

**BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
BOROUGH COUNCIL CAUCUS WORKSHOP MEETING
MAY 14, 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 7:05 P.M.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Leslie McGirth – Rader Avenue – expressed concerns about street repair, recycling collection and police cars in the Yeadon Shopping Center parking lot. Mr. Healy advised that PECO would begin repairs to Church Lane in 3 – 4 weeks, Republic Waste's contract ends at the end of May. Chief Molineux said that often police cars meet at the shopping center so officers can discuss matters that should not go over the radio. Also they work on required reporting while being visible rather than at headquarters. Councilor Jones-Johnson asked for plans to repair all the streets not just Church Lane.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 PUBLIC SAFETY – Dolores McCabe – Chair

Dr. McCabe asked for a prayer for victims of the Amtrak train accident. She spoke about attending the disaster mitigation meeting at the DELCO Emergency center and attending the PSAB Conference. Chief Molineux spoke about items in his report and the need for new signage at Allen and Stetser, the hiring process for officers, tobacco enforcement and the Regional Youth Police Academy that kicks off in September. Councilor C. Johnson asked about block captains and town watch. She said \$5000 budgeted for town watch was given to Mary Nixon. Joseph Possenti said Mary Nixon received the same 2.75% increase as everyone else. Rosalind Johnson asked why Rufus Stokes, the Emergency Coordinator appointed by the Governor doesn't give a report. President Council-Harris said Larry Healy will speak to Stokes. Chief Molineux said there is training for Town Watch and also liability for the Borough. He served as Town Watch liaison years ago. Councilor Jones-Johnson asked why doesn't the youth program start in July and August while students are on summer vacation. Chief Molineux said the schools are short staffed in the summer and consensus of the participating towns, Lansdowne, East Lansdowne,

Clifton Heights and Yeadon was to start in September. Councilwoman L. Johnson reminded council that the NIMS test must be completed.

4.2 ORDINANCE.CODE/ZONING – Learin Johnson – Chair

Judson Sumbler spoke about 702 Church Lane. Mayor Hepkins said the owner claimed the purchaser was turned down for his business operation because of chemical use. Judson Sumbler said there was no denial as there was no application. There was discussion of permitted uses and what chemicals would be going down drains in the sewer system. He advised potential buyer to get a copy of the zoning book. He also advised that 553 Church will need to go to zoning for a convenience store use and the permit to sell gas is still held up in Harrisburg. Mayor Hepkins asked about the status of Crab Plus store. Judson Sumbler said the paperwork is ok, but they gave no indication on opening date. Also 408 Holly was declared unfit for habitation and cleanup is ongoing. Councilor Jones-Johnson spoke about graffiti, boarded up homes, the need to keep lids on trash cans and no trash in bags so animals can't get into it. Learin Johnson said we need ticketing procedure similar to police. Councilor Snead asked if the borough owns trees on walkways. Mr. Sumbler said some on Chester Avenue. Councilor C. Johnson asked for return to standing committee meetings.

4.3 MUNICIPAL SERVICES – Nelva Wright – Chair

Vice President Nelva Wright read a memo from Dan Wright concerning personnel. Rosalind Johnson said there are serious safety issues in town such as drug graffiti.

4.4 COMMUNITY RELATIONS – Learin Johnson – Chair

Learin Johnson spoke about Camp Garrett, Summer Youth track, tennis and golf programs, also talked about Flag Day activities on June 13, the car show and the June 30 to July 4, 2015 carnival.

4.5 FINANCE- Nelva Wright – Chair

Nelva Wright tried to read her report but Council argued about campaign literature.

President Sharon Council-Harris adjourned the meeting at 8:45 P.M.