

**BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 2014, 10:00 A.M.**

The Yeadon Borough Council met at Yeadon Borough Hall on the above date. President Sharon Council called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.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 Borough Manager Larry Healy, Solicitor Raymond Santarelli and Finance Director Joseph Possenti, Jr. Mayor Rohan Hepkins was not in attendance.

CITIZENS FORM

Dr. Carolina Harris: Asked what is amended in budget.

Councilor Jones-Johnson: Council has not amended anything.

President Council: Only change is \$105,000. Savings recommended by Mr. Possenti. Council will take legislative action today to amend the budget.

Councilor Jones-Johnson: Council has not met to discuss line by line.

President Council: Disagreed. Council has met three times to discuss the only change is the Management Firm.

Councilor C. Johnson: Referred to line 401-140 and asked who is professional staff.

J. Possenti: Rosemary Radziak and Ginger Nicholson.

Councilor C. Johnson: Wants to know breakdown of dollars and funds.

Councilor Jones-Johnson: Who are people?

President Council: Borough hired five persons per the Management Plan. Mr. Possenti broke down the numbers as was requested.

Councilor Jones-Johnson: Clara Johnson wants an answer to her question.

President Council: Referred question to the Solicitor.

Mr. Santarelli: On January 27, 2014 a motion was approved to appoint Rosemary and Ginger.

Councilor Jones-Johnson: Asked for a written opinion immediately as to what the Solicitor stated.

Mr. Santarelli: He is unable to produce in writing what was said, can't recall his exact words.

Councilor Snead: Does not trust the Secretary's minutes.

Councilor Jones-Johnson: Complains about the Solicitor.

Councilor C. Johnson: Asked for further breakdown of numbers; has heard different number of people.

President Council: Firm pledged five staff; after adoption of the plan it has used additional staff, including CPA's at no extra charge. What he pays his staff is his business. It is her duty to move the meeting along.

Councilor Jones-Johnson: We are not at the stage for adoption.

President Council: Ruled Jones-Johnson out of order.

Maxine Brown: Wanted to comment on snow.

President Council: Asked Ms. Brown to hold comment to public discussion.

Councilor Snead: Asked if Possenti Firm has been paid.

J. Possenti: He has not yet been paid but his employees have.

Councilor Jones-Johnson: Sharon Council made presentation on January 6th. She has not seen Possenti contract. Where is contract?

Councilor C. Johnson: It is the responsibility of every Councilor to know about contract.

Councilor L. Johnson: How do line items relate to \$275,000 proposal?

Vice-President Wright: There is no contract.

Councilor Jones-Johnson: There is a contract.

President Council: Council adopted a management plan.

Councilor Jones-Johnson: Did not see plan.

President Council: Asked for a Motion To Adopt Amended Budget.

Motioned by Vice-President Wright, seconded by Councilor D. McCabe.

Discussion on Motion

Councilor Jones-Johnson: Readiness; Asked how can the Finance Director and Manager make \$85,000 and \$75,000.

Councilor McCabe: Wants a break down.

J. Possenti: Firm has many members of his team; Angelic Jones had received benefits and overtime. Engineer has many people who do work but it's not broken down; His firm provides a fee based service and can be removed with 30 days' notice; Has been doing Municipal work for 15 to 20 years. He absorbs any overages.

Councilor L. Johnson: All work is included in the fee.

Dr. Harris: Get it done and stop arguments.

Vice-President Wright: We had the meetings.

Councilor Jones-Johnson: Doesn't want to vote; unreadiness.

Motion carries 4-3. Voting yes: Councilors Learin Johnson, Dolores McCabe, Vice-President Wright, and President Council. Voting no: Councilors Clara Johnson, Rosalind Jones-Johnson, Gracie Snead.

President Council: Asked for Motion to Approve Engineer Eileen Mulvane's Recommendation on Inlet repair on Chester Avenue.

Motioned by Councilor McCabe, seconded by Vice-President Wright.

Discussion on Motion

Larry Healy: Mr. Healy explained that each Councilor had copies of e-mails concerning a collapsed inlet on Chester Avenue near Church Lane. There is a void beneath the street and sidewalk which represents a danger to public safety. The engineer recommends immediate action and said that the repair is eligible to be paid by Liquid Fuel Funds.

Councilor Jones-Johnson: Objects to Engineer's recommendation of what funds to use.

Motion carries 4-3. Voting yes: Councilors Learin Johnson, Dolores McCabe, Vice-President Wright and President Council. Voting no: Councilors Clara Johnson, Rosalind Jones-Johnson and Gracie Snead.

Public Discussion

Maxine Brown: Asked if snow can be put in creek near Myra and Cypress?

Dr. Carolina Harris: She chaired Budget Taskforce; asked what was amended; firm's fee is \$275,000; Code dictates that a contract is drawn by Solicitor, approved by Council and is signed by Mayor and Council President. Prays for unity and differing opinions should meet in the middle.

Cliff Brock: Pet peeves: Dissention on Council; Opposed to saving \$105,000 on backs of labor; He is pro-labor.

Councilor L. Johnson: It's not ab out \$105,000 but moving forward.

Councilor Snead: If fact is to move forward, previous people were doing a good job. Not fair to pay people to take dollars out of town.

Councilor L. Johnson: Firm brought its own people.

Councilor Jones-Johnson: Decision was made by four people.

Motion to Adjourn by: Vice-President Wright, seconded by Councilor Dolores McCabe.
Meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Larry Healy", written in black ink. The signature is fluid and extends across the width of the page.

Larry Healy
Borough Secretary