

**BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
MINUTES OF BOROUGH COUNCIL CAUCUS
WORKSHOP MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2014 @ 7:00 P.M.**

The Yeadon Borough Council held a Caucus Workshop on the above date. The Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. BY Vice president Nelva Wright.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Councilors Clara Johnson, Learin Johnson, Gracie Snead, and Vice president Nelva Wright. Councilor Dolores McCabe arrived at 7:13 p.m. absent were President Sharon Council-Harris and Councilor Rosalind Jones-Johnson. Also attending: Mayor Rohan Hepkins, Borough Manager/Secretary Larry Healy, Finance Director Joseph Possenti and Chief Donald Molineux.

3. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Councilor C. Johnson asked if there had been a response to statements presented by Clifford Brock at the last Budget Meeting, particularly his last comment about he liked the Possenti Firm but preferred that local people hold Borough positions. Vice president Wright suggested Mr. Brock follow up at next meeting. No other comments.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilor D. McCabe had not arrived yet and Vice president Wright read from the report. Councilor C. Johnson asked who Councilor McCabe chairs Public Safety when she thought the Mayor was in charge of Public Safety.

Manager Healy explained "Under the Borough Code" the Mayor is in charge of the Police Department, however only a Council Member can chair a Council Committee.

Councilor C. Johnson asked why Borough is still charging parking fees in December. It was an action item at last meeting but was not addressed and will need to be considered at the net Council Meeting.

Chief Molineux talked about crime prevention and safety tips. Mayor Hepkins said his Forum is on Thursday, December 4 when he will honor Police Officers who responded to the shooting at Fitzgerald Mercy and a senior citizen with 50 years of service to the Community. Mary Nixon spoke of Youth Training in her office and two staff participated in an airport security exercise.

Larry Healy advised that the Fire Company would hold breakfast with Santa on December 13 from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.

4.2 ORDINANCE/ZONING

Chair Learin Johnson asked zoning officer Judson Sumbler to give his report. He read his report then spoke about tree removal and nuisance trees citing section 1028.5 of our Borough Code. He said there are four cases presently where one neighbor's tree is causing damage to the next door neighbor under this section after authorization by Council the Borough can work on the tree and damage if the owner fails to after proper notice is given. The Borough would bill for the work and Lien the property if necessary. Learin Johnson inquired if the Borough could help low income homeowners with repairs to shared driveways.

4.3 MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Chair Nelva Wright, read Public Works superintendent Dan Wright's report which outlined upcoming projects.

4.4 COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Chair Learin Johnson spoke about upcoming Tree Lighting Event on December 5 and the Library Event on December 13.

4.5 FINANCE

Chair Nelva Wright spoke of Budget process is moving forward and the next meeting is December 3.

5. CITIZEN'S FORUM – NO COMMENTS

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence W. Healy
Borough Secretary