

**MINUTES OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
MINUTES OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE MEETING
JANUARY 15, 2015 @ 7:30 PM**

The Yeadon Borough Council met at Yeadon Borough Hall on the above date. President Sharon Council-Harris called the meeting to order at 7:34 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 Clara Johnson, Learn Johnson, Dolores McCabe and Gracie Snead. Also present were Mayor Rohan Hepkins, Borough Manager/Secretary Larry Healy, Solicitor Raymond Santarelli, Engineer Eileen Mulvena, Finance Director Joseph Possenti, Jr., and Police Chief Donald Molineux. Absent: Councilor Rosalind Jones-Johnson.

3. CITIZEN'S FORUM – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Aaron Andrews of RCN introduced himself to Council and said he would like to discuss a proposal. President Council-Harris referred him to the Manager.

Mike McDonnell – Yeadon Avenue – Spoke of speeding on Yeadon Ave and sales of drugs on Church Lane.

Clifford Brock – Guenther Avenue – Spoke of poor road patch on Church Lane and Mount Moriah Cemetery.

4. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS TO STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

Students Nia Lartley and Kayla Kirkland were presented Citations to recognize their essays about veterans from Borough Council and from Eugene Hough of Saving Hallowed Ground and Borough Code Officer Patrick Trio who is a member of Sons of American Legion Squadron 761. Mr. Hough and Mr. Trio have been working to have flag poles erected. Courtesy of the Squadron, Mr. Trio also presented the students with gift cards.

5. PRESENTATION BY REPUBLIC BANK

Anthony Caviliere, Ryan Kruc and Chuck Papantoniou of Republic Bank went over their proposal which would save the Borough \$13,137 per year.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.1 Motion to Approve Minutes of December 18, 2014 CDBG Hearing was made by Vice President Wright and seconded by Councilor L. Johnson. Motion approved 4-2. Voting yes: Councilors L. Johnson, D. McCabe, Vice President Wright and President Council-Harris. Voting no: Councilors C. Johnson and G. Snead.

6.2 Motion to Approve Minutes of December 18, 2014 Council Meeting was made by Councilor D. McCabe and seconded by Councilor L. Johnson. Motion approved 5-1. Voting yes: Councilors C. Johnson, L. Johnson, D. McCabe, Vice President Wright and President Council-Harris. Voting no: Councilor G. Snead.

6.3 Motion to Approve January 8, 2015 Caucus Minutes was made by Councilor D. McCabe, seconded by Councilor L. Johnson. Motion approved 4-2. Voting yes: Councilors L. Johnson, D. McCabe, Vice President Wright and President Council-Harris. Voting no: Councilors C. Johnson and G. Snead.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hepkins reviewed highlights of his report.

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Council-Harris said she would return to it.

9. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Mulvena reviewed her report. She said there is a Stormwater insert to go out in the Tax Bills. Councilor L. Johnson asked if there is a solution to problem of standing water on Rundale Ave at MacDade Blvd. Engineer Mulvena suggest that information about utility contractors working in the Borough be put on the website. Councilor C. Johnson asked about traffic control at 61st and Cobbs Creek Pkwy. Engineer Mulvena said studies show there it is not a high accident area. Councilor C. Johnson said speeding on MacDade Blvd and Cobbs Creek Parkway is a problem. Chief Molineux said that the Borough is getting a Grant to target areas for speed enforcement. Engineer Mulvena asked for a traffic study for Cypress Street and MacDade Blvd. Motion to Authorize the Traffic Study made by Councilor L. Johnson, seconded by Councilor C. Johnson. Motion approved 5-0 with President Council-Harris abstaining as cost of study is unknown. She asked Engineer Mulvena to come back with cost.

9.1 Engineer Mulvena asked for Motions to Excavate and Repair at Bell and Chester Ave. and Lansdowne and Fairview.

Motion to Excavate and Repair at Bell Ave and Chester Ave made by Councilor D. McCabe, seconded by Vice President Wright. Motion approved 5-1. Voting yes: Councilors C. Johnson, L. Johnson, D. McCabe, Vice President Wright and President Council-Harris. Voting no: Councilor G. Snead.

Motion to Excavate and Repair at Lansdowne Ave and Fairview Ave made by Councilor D. McCabe and seconded by Vice President Wright. Motion approved 5-1. Voting yes: Councilors C. Johnson, L. Johnson, D. McCabe, Vice President Wright and President Council-Harris. Voting no: Councilor G. Snead.

Recycling Contract expires May 31, 2015 and Council should authorize advertising for bids at the February Meeting.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

10.1 Motion to Order New Modern Parking Meters.

There was discussion about replacing old, costly meters. Chief Molineux suggested Council also review the few for six month parking fees and fines for parking violations.

Motion to Purchase ten new meters for 700 Block of Church made by Vice President Wright, seconded by Councilor C. Johnson. Motion approved 6-0.

10.2 Motion to Make a Donation to the Yeadon Boy Scout Chapter.

Borough Manager Healy said that the donation would not be necessary following information from resident Charles Wilkins that the Troop had the funds that were needed.

10.3 Motion to Repair an Access Road in Mount Moriah Cemetery made by Councilor L. Johnson, seconded by C. Johnson. Motion approved 6-0.

11. FINANCE REPORT

The Cash Balance Report was read by Finance Director Joseph Possenti, Jr.

Motion to Approve the Accounts Payable List was made by Vice President Wright, seconded by Councilor McCabe. Motion approved 4-2. Voting yes: Councilors L. Johnson, D. McCabe, Vice President Wright and President Council-Harris. Voting no: Councilors C. Johnson and G. Snead.

12. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Tax collector's report was read by Manager Healy.

Motion to Accept Tax Collector's Report made by Vice President Wright, seconded by Councilor L. Johnson. Motion approved 6-0.

13. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Santarelli has reviewed the Borough Employee Handbook and Council should review and note suggested changes that are recommended to be compliant with current law. He also looked at Rules of Decorum for Public Meetings.

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Council-Harris stated that there had been many tumultuous meetings last year and Council needs to do the Borough's Business. She asked Council to review the Rules of Decorum and Robert's Rule of Order. She also asked for Review of the Handbook. Councilor G. Snead criticized the Caucus Format as no enough members of the public are present. Councilor C. Johnson said she agreed with Mr. Brock and Ms. Stokes in wanting to return to separate standing committee meetings. President Council-Harris read a Tribute to Martin Luther King on his Birthday.

14. NEW BUSINESS

Councilor L. Johnson made a Motion to Reverse Removal of the Tree in front of Crab Plus Restaurant, seconded by Councilor C. Johnson. Motion approved 5-0. Abstained: Councilor D. McCabe. There was discussion over Council's reversing the previous decision and Solicitor Santarelli said the motion could be amended to stay the removal of the tree. Councilor L. Johnson made a Motion to Amend the Motion to Stay the Removal, seconded: Councilor G. Snead. Motion approved 4-1. Voting yes: Councilors C. Johnson, L. Johnson, G. Snead and Vice President Wright. Voting no: Councilor D. McCabe. Abstained: President Council-Harris.

Councilor L. Johnson presented Resolution 2015-1, a Resolution of Condolence in Honor of Wilbert McCabe, husband of President ProTem Dolores McCabe. Vice President Wright made a Motion to Adopt the Resolution 2015-1, seconded by Councilor L. Johnson. Motion approved 5-0. Abstained: Councilor McCabe.

Councilor L. Johnson presented Resolution 2015-2, a Resolution of Condolence in Honor of Robert Harris, Jr., stepson of President Sharon Council-Harris. Vice President Wright made a Motion to Adopt Resolution 2015-2, seconded by Councilor L. Harris. Motion approved 6-0.

15. OLD BUSINESS – NONE

16. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Charles Wilkins – Cobbs Creek Parkway – Said he is a 2 ½ year resident and asked for a copy of the Borough Code to learn what the Council's duties are. Solicitor Santarelli said he would provide a link to the website where the Pennsylvania Code is posted. The Code outlines the duties of the Mayor and Council.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence Healy
Borough Manager/Secretary

