are down three officers. Need more to open sub-station. Robberies are increasing.

Chief Molineux: Expressed concerns regarding staffing while crime increases, is having a problem recruiting crossing guards at \$9.96 rate.

Councilor Snead: Asked if Chief goes on street.

Chief Molineux: Said he filled in for a crossing guard earlier that day.

Chief Molineux: Short patrolmen, department works 24/7. Accidents tie up whole force.

Collective Bargaining Agreement controls part time officers' hours. 10 to 12 part time officers can replace full time officers' hours for vacation, holiday and sick days. Force has 12 full time officers including the Chief.

Councilor Jones-Johnson: Delta Report suggests 1.59 officers per capita. Crime is down, phase out Lieutenant position. Take advantage of Delco C.I.D. State favors Regional Police Departments. Too many officers at top salary. Bring in new officers at lower salary. New hires should contribute to benefit plan.

Chief Molineux: C.I.D. won't come into town 2014: Only 4100 part time hours per the FOP CBA.

Councilor Snead: Chief should go out on street.

J. Possenti: Police Department is 55% of Budget. Neighboring towns at 60%.

President Council: We must provide more public safety.

Councilor McCabe: 7 attendees at Public Safety Meeting. Mayor led with prayer. Mary Nixon addressed snow emergencies, youth training, seniors get snow shovel help. Mayor said Police Department cars will need replacement.

Councilor L. Johnson: Code and zoning: Jud Sumbler gave 2 reports. Cliff Brock asked that Zoning Board vacancies be put on agenda

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Vice-President Wright: Public Works: Dan Wright gave information regarding potholes, PennDot crew fixing state roads, 80 tons of salt used; 30 tons in stock; public works crew cleaning sewer and sign replacement

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Terry McGirth: Potholes on MacDade Boulevard.

Mayor Hepkins: Never has seen it so bad.

Councilor L. Johnson: Recreation: Borough Fun Day in September and Adult Tennis Lessons for \$25.00.

Councilor L. Johnson: Community Relations: Robert Wright talked about basketball; Ginger Nicholson on ROBO Call list, Ms. Payne, piano, Flag Day; Terry McGirth, "Men On A Mission".

President Council: Don and Rafi Cane shovel sidewalks for seniors and disabled. Need more volunteers.

Richardo Bostic: Services for Veterans.

Cliff Brock: Next Door Yeadon Website.

President Council: Thanked Learin Johnson and Ginger Nicholson for the refreshments at committee meetings.

Dr. Harris: Budget pays for person to help with proposals for Economic Development.

President Council: Budget need approval Thursday, February 13, 2014. Call Solicitor to see if it snows, can Councilors vote by telephone.

Terry McGirth: Meeting was run well and looks for results. Men On A Mission 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast in April at Chapel of the Good Shepard. Proceeds go to Community such as pick 2 seniors and pay a bill.

Mayor Hepkins: Men On A Mission works with Town Watch.

Denise Stinson: Questioned \$85,000 Finance Director salary.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Motion: Vice-President Wright, seconded by Councilor Learin Johnson.

Respectfully submitted:

Lawrence W. Healy  
Borough Secretary