

**BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
MINUTES OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2014, 7:30 P.M.**

The Yeadon Borough Council met at Yeadon Borough Hall on the above date. President Sharon Council called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

4. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Cliff Brock: recommended Tony Fairfa and Liana Roadcloud be appointed to the Zoning Board. Stated PennDot does a poor job fixing potholes, is opposed to layoffs to save money.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 27, 2014

Motion: Vice-president Nelva Wright, second: Councilor Dolores McCabe.

Motion carries 4-3. Yes: Councilors L. Johnson, Dolores McCabe, Vice-President Wright, President S. Council. No: Councilors C. Johnson, R. Jones-Johnson, G. Snead.

Minutes of January 16, 2014 were put on hold until March 20th Meeting.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT- ATTACHED

Recommended that the Borough appoint Paul McGrenara to the position of full time police officer, also recommended hiring two crossing guards. After discussion about hiring relative, this is tabled until March.

Motion to appoint Paul McGrenara to full time police officer.

Motion: Councilor R. Jones-Johnson, second: Councilor L. Johnson.

Motion carries 7-0.

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Solicitor is researching creation of a redevelopment authority.

Mr. Santarelli: In 2004 PA Legislature passed new redevelopment authority rules for municipalities with population over 10,000, to create the authority with five member boards. It would provide options for housing and business in the borough and is established by ordinance.

Councilor L. Johnson: Asked about cost.

R. Santarelli: Grants are available from Federal and State Government. Yeadon could give startup funds.

Vice-President Wright: Stated the Board would be volunteers and may hire staff.

President Council: The primary function is a city plan to hire professionals to plan for what is good for Yeadon. Asked Raymond Santarelli to research.

Councilor Jones-Johnson: Too expensive for Solicitor to research; wants manager to do it. Borough has a Comprehensive Plan. Delta did County Plan. Referred to 2012 Blight Law.

Councilor McCabe: Is there a downside?

R. Santarelli: Hard to say, Borough will get out what's put in, will provide information to Manager. Borough can hold permit for landlords who are not paying taxes.

Councilor Jones-Johnson: Careful study is needed. Only one property was Blight but we don't know the future of blight properties. Darby qualifies for more funds due to flood and economic levels. We need to utilize the tools we have. Inquire about Synterra Presentation. New councilors need to be informed.

8. ENGINEER'S REPORT – ATTACHED

Councilor L. Johnson: Asked Engineer's office to get information on Darby Creek Cleanup.

E. Mulvena: Plans modify and improve each year.

Vice-President Wright: Jamie Anderson, Eastern Delaware County Storm Water Collaborative will come to a future meeting to discuss rain barrels and storm water education.

Councilor L. Johnson: Asked for list of acronyms.

E. Mulvena: Will provide list.

President Council: Asked for Motion to Adopt Storm water MCM3 Report. Motion: Councilor McCabe, second: Vice-President Wright. Motion carries 6-0, with Councilor Jones-Johnson abstaining without explanation.

E. Mulvena: Spoke about dye testing pipes. Raw and sanitary pipes are not connected. Bids were opened the previous Friday for 2014-2015 ordinary street and sewer maintenance. No response from Sewer Contractors. Bids will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder and the others will be rebid.

R. Santarelli: Bidders must have significant Breach of Performance Bond.

President Council: Asked for a Motion to Award Contract to AF Damon For Lot 1 and Lot 2. Motion: Councilor McCabe, second: Vice-President Wright.

Councilor Snead: Asked if \$25,000 is max. Yes. Motion carries 7-0.

Motion to award to Innovative Construction Company. Motion: Vice-President Wright, second: Councilor L. Johnson. Motion carries 7-0.

Motion to Rebid Lots 2, 4, 5, 6, 8. Motion: Councilor McCabe, second: Vice-President Wright. Motion carries 7-0.

E. Mulvena: Storm tip: Use of cracked corn on sidewalks is not recommended. Safe fall, while expensive, is good on sidewalks as it attracts solar heat.

Councilor Jones-Johnson: Repaving common driveway is not Borough responsibility. Coder must issue citation to owners to fix driveway. The inlet at Union & Providence needs to be fixed. Also bus stop at Lincoln and Union.

President Council: Eileen Mulvena will coordinate with Joseph Possenti. Also look at Cedar & MacDade and Rundale & MacDade.

E. Mulvena: Rundale work will wait for Aqua's work completion.

Councilor Jones-Johnson: Guenther & Church intersection not safe. Lengthy discussion regarding what action to be taken regarding this intersection followed.

Motion to postpone action until next meeting:

L. Johnson, second: Vice-President Wright. Motion carries 4-3. Yes: Councilors L. Johnson, D. McCabe, Vice-President Wright and President Council. No: Councilor C. Johnson, R. Jones-Johnson and G. Snead.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE

Joseph Possenti is meeting with keystone Paychex, discussion over Larson Allen audit not being delivered and whether to sue another auditor.

Motion to Retain Larson Allen for 2013 Audit. Motion: Councilor Jones-Johnson, second: Councilor L. Johnson.

Councilor C. Johnson: Expressed unreadiness needs written report from Joseph Possenti. Motion carries 7-0.

Mayor Hepkins: Questioned Joseph Possenti giving Treasurer's Report.

J. Possenti: Gave cash report.

Councilor C. Johnson: Questioned petty cash on report.

J. Possenti: Borough does not use petty cash.

Councilor Jones-Johnson: Borough had credit card. No petty cash. Why is it on report?

J. Possenti: Category was carried over from 2013. He will clean up the accounts on reports.
Motion to Approve AP Report. Motion: Vice-President Wright, second: Councilor McCabe.

Councilor Jones-Johnson: Unreadiness: What is check #7074?

J. Possenti: It is a voided check.

Councilor Jones-Johnson: Does not see Benefit Payments for Larry Healy, Joseph Possenti, Rosemary Radziak, Ginger Nicholson?

J. Possenti: They were hired as consultants not employees.

Councilor Jones-Johnson: Borough hired Healy as Manager and Joseph Possenti as Finance Director. Judge Said manager is a person not a firm.

R. Santarelli: Larry Healy was appointed, not hired.

Motion carries 4-3. Voting yes: Councilors L. Johnson, D. McCabe, Vice-President Wright and President Council. Voting no: Councilors C. Johnson, Jones-Johnson and G. Snead.

Motion to Appoint Tony Fairfax and Liana Roadcloud to Zoning Board. Motion: Vice-President Wright, second: Councilor L. Johnson. Motion carries 7-0.

Motion to Appoint Dolores Jones Butler on a temporary basis to Mount Moriah Board.

Motion: Councilor L. Johnson, second: Councilor McCabe. Yes: Councilors C. Johnson, L. Johnson, D. McCabe, Vice-president Wright, President Council. No: Councilors Jones-Johnson and G. Snead.

Motion for all Council Members, Mayor, and Manager to attend PSAB conference in April.

Motion: Councilor McCabe, second: Councilor L. Johnson.

Councilors Jones-Johnson and G. Snead: Will pay for conference. Yes: Councilors C. Johnson, L. Johnson, McCabe, Vice-President Wright and President Council. No: Councilors Jones-Johnson and Snead.

Councilor L. Johnson: Talked about head start bingo for kids.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Vice-President Wright, second: Councilor C. Johnson.
Adjourn at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence W. Healy

Borough Secretary