

**BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
MINUTES OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 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 7:33 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 Learin Johnson, Dolores McCabe, Gracie Snead, Clara Johnson and Rosalind Jones-Johnson. Absent at Roll Call was Mayor Rohan Hepkins (who arrived at 8:30 p.m.). Also present were Borough Manager/Secretary Larry Healy, Solicitor Raymond Santarelli, Engineer Eileen Mulvena, Police Chief Molineux and Mark Possenti.

3. CITIZEN'S FORUM – AGENDA ONLY

Dr. Carol Simmons – Chester Ave – Voiced opposition to granting a beer license at Tri Star Market, asked about repairs to sidewalk on Chester Ave by PECO, and cited a need for a stop sign on Cobbs Creek.

Peter Rykard – Park Place – Spoke in support of Elm Street Program.

Mrs. Bradford – E. Providence Road – Also supports Elm Street Program.

Dr. Simmons: Asked when is the vote on Tri-Star application and will the public know vote results.

Solicitor Santarelli – Council will vote before Tri-Star applies to PA Liquor Control Board and the vote will be public.

4. ELM STREET PROGRAM

Debbie Brodeur, Manager of Program: Had come to Council previously asking for funding to continue the program. Since then she has found funding for two more years which requires Yeadon and Lansdowne to contribute \$26,063.00 each or about \$13,000.00 per each year. Lansdowne approved their contribution the previous night.

President Council-Harris – Asked for a recap for residents.

Debbie Brodeur – Explained that 16 homes are in the façade repair project. 13 have been completed 12 of which are in Yeadon. Also completed were 63 renovations (36 in Yeadon), neighborhood cleanups, Youth Program, Teaching Marketable Skills, Rain Barrel Workshop, and Tree Planting. She will apply for further program funding and said to visit: www.lansdowneyeadon.com for more information.

5. ENERGY SUPPLIER PROPOSALS

President Council-Harris – Asked for discussion of energy supply. Council said it is difficult to make a decision on information they have just received. President Council-Harris asked Larry Healy to schedule an information session for Council prior to the next Caucus Meeting. Further discussion was tabled until next month.

President Council-Harris – Asked for a Motion to Approve Elm Street Proposal to contribute \$26,063.00 over the next two years (or \$13,000 per year).

Motion made by Vice President Wright, seconded by Councilor L. Johnson. Motion approved 7-0.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to Approve September 8, 2014 Minutes made by Vice President Wright, seconded by Councilor Dolores McCabe.

Councilor C. Johnson – Questioned having a Caucus Meeting that Council did not vote on. Motion carries 4-3. Voting yes: Councilors L. Johnson, D. McCabe, Vice President Wright and President Council-Harris. Voting no: Councilors C. Johnson, R. Jones-Johnson and Gracie Snead.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

Chief Molineux read the Police Report. Stated part time officers have been interviewed. Mayor Hepkins said he has been working on getting a camera system throughout the Borough. There was discussion by Councilor Jones-Johnson about cameras being budgeted for 2014.

Councilor Snead – Asked about bike patrols.

Chief Molineux – Bike patrols ended in August, but would be in use October 30 & 31. Also stated there is a problem with the Ordinance regarding traffic controls at Chester & Cobbs Creek and will forward information to the Engineer.

Councilor Jones-Johnson – Inquired as to planning for the Haunted House.

Chief Molineux – Has met with Staff and Volunteers and will have appropriate personnel to ensure a safe event.

President Council-Harris – Asked for a Motion to Hire Part-Time Police Officers. Motion to Appoint Desiree Forlini made by Councilor McCabe, seconded by Councilor L. Johnson. Motion approved 6-0.

Voting yes: Councilors C. Johnson, L. Johnson, D. McCabe, G. Snead, Vice President Wright and President Council-Harris. Abstaining without explanation: Councilor Jones-Johnson.

Motion To Appoint Jenna M. Long made by Councilor L. Johnson, seconded by Councilor D. McCabe. Motion approved 6-0. Voting yes: Councilors C. Johnson, L. Johnson, D. McCabe, G. Snead, Vice President Wright and President Council-Harris. Abstaining without explanation: Councilor Jones-Johnson.

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Council-Harris spoke of National Friends of Library Week and the Amnesty on overdue books. She also spoke about upcoming Budget Meetings. Councilors C. Johnson and Jones-Johnson asked for notice of meetings on website, President Council-Harris asked the Manager to send out reminders.

9. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Mulvena reported that there are numerous sewer issues on Church Lane and it is expensive to work on PennDot Roads. Resident at 801 Church has complained of the house vibrating. PECO has backfilled and Verizon replaced manhole cover but problem persists. We will need to open to look for voids – also there is a sinkhole on W. Cobbs Creek. Motion to Authorize Street Openings at 801 Church and W. Cobbs Creek. Motion made by Councilor L. Johnson, seconded: Vice President Wright. Motion approved 7-0.

Engineer Mulvena – Asked for Authorization to Restore Storm Sewer on Redwood Road. Motion made by Councilor L. Johnson, seconded by Vice President Wright. Motion approved 6-0. Voting yes: Councilors C. Johnson, L. Johnson, D. McCabe, G. Snead, Vice President Wright and President Council-Harris. Abstaining without explanation: Councilor Jones-Johnson.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

There was further discussion about energy supply. Manager Healy was asked to present simplified proposals for voting.

11. FINANCE REPORT – MARK POSSENTI

Councilor Jones-Johnson – Objected to Mr. Possenti's reading the report and questioned why the audit for 2013 was not completed by April 1.

President Council-Harris said Joe Possenti had a family emergency and Mark, a member of management firm was here in Joe's place.

President Council-Harris – Asked for a Motion to Approve Bank Transfers. Councilor L. Johnson made the Motion to Transfer \$216,058.57 from the Lockbox Account to the General Fund, \$56,857.50 from the Lockbox Account to the Refuse Account; \$133,701.52 from the Lockbox Account to the Sewer

Account, and \$206,309.94 from General Obligation Notes to the General Fund Account, seconded by: Vice President Wright. Motion approved 4-3. Voting yes: Councilors L. Johnson, D. McCabe, Vice President Wright and President Council-Harris. Voting no: Councilors C. Johnson, R. Jones-Johnson and G. Snead.

Vice President Wright made a Motion to Approve A/P List, seconded by Councilor L. Johnson.

Councilor Jones-Johnson – said she had sent e-mail and letter to Larry Healy asking that her salary from January to October be donated to Cheyney University. Larry Healy said he had not received that correspondence.

Vice President Wright – Motion to Included Donation to Cheyney Alumni, seconded by: Councilor L. Johnson. Motion approved 6-1. Voting yes: Councilors C. Johnson, L. Johnson, R. Jones-Johnson, D. McCabe, Vice President Wright and President Council-Harris. Voting no: Councilor Snead.

Motion approved for A/P List 4-3. Voting yes: Councilors L. Johnson, D. McCabe, Vice President Wright and President Council-Harris. Voting no: Councilors C. Johnson, Jones-Johnson and G. Snead.

Motion to Approve 2015 Uniform and Non-Uniform Minimum Municipal Obligation per the Actuary's Calculations: Police Pension Fund: \$234,786.00. Motion made by Vice President Wright, seconded by Councilor McCabe. Motion approved 4-3. Voting yes: Councilors L. Johnson, D. McCabe, Vice President Wright and President Council-Harris. Voting no: Councilor G. Snead. Abstaining without explanation: Councilors C. Johnson and Jones-Johnson.

Non-Uniform Union Pension Plan: \$50,170.00 Motion made by Vice President Wright, seconded by Councilor McCabe. Motion approved 4-1. Voting yes: Councilors L. Johnson, D. McCabe, Vice President Wright and President Council –Harris. Voting no: Councilors Jones-Johnson and G. Snead. Abstaining without explanation: Councilor C. Johnson.

12. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Read by Vice President Nelva Wright.

13. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Santarelli had three matters for the Council to decide upon. Nile Swim Club bankruptcy: Recommended engaging Portnoff to represent the Borough's interest for a flat \$500.00 fee. Motion made by Councilor L. Johnson, seconded by Vice President Wright. Motion approved 7-0.

Recommended settlement with Republic Service in the amount of \$5160.00 for damage to an inlet. Motion to Accept Settlement of \$5160.00 from Republic made by Councilor L. Johnson, seconded by Vice President Nelva Wright, Motion approved 7-0.+a

Motion to Deny Shreedeeep, Inc. Application for a License to Sell Beer. Motion made by Vice President Wright, seconded by Councilor McCabe. Motion approved 7-0.

Motion to Authorize Solicitor to Execute Previous Motion. Motion made by Vice President Wright, seconded by: Councilor L. Johnson. Motion approved 7-0.

Councilor Jones-Johnson asked the Solicitor to prepare Land Bank Ordinance.

President Council-Harris asked for further discussion at the next Caucus Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn made by Councilor D. McCabe

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence W. Healy
Borough Secretary