

**BOROUGH OF YEADON  
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
BOROUGH COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING  
APRIL 16, 2015 at 7:30 P.M.**

The Yeadon Borough Council met at Yeadon Borough Hall on the above date. President Sharon Council-Harris called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

**1. THE 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, Rosalind Jones-Johnson, Dolores McCabe and Gracie Snead. Also attending were Borough Manager/Secretary Larry Healy, Solicitor Raymond Santarelli, Finance Director Joseph Possenti, Jr., Police Chief Donald Molineux and Engineer Eileen Mulvena.

**3. CITIZEN'S FORUM**

Charles Wilkins – West Cobbs Creek Parkway – said that Class C Fireworks are less expensive and would like fireworks on both Flag Day and July 4<sup>th</sup>. He has information on a program for free tickets to events for veterans and their families including Phillies Games.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**4.1 Minutes of March 19, 2015** – Motion to approve minutes made by Vice President Nelva Wright, seconded by Councilor McCabe. Motion carries 4-1. Voting yes: President Council-Harris, Vice President Wright, Councilwoman L. Johnson and Councilor D. McCabe. Not voting: Councilor Jones-Johnson. Abstaining: Councilors C. Johnson and Gracie Snead, who were not present at the meeting.

**4.2 Minutes of March 21, 2015** – Motion to approve made by Councilwoman L. Johnson, seconded by Councilor McCabe. Motion carries 4-0. Voting yes: President Council-Harris, Vice President Wright, Councilwoman L. Johnson and Councilor McCabe. Abstained: Councilors C. Johnson, Jones-Johnson, G. Snead as they were not present at the meeting.

**5. ENGINEER**

Ms. Mulvena reported on MS4 Stormwater permit information and that a 5% reduction plan must be adopted by Council. She met with the Code Department to discuss the importance of changes to Stormwater Management. Also spoke of expense to replace inlets. Yeadon is not on the County List of 2015 CDBG Funds. County Council may grant additional requests at the April 22 Meeting. Mayor Rohan Hepkins and Larry Healy will attend. Eileen Mulvena said she will ask for fund for sidewalk and curb

restoration on Cedar Avenue. Also, there are three bids for recycling, and recommended the three year option with B & L Waste the lowest responsible bidder.

### **5.1 MOTION TO AWARD RECYCLING CONTRACT.**

Motion to award three year contract to B & L made by Councilor Jones- Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman L. Johnson. Motion approved 7-0.

The Stormwater tip was the April 18 cleanup at the Heinz Wildlife Refuge and the April 25 Darby Creek Valley Association on April 25. She also asked Council to prioritize streets for repair. Councilwoman L. Johnson asked about repairs to Rundale. Eileen Mulvena said Council decides. Councilor Jones-Johnson asked about information on the Evans School Playground. Eileen Mulvena said she had asked for the footprint but has not received it. Councilor Jones-Johnson said to send letters to school president and superintendent. She also asked about meter readings. Eileen Mulvena has completed the Chapter 94 report and plots flows for each meter for 5 years, take data from raw events, plot flows, do repairs and will see reductions, especially Providence Road. There are a lot of sewer issues to fix before collapse. Safety is first goal then inflow and infiltration. Councilor Jones-Johnson said increased sewer fees create a financial crisis for residents. Councilwoman L. Johnson said houses on Redwood are shaking from PECO work on Church Lane.

## **6. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Hepkins spoke of the untimely death of Mark Hudson a volunteer firefighter. Also the Delaware River Port Authority has summer internships. He has met with Senator Toomey's staff to get a \$75,000 grant for street cameras.

## **7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **7.1 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE IN MEMORY OF MARK HUDSON.**

President Council-Harris asked for a motion to adopt a resolution of condolence in memory of Mark Hudson. Motion made by Vice President Wright, seconded by Councilwoman L. Johnson. Motion approved 7-0. Councilor Jones-Johnson asked why a resolution wasn't sent earlier. Raymond Santarelli said an official action must be voted on at a meeting. A letter had been sent and now the resolution is an official record of the Borough.

## **8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

### **8.1 MOTION TO PURCHASE CHANDELIERS FOR THE BOROUGH HALL.**

President Council-Harris asked that action be deferred on lighting until more information from Linn comes back. Councilor Jones-Johnson said the holes in the floor it can be dangerous. Also recommends replacing foyer doors. Mr. Santarelli advised the motion can authorize purchase of chandeliers contingent up approval of Linn Architects.

Motion made by Councilwoman L. Johnson, seconded by Vice President Wright to purchase 16 chandeliers not to exceed \$6000.00 contingent upon approval by Linn Architects. Motion approved 5-2. Voting yes: President Council-Harris, Vice President Wright, Councilwoman L. Johnson, Councilors McCabe and C. Johnson. Voting no: Councilors Jones-Johnson and G. Snead.

## **9. FINANCE**

### **9.1 CASH BALANCE REPORT**

Joseph Possenti read the cash balance report. President Council-Harris discussed hiring two part time code officers. Mr. Possenti said that he will have a better idea of affordability in June as we will be at a halfway point in terms of revenue and expenses. Councilor C. Johnson asked if there is a budget surplus, can't we use that. Mr. Possenti said there is a surplus but he will be more comfortable as we see what taxes come in. Councilor Jones-Johnson said if we have a surplus and motions passed in March will save \$40,000, why wait when hiring process takes time. Mr. Possenti said the savings will come over the course of the year. Councilor Jones-Johnson asked for an executive session that can't wait until June, and wants to decide tonight. Council discussed the importance of code issues. President Council-Harris suggested a Motion to Advertise. Councilor Jones-Johnson said they had advertised in 2013 and did interviews but did not hire and to use those resumes. President Council-Harris said we should not rely on outdated information and should advertise.

Motion to Advertise for Part time Code Officers made by Councilor Jones-Johnson, seconded by Gracie Snead. Motion approved 7-0.

### **9.2 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE LIST**

Joseph Possenti asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable List. Motion made by Councilor McCabe, seconded by Vice President Wright. Motion approved 4-3. Voting yes: President Council-Harris, Vice President Wright, Councilwoman L. Johnson and Councilor McCabe. Voting no: Councilors C. Johnson, Jones-Johnson and Gracie Snead.

Councilor Jones-Johnson questioned line item for special Legal Services. Mr. Possenti said the solicitors invoice was miscoded and will be corrected.

Councilwoman L. Johnson asked if there was a payment to the Yeadon Economic Development Corporation. Mr. Healy said no.

## **10. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

The tax collector report was read by Joseph Possenti. Councilor Jones-Johnson asked about the 2010 note and large balance. Mr. Possenti said balances are correct but we have to look at the due to due from as funds may need to be transferred for bills that were paid out of the General Fund. Councilor Jones-Johnson wants answers at the next meeting. Mr. Possenti said we are still dealing with 2013 and this will require 4 years of work. Councilor Jones-Johnson said it's not a matter of transfer but bond move was spent on ineligible items in 2012 and wants a forensic audit and should consider funding the

audit at the next meeting. Mr. Santarelli said he will check with Michael Puppio to see what notes he has from 2012. Vice President Wright said Mr. Puppio had done research and asked for a forensic audit expense is necessary. Councilor Jones-Johnson said it is 2015 and if three CPAs had not found anything there is a need for a forensic audit.

#### **11. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – None**

President Council-Harris said there will be an Executive Session in May.

#### **12. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Healy said the Code Department had a staff meeting. Fees may not be high enough and wants comparisons from other towns. Councilor C. Johnson said fees are to pay for enforcement. There was discussion about rather than waiting for fines to go through the Courts, we should move to a process similar to how the Police give out parking tickets which are brought to the Department and paid in a timely manner. This may eliminate lengthy delays of going through the Court. Mr. Santarelli will research to see if an Ordinance change is necessary. Councilor Jones-Johnson said fees should be increased along with parking meter rates. Councilor McCabe said court fees have increased as he sends more cases to court. Also, the Borough lacks a constable, an elected office for which no one is running. Most often the Upper Darby Constable issues our warrants. Mr. Santarelli said if anyone is interested in running, they can be written in at the primary. Councilor Jones-Johnson said since constables carry guns it may deter some people from running.

Councilwoman L. Johnson said the YEDC wants to partner in the Borough installing gateway signs. Also she would like a cost to plant crepe myrtle trees along MacDade Blvd, and on raising the bricks around the trees on the 400 block of Church.

#### **7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Council-Harris spoke about the April 25 cleanup. Council members and the Mayor are attending the PSAB Conference. Councilor L. Johnson hopes people will help cleanup at Yeadon Shopping Center and attend Flag Day activities.

#### **14. CITIZEN'S FORUM**

Richard Ashby gave updates on Library activities. PECO volunteers will do landscaping at the library; a rain garden will be put in as an example of Stormwater management in September. There is a Summer Science Program along with reading and nutrition clubs; a June 20 Read A Thon; April 25 Ladies Night.

President Council-Harris asked for a motion to advertise an Ordinance creating a Historical Society. Motion made by Councilwoman L. Johnson, seconded by Vice President Wright. Motion approved 6-0. Councilor Jones-Johnson abstained as the Ordinance was not in her packet.

Councilwoman L. Johnson spoke if the May 1 volunteers dinner and said there is a senior luncheon to be held May 9 or 16.

Mike McDonnell – Yeadon Avenue – spoke of four wheelers and dirt bikes speeding on Yeadon Avenue.

Tinu Osinopebi – Rose Avenue – spoke on behalf of Harlem’s Café. Harlems took down a sign and ordered a new sign of the same dimensions. However they learned the size is non-conforming and would like to avoid the cost of going to a zoning Hearing since the signs are the same size. Mr. Santarelli said he would confer with the Code Department.

Dr. Vivian Ford – Longacre Boulevard – spoke about losing her son to bi-polar disorder in 1995 and said she is putting on a May 30 Flea market to raise funds for scholarships and awareness.

Joseph Brown – Allen Drive – said cars are going the wrong way and new signs are needed. Chief Molineux will check the ordinance and correct signs if warranted.

Charles Wilkins – West Cobbs Creek Parkway – said he participated in a webinar on Blight and said the house at 520 Orchard is in bad condition. Mr. Healy explained that procedures are being followed by the Code Department regarding that property. Councilor Jones-Johnson said a land bank and Blight Ordinance is necessary. President Council-Harris said the owner of the property is now going to have to appear in Court where we hope to gain access to the interior which so far we have been denied. Mr. Wilkins asked if the Borough applied for CDBG funds. Mr. Santarelli said yes in January but was not on the County’s list and the Mayor and Manager are going to appeal to County Council.

## **15. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilwoman Learn Johnson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Clara Johnson.

Adjournment at 9:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence W. Healy  
Borough Secretary