

**BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
MINUTES OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 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 7:49 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, Dolores McCabe, Gracie Snead, Clara Johnson, and Rosalind Jones-Johnson. Absent at Roll Call was Mayor Rohan Hepkins. Also present were Borough Manager/Secretary Larry Healy, Finance Director Joseph Possenti, Jr. Solicitor Raymond Santarelli, Engineer Eileen Mulvena and Police Chief Donald Molineux.

3. PRESENTATION BY ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & COMPANY

Arthur J. Gallagher & Company spoke regarding Healthcare Trust. Kristen Kitz and Christine Brown advised Council that as a result of changes in to Healthcare coverage by the affordable care act, the Borough can no long be part of a Delaware County Consortium of Municipalities and would be considered a small Group Employer which would cause rates to sky rocket. As a solution, Gallagher advises that the Borough enter into a Municipal Trust Agreement which will be managed by the Delaware County Intermediate Unit. The Trust would allow the Borough to continue to provide the level of Benefits mandated by the Police and Public works Collective Bargaining Agreements. Increase in Premiums would be 8% rather than 11% - 15%. Councilor Jones-Johnson asked what other towns would be joining the trust. Ms. Kotz said 34 Municipalities are ready to join.

4. PRESENTATION BY GARDNER CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT OF SENIOR HOUSING ON FRONT STREET.

Joe Chambers of Gardner Capital and Joe Viscuso of Pennoni Engineering spoke about the plan to develop over 62 housing units on Front Street. They propose 110 units. Previously in 2009 another company had proposed development of townhouses and the Borough had sent letters

of support for the project. An obstacle to development is the fact that access would be on Second Street in Darby Borough. Also, there may be a need for a Zoning Variance for parking and design. Clifford Brock, Zoning Board Chair, stated that the 2009 project had been granted variances.

5. CITIZEN'S FORUM – NO COMMENT

6. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 6 AND October 16 MINUTES WAS DEFERRED

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

7.1 MOTION TO APPROVE ENTERING INTO HEALTHCARE TRUST AGREEMENT.

Motion made by Vice President Nelva Wright, seconded by Councilor Dolores McCabe. Motion approved 7-0.

7.5 MOTION TO SEND LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE GARDNER PROJECT

Motion made by Vice President Nelva Wright, seconded by Councilor Dolores McCabe. Motion approved 4-2. 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.

7.2 MOTION TO APPROVE MASTER EQUIPMENT LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT.

Solicitor Santarelli said in 2013 Council had approved purchase of a new Fire Truck. Tonight the financing needs approval. Motion to Approve Financing Resolution made by Councilor L. Johnson, seconded by Councilor Snead. Motion approved 7-0.

7.3 MOTION TO APPROVE A REQUEST FOR A DONATION TO MEN OF ACTION BROTHERS OF FAITH DAY OF THANKS DINNER.

Motion to Donate \$500.00 made by Councilor McCabe, seconded by: Councilor Snead. Motion to Approve 7-0.

7.4 MOTION TO ACCEPT ENERGY SUPPLY BID.

Council considered bids from America Approved, Constellation and EMEX Energy Suppliers. EMEX offered the greatest savings of \$13,000 per year. Motion to accept EMEX proposal for one year made by Councilor McCabe, seconded by: Councilor L. Johnson. Motion approved 5-1. Voting yes: Councilors C. Johnson, L. Johnson, D. McCabe, G. Snead and

President Council-Harris. Voting no: Vice-president Wright. Abstaining without explanation: Councilor Jones-Johnson.

8. FINANCE REPORT

8.1 CASH BALANCE REPORT SUBMITTED BY JOSEPH POSSENTI

8.2 MOTION TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE LIST

Motion made by Vice president Wright, seconded by: Councilor L. Johnson. Motion approved 4-3. Voting yes: Councilors L. Johnson, D. McCabe, Vice president Wright and President Council-Harris. Voting no: Councilor C. Johnson, Jones-Johnson and G. Snead.

8.3 MOTION TO APPROVE PRELIMINARY 2015 BUDGET.

Motion made by Vice president Wright, seconded by: Councilor L. Johnson.

Clifford Brock asked that spread sheet headings be revised and for narratives.

Charles Wilkins of Cobbs Creek Parkway said that he can trap animals for lower fees than Delaware County Animal Control.

Mrs. Morris wanted copies of the Budget and was advised there were copies in the room for the public.

Councilor Jones-Johnson said the Budget Meeting had not been 2 hours and many families cannot afford taxes.

Solicitor Santarelli advised that this is the first step to approve the Budget which must be available for 10 business days prior to passing the Budget and Tax Ordinance for 2015.

Councilor C. Johnson asked if Motion is to Pass or Advertise the Budget.

Solicitor Santarelli said it is to approve the 2015 Preliminary Budget and to advertise it is available for inspection.

Motion to Approve the Budget. Motion approved 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 Advertise the Budget made by Vice president Wright, seconded by: Councilor L. Johnson. Motion approved 4-0. Voting yes: Councilors L. Johnson, D. McCabe, Vice president Wright and President Council-Harris. Councilors C. Johnson, Jones-Johnson and G. Snead left the room at 9:12 p.m. and did not vote.

9. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Mulvena asked that Council meet at 7:15 p.m. on December 18 to hold a Public Hearing on 2015 Block Grant Application. Stated that Elm Street Ramp installation was complete, laterals had been replaced on Providence, Longacre and Cypress. E. Mulvena asked for Motions to Storm and Sanitary Lines on Redwood Avenue.

9.1 MOTION TO APPROVE THE REPLACEMENT OF APPROXIMATELY 450 LINEAR FEET OF STORM SEWER ON REDWOOD AVENUE.

Motion made by Vice president Wright, seconded by: Councilor L. Johnson. Motion approved 4-0.

9.2 MOTION TO APPROVE THE REPLACEMENT OF 60 LINEAR FEET OF SANITARY SEWER MAIN ON REDWOOD AVENUE.

Motion made by Vice president Wright, seconded by: Councilor L. Johnson. Motion approved 4-0.

Engineer Mulvena read the monthly Stormwater tip regarding safe household cleaning alternatives.

Borough Manager Healy advised that the previously advertised budget meeting for December 4, conflicted with the Mayor's Forum and asked that it be rescheduled to December 3.

Motion to Advertise December 3 Budget Meeting made by Vice president Wright, seconded by: Councilor L. Johnson. Motion approved 4-0.

President Council-Harris noted that the Mayor's Police Report and Tax Collector's Report had been submitted. Also that there was a representative from the Friendship Circle Senior Center was present and advised that the Budget for 2015 contained the same contribution as in 2014. There was no Solicitor Report, New Business, Old Business or Citizen's Forum.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Vice president Wright, seconded by: Councilor L. Johnson.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence W. Healy
Borough Secretary