

**BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
MINUTES OF BOROUGH COUNCIL CAUCUS WORKSHOP MEETING
APRIL 09, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.**

The Yeadon Borough Council held a Caucus Workshop on the above date at Borough Hall. President Sharon Council-Harris called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Councilors Clara Johnson, Learin Johnson, Rosalind Jones-Johnson, Gracie Snead, President Sharon Council-Harris and Vice President Nelva Wright arrived at 7:36 P.M. Absent were Councilors Dolores McCabe and Mayor Rohan Hepkins. Also present were Borough Manager/Secretary Larry Healy, Finance director Joseph P. Possenti, Jr., Police Chief Donald Molineux, Public Works Superintendent Daniel Wright, Code Director Judson Sumbler.

3. CITIZEN'S FORUM

There were no citizen's comments.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief Molineux submitted his report and spoke about upcoming Civil Service tests for new patrolman. A moment of silence in memory of Volunteer firefighter Mark Hudson was observed.

4.2 ZONING/CODE/ORDINANCE

Code Supervisor Judson Sumbler submitted his report. He said he has a contact at Septa for issues related to their property. Councilor Rosalind Johnson cited the conditions at Fairmount Park and asked for a plan. Also she suggested hiring two part time Code Officers to work weekends since there are only three full time and one part time presently on staff, and inquired about conditions at the house undergoing construction on Wycombe Avenue. Mr. Sumbler said the property had been cited and sidewalks were to be poured next week.

President Council-Harris asked Borough Manager Healy to get a second quote on code update that was discussed last month. There was discussion about bringing on a fourth full time code officer. Finance director Possenti said a fourth officer was not in the budget. Councilor Jones-Johnson said half a year's salary should be affordable when code enforcement is so important. Judson Sumbler

said two officers working half a day on Saturday would be required. Councilor C. Johnson asked when Code Committee meets. Councilwoman L. Johnson said there are staff meetings as Judson Sumbler calls for them. Councilor C. Johnson asked if it is advertised. President Council-Harris said the Caucus Meeting is the advertised committee meeting. She said this is the forum to address code issues and spoke about pictures that had been passed around at the start of the meeting. Judson Sumbler has and will respond to complaints. If council members choose to attend staff meetings that is their prerogative. Councilor Jones-Johnson wants a better process involving civic groups and block captains to monitor conditions. President Council-Harris asked Larry Healy and Joseph Possenti to look for more staff. She also commented on her surprise to see the digital billboard at Church Lane and Baltimore Avenue and asked if the borough was given notice. Larry Healy said the sign is in Upper Darby and no notice was received. Councilor Jones-Johnson said someone needs to attend the Consortium of Governments meeting. Larry Healy said he is attending and spoke about a plan for multi municipal and county purchase of LED street lighting. Councilwoman L. Johnson spoke of trash at Yeadon Shopping Center. Judson Sumbler said citations have been issued. Councilor Jones-Johnson advised that time may be given to correct violations if the situation warrants it. There was discussion about repairs to common alleyways and possibly residents getting group rates. Councilor Snead suggests that the Borough lower sewer fees. Councilor Jones-Johnson said there is \$900,000 in the sewer fund note and that in some case there are sewer lines under the alleys. She also said the Bond money had been misspent and wants a forensic audit done as the audit failed to pick it up. Joseph Possenti said the auditor had questioned the due to/due from and that there may be dollars in the bond that should have been transferred. Councilor Jones-Johnson said while that may be so, we need more information on the general obligation note as she believes \$60,000 was inappropriately spent on the 700 block of Church. Joseph Possenti said the auditors asked for a plan for transfers and advised that forensic audits may be costly. Councilor Jones-Johnson said the present engineer was not here in 2010 and she will ask for the forensic audit at the Legislative Meeting. She had asked questions of former solicitor Puppio and also wants to know how much is left in the fund for playground equipment. \$60,000 was spent on Church and \$60,000 on equipment. President Council-Harris asked Joseph Possenti to research.

4.3 PUBLIC WORKS

Report submitted by Dan Wright. Councilwoman L. Johnson said the hall looks nice but needs updated lighting. There was discussion about adjusting rental fees and repairs to the floor, and marketing the hall. President Council-Harris told Larry Healy to contact Linn Architects to see if proposed chandeliers will provide enough lighting. Vice President Wright said proposed playground equipment is on the website and is seeking public comment. There was discussion about the April 25 Darby Creek Association cleanup and there will be a Borough wide cleanup.

4.4 COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Councilwoman Learn Johnson spoke of the volunteer's dinner on May 1, where residents will be recognized for contributions to the community. Also Camp Garrett, tennis at Kerr Field and possibly Chester Avenue, and golf lessons are being planned. Flag Day will be celebrated on June 13 with a 9:30 parade and a car show, with fireworks at dusk. On June 6, there is a 5K Run/Walk and a 1:00 PM basketball game at Community Park. PECO did landscaping at the library. Councilor C. Johnson asked for written reports, and asked where emergency management is. Councilor Jones-Johnson wants an executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues. President Council-Harris said to submit questions to her or Larry Healy so that the need for an executive session can be determined. Councilor Jones-Johnson said last session was in 2014 and there are legal contract issues.

Vice President Nelva Motioned to Adjourn at 9:21 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence W. Healy
Borough Secretary