

**BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
MINUTES OF BOROUGH COUNCIL CAUCUS
WORKSHOP MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2014 @ 7:00 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 7:03 p.m.

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**
- 2. ROLL CALL**

The following members were present: President Sharon Council-Harris, Vice President Nelva Wright, Councilors Learn Johnson, Gracie Snead and Dolores McCabe. Councilor Rosaline Jones-Jones was absent and Councilor Clara Johnson arrived later. Also present were Mayor Rohan Hepkins, Manager/Secretary Larry Healy and Police Chief Donald Molineux.

- 3. CITIZEN’S FORUM – None**
- 4. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

President Council-Harris – Spoke of last meeting and the discussion about improving Workshop and Committee Meetings in order to make them more transparent and effective. The meetings on the second floor went on at the same time, with Chambers being a smaller venue with Department Heads present and chairs going over their Committee’s business, this format will be more effective. There had been questions about the term “Caucus”. She read Narberth Borough’s explanation of its Caucus Meeting (attached).

Councilors G. Snead and C. Johnson asked if it is replacing the other two meetings and questioned the President’s changing the meeting without consulting all of Council. President Council-Harris said the President calls for Meetings.

Councilor C. Johnson: Asked if the Finance Director would be present and was told he would be later.

4.1 PUBLIC SAFETY

Dr. Dolores McCabe called for members of her Committee. Mayor Hepkins, Police Chief Donald Molineux, Mike Dienno (absent), Mary Nixon, Audrey Harris (absent) and Ric Bostic. Dr. McCabe submitted her report (attached). Mayor Hepkins spoke of the shooting at Fitzgerald Mercy and need for diversity among members of the police department. Chief Molineux said

that his department has been diverse but has lost officers to Towns paying more. Councilor McCabe talked about future retirement of the Chief and Lieutenant.

Councilor Gracie Snead stressed need for gender diversity as there are no female officers. Mary Nixon spoke of the number of women participating in the Emergency Management Department. There was discussion about revitalizing town watch, the need to trim trees around street lights, and traffic on MacDade Boulevard near Rundale. Councilor McCabe said the Borough gets funds for traffic control and Lieutenant Dolly runs that program. He hopes the Legislature will approve use of Radar by Municipalities.

4.2 ORDINANCE AND ZONING

Councilor Learin Johnson presented her report: She thanked Roy Hunter and Judson Sumbler for their work, she would like a resolution to thank Don King and Ron Kane for their work with Scouts, and spoke of holiday, veterans and senior luncheons. Also thanked the Drill Teams, Color Guard, and Majorettes who made Flag Day a Success. Councilor Snead said Flag Day expenses exceeded the Budget. Roy Hunter said the William Penn School District gave the Borough hockey, tennis and golf equipment and passed out a list of recreation activities that take place in the Borough. Councilor I. Johnson said Alice Payne is giving golf lessons and Cobbs Creek Golf Club offers free rounds to children with a paying adult. Jud Sumbler gave the Code Report and urged residents to call 911 when there are problems at homes as this generates a nuisance report. The owner of the new Crab Plus store on Church Lane asked if the tree in front of his restaurant be removed as it blocks his sign. It will be considered at Council's Legislative Meeting.

4.3 MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Councilor Nelva Wright said that Council Members made complaints regarding work by Borough employees at a Council Member's home. The work was after Borough work hours and no Borough equipment or materials were used. Councilor Snead asked to see the time sheets. Vice President Wright read the Public Works Report. Dan Wright said once leaf collection starts, street sweeping ends, but parking rules should be adhered to. Councilor C. Johnson said there are two dead trees on Cobbs Creek Parkway. Councilor McCabe said another dead tree is on Norma. Dan Wright said shade tree commission has an arborist to assess conditions of trees. Councilor C. Johnson wants to revisit the driveway work by Borough employees before the September 18 Meeting.

4.4 COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Councilor Learin Johnson spoke about this report during the Code Report.

4.5 FINANCE – JOSEPH POSSENTI

Councilor Snead asked for written report. Joseph Possenti said written reports will be Council's Legislative Packet. Also said there will be 5-6 Public Meetings on 2015 Budget Preparation. Goal sheets will be distributed and he and Larry Healy will meet with them. The process will create feedback from Council and Residents. The goal should be no tax increase and no decrease in service. Funds are doing well. Vice President Wright said the A/P List should be posted on the website after approval. Joseph Possenti said Keystone has confirmed Earned Income Tax Revenue and will give a 2015 estimate. Councilor Snead said an extra \$800,000 is not a lot of money. Councilor C. Johnson asked if extra dollars were from 2013. President Council-Harris said \$900,000 was budgeted for 2014, but real revenue will be twice that.

5. CITIZEN'S FORUM: NONE

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence W. Healy
Borough Secretary