

**BOROUGH OF YEADON**  
**DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**  
**BOROUGH COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING**  
**APRIL 17, 2014, 7:30 P.M.**

The Yeadon Borough Council met at Yeadon Borough Hall on the above date. President Sharon Council-Harris called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2. ROLL CALL**

The following members were present: President Sharon Council-Harris, Vice-President Nelva Wright and Councilors Clara Johnson, Learn Johnson, Rosalind Jones-Johnson, Dolores McCabe, Gracie Snead. Also present were Borough Manager/Secretary Larry Healy, Solicitor Raymond Santarelli, Finance Director Joseph Possenti, Jr, Engineer Eileen Mulvena and Police Chief Donald Molineaux. Manager Healy formed Council that Mayor Rohan Hepkins would be late as in his role as Pastor, he is conducting Holy Thursday services at his chapel.

- 3. CITIZEN'S FORM – No discussion**
- 4. REPRESENTATIVE RON WATERS**

Spoke about the Pennsylvania State Legislature had passed a Resolution to recognize borough officials who have the most interaction with the people. He thanked President Sharon Council-Harris and the entire Council and awarded Citations to each and the Mayor.

**5. MINUTES**

**5.1:** Minutes for January 16, 2014: Motion to Approve made by Vice-President Wright, seconded by Councilor L. Johnson.

Councilor C. Johnson asked for correction as to her comments concerning what the Judge had said. Motion carries 5-2 Yes: Councilors L. Johnson, D. McCabe, C. Johnson, Vice-President Wright and President Council-Harris. Voting No: Councilors Jones-Johnson and G. Snead.

**5.2:** Minutes for February 6, 2014: Motion to Approve made by Vice-President Wright, seconded by Councilor McCabe. Motion carries 5-2. Yes: Councilors L. Johnson, D. McCabe, C.

Johnson, Vice-President Wright and President Council-Harris. Voting No: Councilors Jones-Johnson and Gracie Snead.

**5.3:** Minutes for February 10, 2014: Motion to Approve made by Councilor McCabe, seconded by Councilor L. Johnson. Motion carries 4-3. Yes: Councilors L. Johnson, D. McCabe, Vice-President Wright and President Council-Harris. Voting No: Councilors C. Johnson, Jones-Johnson and G. Snead.

**5.4:** Minutes for February 15, 2014: Motion to Approve made by Vice-President Wright, seconded Councilor McCabe. Motion carries 4-3. Yes: Councilors L. Johnson, D. McCabe, Vice-President Wright and President Council-Harris. Voting No: Councilors C. Johnson, Jones-Johnson and G. Snead.

**5.5:** Minutes for February 20, 2014: Motion to Approve made by Vice-President Wright, seconded by Councilor L. Johnson. Motion carries 4-3. Yes: Councilors L. Johnson, D. McCabe, Vice-President Wright and President Council-Harris. Voting No: Councilors C. Johnson, Jones-Johnson and G. Snead.

**5.6:** Minutes for March 13, 2014: Motion to Approve made by Vice-President Wright, seconded by Councilor L. Johnson. Motion carries 4-3. Yes: Councilors L. Johnson, D. McCabe, Vice-President Wright and President Council-Harris. Voting No: Councilors C. Johnson, Jones-Johnson and G. Snead.

**5.7:** Minutes for March 20, 2014: Motion to Approve made by Councilor L. Johnson, seconded by Vice-President Wright. Motion carries 4-3. Yes: Councilors L. Johnson, D. McCabe, Vice-President Wright and President Council-Harris. Voting No: Councilors C. Johnson, Jones-Johnson and G. Snead.

## **6. MAYOR'S REPORT – Postponed until his arrival**

## **7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Council-Harris commended Don Cave and Rafi Cave for good citizenship for their work in shoveling sidewalks for senior and disabled citizens, and issued Citations to them. She spoke of the Groundbreaking for the Library Addition on April 4<sup>th</sup>, and thanked Chief Molineux, Engineer Mulvena and all of Council for the progress being made. Councilor D. McCabe thanked President Sharon Council-Harris for her hard work on the addition.

## **8. ENGINEER'S REPORT – Attached**

Engineer Mulvena: Asked for a Motion to Rebid Swim Club Demolition for Lot 2. The Contract with BRB had been cancelled.

Motion to Authorize Re-Bid: Motion made by Councilor L. Johnson, seconded by Councilor D. McCabe. Motion carries 6-1. Yes: Councilors L. Johnson, D. McCabe, C. Johnson, G. Snead, Vice-President Wright and President Council-Harris. Voting No: Councilor Jones-Johnson.

Councilor L. Johnson: Asked for the date of termination of BRB Contract.

Solicitor Santarelli: Said it was in December 2013. He has sent numerous communications to BRB's attorney but has received no response.

Engineer Mulvena: Yeadon is not on the County's list for CDB Grants. Asked that Council appeal to the County.

(Mayor Rohan Hepkins arrived at 8:10 p.m.)

Engineer Mulvena: Mara Restoration will begin repair of the Borough Hall Façade. Spoke about the MS-4 Storm water Report.

Asked for Adoption of County Aid Resolution for \$12,353. Motion made by Councilor D. McCabe, seconded by Councilor L. Johnson. Motion carries 7-0.

Motion for County Aid Resolution for \$4,642. Motion made by Councilor Jones-Johnson, seconded by Councilor L. Johnson. Motion carries 7-0.

Engineer Mulvena: Said Public Works, Code Department and Police Department should make a list of repairs needed for streets and inlets and invited Council and Mayor's input. She and Dan Wright will review the list and prioritize improvements.

Councilor Jones-Johnson: Said in the past, Public Works, Code and Police Department made notes for repairs, we need to be aware of utility work.

Engineer Mulvena: Agrees. Spoke about the State's regulation of traffic controls. Dan Wright maintains replacement records and must remain in compliance. Trash removal bids were opened this day and B & L waste Removal is the law bid. Positive recommendations were given by Upland and Parkside Boroughs. We did not hear back from Rose Valley B & L offer three times a year electronic recycling. Damage language is included in the bid along with penalty language. Recommends a 3 year contract which has options for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> year.

President Council-Harris asked for Motion.

Vice-President Wright: Wants all references.

Councilor Gracie Snead: Asked that a decision be tabled.

President Council-Harris: Invited B & L to attend the May Workshop, then asked for Mayor's Report.

Mayor's Report – Attached.

Mayor Rohan Hepkins: Thanked Council for new police car which will arrive soon. Stated the fleet is old and replacements are needed. Officer Paul McGrenera is active on duty. Congratulated Chief Molineux on a drug arrest. At the PSAB Conference there were discussions about a heroin epidemic, asked for a Resolution asking the State Legislature to allow Municipalities to use radar for speed control.

Motion made by Councilor L. Johnson, seconded by Councilor D. McCabe. Question: Councilor G. Snead: Does Yeadon need it. Mayor R. Hepkins: Another tool to protect our residents. Motion carries 7-0.

## **9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Manager Healy spoke about PECO to begin infrastructure repair on Baily Road, Yeadon Avenue and Church Lane, will coordinate with Aqua.

Discussed possibility of savings on electric bills by choosing an alternative supplier. Current supplier is PECO. EMEX of Dallas Texas locked in the rate for Newark, New Jersey School District which resulted in \$500,000 in savings per year.

Asked for Motion to Approve the Mayor to go to the PA Mayor's Conference in July. Motion made by Vice-President Wright, seconded by Councilor D. McCabe. Motion carries 7-0.

Councilor G. Snead: Asked how much is budgeted for Conference. Answer: \$10,000.

Discussed our IT Company's Waytek, proposal to upgrade our server.

Discussed Sheedreep Inc.'s Proposal to Transfer an "eating place retail establishment" license to the Tri-Star Market at Church and Chester. This would allow sale of beer. There was discussion about seating and sale of hard liquor. Councilor Jones-Johnson said that a prior application had been denied last year. He explained that when someone wants to transfer a license from another municipality, the Council must grant a hearing. The attorney for the applicant has asked that a hearing be delayed.

AT&T has asked for a decrease in rent for the cell tower on Chester Avenue. The rent is already low. Manager Healy will ask for justification for the decrease.

Previously the Borough asked The Cohen Law Group to negotiate a new Franchise Agreement. They have reached an agreement and we must advertise a new ordinance.

Motion to Advertise. Motion made by Vice-President Wright, seconded by Councilor L. Johnson. Motion carries 7-0.

Richard Ashby, Library Director, spoke about a Keystone Grant, Café 3 which provides snacks to children at 3 p.m., and has a wish list for flower and shrubs at the library.

Councilor C. Johnson asked if the Friends of the Library can have a fundraiser.

## **10. FINANCE REPORT**

Joseph Possenti said Cash Balance Report and Accounts Payable Report are in Council's packet. He said that he will donate \$500 to the Library for flowers.

Councilor C. Johnson questioned line item 403.12 and wants footnotes.

Joseph Possenti stated he will give a breakdown.

Councilor C. Johnson wants names and duties of Firm's Personnel.

Councilor Jones-Johnson questioned 401.726 in the Cash Report and the Vehicle Fund has \$3,726,607.

Joseph Possenti: That is the total of the Report. There is \$102,000 in the Vehicle Fund.

Councilor Jones-Johnson has concerns over \$859,000 in Sewer Fund. Total should be zero. There was a 2010 Bond and the projects should be complete need more in Delta discussion.

Councilor G. Snead: Asked what 401.460 \$3,500 is for: Council Training

Councilor Jones-Johnson: Wants appeal to County Council regarding CBDG and asked about the DCNR Grant. Borough Manager L. Healy said that he understood the Grant was for Cinema Park which is not moving forward.

Council discussed at length whether the current format for Committee Meetings is working.

Councilor C. Johnson wants Finance moved to a separate night.

**11. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:** Presented by Borough Manager Larry Healy

## **12. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

President Council-Harris: Chairs should submit written reports.

Councilor McCabe: Public Safety: Spoke about Emergency Management, Fire Chief and Police Chief Reports.

Vice-President Wright: Public Works: Cobbs Creek trash, inlet repair.

Councilor L. Johnson: Community Relations: Robert Wright, School Director spoke of Scholarships. The list is on our website. Spoke about progress at Foxcroft.

(Councilor C. Johnson left the meeting at 9:50 p.m.)

Councilor L. Johnson: Asked for approval of handicap spots at 943 Bullock, 1026 Yeadon, 914 Yeadon and 830 Laurel.

Motion to Approve made by Councilor McCabe, seconded by Vice-President Wright. Motion carries 5-1. Voting No: Councilor Jones-Johnson.

Councilor L. Johnson: Spoke about old playground equipment at Bell Avenue School and engaged in discussion with School Director Rafi Cave. Mr. Cave announced a William Penn Budget meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **13. SOLICITOR**

Raymond Santarelli advised Adoption of the Act 44 Ordinance commonly known as "DROP". No comment from audience.

Motion to Adopt made by Councilor Jones-Johnson, seconded by Vice-President Wright. Motion carries 6-0.

## **14. NEW BUSINESS**

Borough Manager Larry Healy said Ms. Pam of "Pound Cake Heaven" requested the Council to waive the Hall Rental Fee for a fundraiser for Scholarships for William Penn students.

Councilor Jones-Johnson stated there is a policy in place so these requests don't come to the Board.

Manager Larry Healy agreed and will follow policy.

Councilor Jones-Johnson suggests she go to William Penn.

Mayor Hepkins: Expressed his displeasure with how Committee Meetings and Reports are handled, especially Public Safety. As Mayor he presents the Police Report. Duplicate Reports add to long meetings.

## **15. CITIZEN'S FORUM**

Kevin Perry: Asked questions and made comments on energy supply, finance, server replacement, repair of police cars.

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn made by Vice-President Wright, motion adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence W. Healy

Borough Secretary/Manager