

**BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
CAUCUS WORKSHOP MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 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 7:13 p.m.

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- 3. ROLL CALL**

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

4. CITIZEN'S FORUM – NO COMMENT

President Council-Harris spoke of the change in format from the start of year, and invited the public to join the Committees.

5.1 PUBLIC SAFETY - Larry Healy read the Public Safety Report which addressed the current Ebola crisis. Mary Nixon pointed out there are available resources and pamphlets outlining preparedness and upcoming training in Delaware County. Also spoke of Emergency Management volunteer training.

Councilor L. Johnson: Asked about NIMS training. Mary said only one council member is certified, Rosalind Johnson. All Council Members need to be certified to be in compliance.

Mayor Hepkins said that the CDC is catching up and redefining updates. His wife, Joy, is a nurse at Fitzgerald Mercy where training continues on the Ebola emergency.

Chief Molineux reported that Chester Avenue and Cobbs Creek intersection needs a study and there is a problem with the Ordinance concerning that intersection. At the next Legislative Meeting he will recommend hiring 2 female part-time Police Officers. Attorney General Kathleen Kane will be hosting a forum in Lansdowne on October 16.

Councilor Jones-Johnson asked whether police calls to Schools are increasing compared to 2013. Chief Molineux thinks calls are down but will get data. Councilor Jones-Johnson would

like hard data regarding Cypress School and if there are still problems, Williams Penn School District should have a Resource Officer to deal with significant problems. She also asked that he engage neighbors regarding animal control services and look to what other towns do for cost effective options. There was also discussion on foreclose rates increasing, with economic downturn there is more domestic violence, car thefts and drugs.

5.2 ORDINANCE/ZONING: Chair Learin Johnson

Learin Johnson is working with Jud on a Budget. There is a Zoning Hearing on October 21 for the Borough's electronic sign. Further discussion included boarded up homes, can Borough take ownership of abandoned property and a sinkhole on Whitby Avenue.

5.3 PUBLIC WORKS – Chair Nelva Wright was absent due to illness. Dan Wright gave his report. Councilor Jones-Johnson stated the need to develop policies for maintaining Borough facilities. Work is needed on first floor rest rooms, roof replacement, and need to have a formal schedule of maintenance. Also auditorium floor will need to be replaced. There was discussion on roadwork that needs to be done post Aqua and PECO improvements and other roads that have needed work for years.

Councilor L. Johnson asked that progress be made on first floor renovation.

5.4 COMMUNITY RELATIONS – Learin Johnson spoke of upcoming events: Haunted Hall, Veterans Day Lunch, Tree Lighting, Kids and Teens Party, and a Senior Luncheon next year. Also would like to have July 4 activities. There was discussion on having a celebration so close to Flag Day. Also questions on Halloween Haunted Hall Safety were raised. Chief Molineux said volunteers and extra police will be on hand to ensure safety. Councilor L. Johnson also spoke of Golf Program for kids and adults.

5.5 FINANCE – Mark Possenti from Joseph P. Possenti, Jr and Associates reported that Budget requests have gone out to Department Heads. The first Budget meeting is October 15 at 6:30 pm.

Councilor Jones –Johnson questioned library renovations being paid from General Fund and said that funds should be transferred from the Bond Money and it should be on the Agenda to be approved by Council at the next meeting.

Mark Possenti stated that September 30 was the end of quarter and the transfer should be voted on at the next meeting. Councilor Jones-Johnson suggested that Funds be transferred from Bond to General Fund without waiting for money to be spent.

President Council-Harris said there should be discussion on Energy Rates at the next meeting.

6. CITIZENS FORUM

Shirley Pickney – Myra Avenue – Expressed concerns about paying School taxes on time.

ADJOURMENT

Motion to Adjourn made by Councilor Learin Johnson

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence W. Healy
Borough Secretary