

**BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
MINUTES OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE MEETING
MAY 15, 2015**

The Yeadon Borough Council met at Yeadon Borough Hall on the above date. President Sharon Council-Harris called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

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

The following members were present: President Sharon Council-Harris, Vice President Nelva Wright and Councilors Learin Johnson and Dolores McCabe. Absent were Councilors Clara Johnson, Rosalind Jones-Johnson 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. PRESIDENT COUNCIL-HARRIS ANNOUNCED AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD PRIOR TO THE MEETING.**
- 4. CITIZENS FORM: NO COMMENT**
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to Approve April 14, 2014 Minutes.

Motion: Councilor Learin Johnson, second: Vice President Wright. Motion approved 4-0.

Motion to Approve April 17, 2014 Minutes.

Motion: Vice President Nelva Wright, second: Councilor Dolores McCabe. Motion approved 4-0.

- 6. MAYOR'S REPORT – ATTACHED**

Mayor Hepkins said the Police Substation on the Guenther Avenue Lot is being readied to reopen. Bike patrols will resume and he will ride with officers.

- 7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Council-Harris asked for a Motion To Advertise An Ordinance To Create A Redevelopment Authority.

Motion: Vice President Nelva Wright, second: Councilor Learin Johnson. Motion carries 4-0.

President Council-Harris asked for Motion To Authorize Recreation Director Roy Hunter to continue his work with Yeadon Friends 4 Tennis.

Motion: Councilor Learin Johnson, second: Councilor Dolores McCabe. Motion carries 4-0.

President Council-Harris said Andre O'Brien of America Approved Energy was present and asked that he hold his presentation until the end.

Councilor Learin Johnson asked Borough Manager Larry Healy to look into painting the Tennis Courts.

President Council-Harris presented a Resolution To Honor Paul Johnson, late husband of Clara Johnson, for his contributions to the community.

Motion: Councilor Dolores McCabe, second: Vice President Nelva Wright. Motion carries 4-0.

8. ENGINEER'S REPORT – ATTACHED

Engineer Mulvena announced that bids for demolition at Yeadon Swim Club would be opened on Monday.

The Library presented work change orders totaling \$5050 (attached). There was discussion about #3 which involved installing a storage area above a 7 foot door to a closet. Manager Healy said he felt climbing a ladder to a storage area is unsafe so that request was withdrawn.

Motion to Approve Change orders 1,2,4,5,6.

Motion: Councilor Dolores McCabe, second: Vice President Nelva Wright. Motion carries 4-0.

B & L Waste Removal was lob bidder for trash removal. Engineer Mulvena recommends three year contract.

Motion: Councilor Dolores McCabe, second: Vice President Nelva Wright. Motion carries 4-0.

Engineer Mulvena said that there will be twice weekly pickup in June, July and August and also electronic waste pickup with dates to be announced.

The MS4 Report was submitted and the Borough is anticipated to be in compliance.

Tonight there are three plans to be considered for adoption: MCM1: Public Education and Outreach on Stormwater Impacts.

Motion: Vice President Wright, second: Councilor McCabe. Motion carries 4-0.

MCM2: Public involvement/Participation, was prepared by Jamie Anderson.

Motion: Vice President Wright, second: Councilor L. Johnson. Motion carries 4-0.

MCM6: Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations which commits the Borough to an operation and maintenance plan that includes training for Borough Employees to prevent or reduce runoff from Municipal operations.

Motion: Councilor L. Johnson, second: Vice President Wright. Motion carries 4-0.

MCM3 was previously adopted and MCM4 and 5 require no action now.

Engineer Mulvena: Storm tip is to pick up branches that could cause water to back up on storm sewers.

9. ADMINISTRATION

9.1 Borough Manager Healy asked that Oscar Lawrence of Public Works be made a regular full time employee after is year probation is over.

Motion: Councilor Dolores McCabe, second: Councilor L. Johnson. Motion carries 4-0.

9.2 Borough Manager Healy asked that two seasonal workers be hired for Public Works and recommend that the Borough bring back Copeland Delon what had worked last year.

Motion: Vice President Nelva Wright, second: Councilor Dolores McCabe. Motion carries 4-0.

9.3 Recommend that a large fir tree at Public Works be removed by Reasonable Trees Company at cost of \$1100.

Motion: Councilor Dolores McCabe, second: Vice President Nelva Wright. Motion carries 4-0.

Manager Healy asked for authorization To Advertise Public Hearings for Comcast's Franchise Renewal.

Motion: Councilor Dolores McCabe, second: Councilor Learin Johnson. Motion carries 4-0.

9.4 Manager Healy also asked for: Authorization To Advertise Public Hearings for Shreedeeep, Inc.'s Request to transfer a "Eating Place Retail Dispenser" license which would enable TriStar Market to sell beer.

Motion: Councilor Dolores McCabe, second: Vice President Nelva Wright. Motion carries 4-0.

9.5 Manager Healy informed Council that the YMCA is interested in locating in Yeadon and asked for: Authorization To Move Forward.

Motion: Councilor Dolores McCabe, second: Councilor Learin Johnson. Motion carries 4-0.

9.6 Manager Healy asked that John Innelli be appointed to write the "Solicitor's Opinion" for the sale of delinquent real estate taxes to municipal revenue services which have been approved by Council in 2013.

Motion: Councilor McCabe, second: Councilor L. Johnson. Motion carries 4-0.

9.7 Manager Healy said he had a request from Ken Jackson whose mother owns 603 Penn Street to be relieved from the delinquent tax penalties. His father passed away in 2013 and the bills got lost. Council and Solicitor Santarelli discussed that there is no mechanism in place to forgo the penalties. No action was taken.

9.8 Energy supply: Andre O'Brien gave his presentation on how choosing an alternate supplier would save the Borough money with rates lower than PECO's. He presented his quote. Manager Healy had two quotes that were lower and discussion was tabled to June.

Manager Healy informed Council that PECO is starting the gas line infrastructure improvements on Robin Road and will move up Church Lane as Aqua is still on Baily Road. Letters will be hand delivered to residents. Manager Healy said he is exploring having a Blood Drive at Borough Hall. Donations to the Red Cross save lives.

10. FINANCE REPORT

10.1 Finance Director Possenti, Jr. gave the cash balance report.

10.2 Finance Director Possenti, Jr. submitted the AP List and asked that the request from the Ravens Football club be tabled until we can get more information as this is the first request from them.

Motion to Approve AP List

Motion: Vice President Nelva Wright, second: Councilor Dolores McCabe. Motion carries 4-0.

11. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT – ATTACHED

Manager Larry Healy asked to discuss Community Park Rentals. Language in the Ordinance give 5 day time tables for approving and denying Permits and Appeals of Denials. He asked that until the Solicitor can review and advise on the Ordinance, that the Manager review and approve applications.

Motion to Authorize The Manager to Review and Approve Applications.

Motion: Councilor Dolores McCabe, second: Vice President Nelva Wright. Motion carries 4-0.

Motion to Authorize The Solicitor To Revise Ordinance.

Motion: Councilor Dolores McCabe, second: Councilor Learin Johnson. Motion carries 4-0.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice President Nelva Wright: Spoke about the Elm Project and for more information email is elmstreet@lansdowneyeadon.org. The Rain Barrel Meeting was a success with 32 residents picking up rain barrels.

President Sharon Council-Harris: Said that the Police Department as recovered many stolen bicycles.

Councilor Learin Johnson: Said there is a Zoning Board Hearing on May 29th to consider the Application To Open A Daycare at the Parkview Shopping Center.

13. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Santarelli said he is researching the feasibility of charging a fee for groups using Borough Hall for meetings.

14. NEW BUSINESS – NONE

15. OLD BUSINESS

Vice President Wright: Asked the Council To Approve Purchase of a LED Sign as was discussed last year. It would cost \$7195. which is lower than last year's quote.

Motion: Vice President Wright, second: Councilor McCabe. Motion carries 4-0.

16. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Richard Ashby: Would like same kind of sign at the library; thanked Joe Possenti for his \$500 donation for flowers; said Darlene Walker was named Library Employee of the Year and is the First African American to receive this honor.

Ricardo Bostic: Advised that a Blood Drive is a lot of work.

President Council-Harris: The Senior Center thanked the Borough for funding.

17. ADJOURNMENT AT 9:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence Healy
Borough Manager/Secretary