

**BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
MINUTES OF BOROUGH COUNCIL CAUCUS WORKSHOP MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The Yeadon Borough Council held a Caucus Workshop on the above date. The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Pro Tem Dolores McCabe.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Councilors Clara Johnson, Rosalind Jones-Johnson, Dolores McCabe, and Gracie Snead. Absent were Councilors Learn Johnson, Vice President Nelva Wright and President Sharon Council-Harris. Also attending were Mayor Rohan Hepkins, Borough Manager/Secretary Larry Healy, Finance Director Joseph Possenti, Jr., Police Chief Donald Molineux, Public Works Superintendent Dan Wright, Code Director Judson Sumbler and Emergency Management Mary Nixon.

3. CITIZEN'S FORUM – Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 PUBLIC SAFETY

Dr. McCabe spoke of volunteers who shovel snow for senior citizens and disabled persons for free. Also the Delaware County Medical Reserve Corps is conducting training on January 20th at the 911 Center.

Mayor Hepkins read a thank you note from Upper Darby Police Superintendent Michael Chitwood thanking Yeadon Police Department for help in the homicide investigation at Lansdowne Station. Mayor Hepkins also said that there had been a homicide at Hazel and Fairview which was the third in the last six months.

Chief Molineux read highlights from his monthly report. Councilor Jones-Johnson asked what are the hot spots in town. Chief Molineux said that there are no 911 calls coming from specific areas. Councilor Jones-Johnson said she is getting calls from the 900 block of Bullock. Chief Molineux advised that residents should call 911.

Mary Nixon read a thank you from a resident for prompt cleanup of snow from his sidewalk as last year he had written to the Daily Times complaining of lack of help with snow. Councilor G. Snead asked if there are any requirements for the service and Ms. Nixon said volunteers clean sidewalks for residents who are age 62 and over or who have disabilities. Councilor Jones-Johnson said there should be income

cut offs as there are many wealthy seniors who can afford to pay. Also, if it is not a Borough service, why report it.

Mary Nixon said that she contacts the volunteers. Councilor Jones-Johnson expressed concerns of liability issues if Borough partners with volunteers. Dr. McCabe advised Larry Healy and Mary Nixon to get together to work out details.

Councilor C. Johnson questioned why Budget has Town Watch under Emergency Management. There was lengthy discussion about lack of Town Watch and the need to bring it back.

4.2 ORDINANCE/ZONING – Chair Learin Johnson was absent

Jud Sumbler discussed his report outlining work that the Code Department performed in December. He advised that there is a Zoning Board Meeting on January 14 to consider requests for variances on signage at stores on Chester Avenue and Cedar Lane. Councilor C. Johnson said there are signs that are too big on the 700 block of Church. Jud Sumbler said that it has been addressed.

Councilor McCabe asked what can be done at the MacDade Shopping Center which is an eyesore. Councilor Jones-Johnson cited a \$35,000.00 Grant that was received to study both that and the Swim Club Property and asked if the Zoning Board and Planning Commission had submitted written reports in 2014.

4.3 MUNICIPAL SERVICES – Chair Nelva Wright arrived at 8:20 pm

Public Works Superintendent Dan Wright read from his report.

Councilor Jones-Johnson said that there was \$70,000.00 in the Bond Fund to install new equipment in Community Park and it has not been done. Vice President N. Wright disputed that amount but if it is correct will get to work as she had previously tried to get discounted prices by partnering with Lansdowne.

4.4 COMMUNITY RELATIONS – Chair Learin Johnson – No report

4.5 FINANCE – Chair Nelva Wright

Finance Director Joseph Possenti read his report. Councilor Jones-Johnson asked when she could review invoices and Joseph Possenti said noon on Monday.

5. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Cliff Brock had three items to discuss, starting with roadway conditions on Church Lane.

Borough Manager Larry Healy said that utility line services, the PECO Contractor, had come out to fill in temporary patches on Church and is scheduled to go there Monday. The second phase of their gas line improvement should be completed in the next few weeks, and then a permanent restoration will take place. Secondly, Mr. Brock asked for help with improving an

access road at Mount Moriah Cemetery that there is progress being made. Thirdly, he asked Council to work together to shorten the length of Council's Meetings.

Charles Wilkins – Cobbs Creek Parkway – asked Council to help the Yeadon Boy Scout Chapter which is in danger of losing its Charter as it owes \$390 to the Valley Forge Council which is due February 1. He was advised to submit a request from the Scout Master for the Council to consider.

A Motion to Adjourn was made by Vice President Nelva Wright, seconded: Council C. Johnson.

6. ADJOURNMENT AT 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence W. Healy
Borough Secretary