

BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
MINUTES OF BOROUGH COUNCIL CAUCUS WORKSHOP MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 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 7:02 P.M. by President Sharon Council-Harris.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Councilor's Clara Johnson, Learin Johnson, Dolores McCabe, Gracie Snead and President Sharon Council-Harris. Absent were Councilor Rosalind Jones-Johnson and Vice President Nelva Wright. 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

Donna Samuel – Spoke on the need for deer crossing signs as many deer are seen on the streets of the Borough especially near Cobbs Creek Park. Chief Molineux said that any thinning of deer population would be conducted by the Pennsylvania Gaming Commission.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 PUBLIC SAFETY

Chair Dolores McCabe asked for reports from the Committee. Mayor Hepkins said he has Action Items for Council to consider relating to purchasing two police cars and starting the Civil Service process for hiring two new patrolmen. Chief Molineux outlined the process of the commission to advertise and administer tests for candidates. Chief Molineux also said his department will receive two new data terminals from Delaware County. Also the Police Department is participating in a joint DUI Task Force. He will also ask for the hiring of an alternate crossing guard. Councilor Snead asked if the new cars are all wheel drive and was told yes. Councilor C. Johnson asked if there is a new crossing guard at Church and MacDade. Chief Molineux said on Fridays there is an alternate guard.

Mary Nixon reported on the Emergency Management youth hours. One participant is an honor student and was December Patriot of the Month at the High School. Delaware County is hosting First Aid Course costing \$102.00. Councilor C. Johnson complimented Mary for her wonderful work and asked about Town Watch. Chair McCabe said there has been no progress in bringing back Town Watch and asked for suggestions. President Council-Harris asked Mr. Healy to work on getting information on Town Watch. Councilor C. Johnson asked if there had been a large increase on Mary's salary or a salary for a Town Watch Coordinator. President Council-Harris said that there was the same 2.75% across the board increase that was in the adopted Budget.

4.2 ORDINANCE/CODE/ZONING COMMITTEE

Chair Learnin Johnson – Asked Jud Sumbler to give his report. She asked about status of 900 Yeadon Avenue. Mr. Sumbler stated fines have been paid and tenants were evicted. There was discussion of blighted homes in the Borough. Judson Sumbler said that once there are four convictions, the property can be declared blighted. Councilor Snead asked if blighted properties can be inhabited which Mr. Sumbler said some are. Mayor Hepkins asked Mr. Sumbler about the number of Section 8 homes in the Borough and if that adds to Blight, and can the Borough control it. Mr. Healy said that the Section 8 program is a Federal Program administered by the County and the Borough only has the same oversight that it has with any other Rental Unit. Judson Sumbler said that the program insures proper inspections as the inspection report is part of the Count Application. Larry Healy said that while there are responsible as well as irresponsible tenants and landlords, quite often deplorable conditions are the responsibility of the landlord. Chair L. Johnson asked if there are programs to help residents. Mr. Sumbler said the Elm Street Project has used youth to do repairs, however some residents had problems with the work. Chair L. Johnson recommended Judson Sumbler be given a raise and new title. There was also discussion of creating a Historical Preservation Commission.

4.3 PUBLIC WORKS

Superintendent Dan Wright reported on work to sewers; pothole repairs and making an updated list of necessary road repairs. Councilor L. Johnson asked about when the auditorium will be painted. Dan Wright said the plan is to paint and repair the floor between March 8 and April 20 as no events are scheduled.

4.4 COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Chair Learnin Johnson spoke about Flag Day Events including an Antique Car Show returning and moving fireworks to the Fourth of July as many residents would like July 4th events. She also spoke of returning "Jazz on the Lane", also stating there are 41 students who are majorettes, color guard and drill team.

4.5 FINANCE

Finance Director Joseph Possenti read the January income report (Councilor Gracie Snead left at 8:25 P.M.) Councilor Clara Johnson asked about the gift cards that were on the January Accounts Payable List. Larry Healy will have more information at the Council Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Dolores McCabe moved to adjourn at 8:39 P.M.