

**BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
BOROUGH COUNCIL CAUCUS WORKSHOP
MEETING JUNE 11, 2015**

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 7:14 P.M.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge was recited.

2. ROLL CALL

The following members in attendance were Councilors Learin Johnson, Dolores McCabe, and President Sharon Council-Harris, and Mayor Rohan Hepkins. Vice-President Nelva Wright arrived at 7:30 PM. Also present were Manager/Secretary Larry Healy, Finance Director Joseph Possenti, Police Chief Donald Molineux, Code Officer Judson Sumbler, Fire Chief Craig Jeffries, and Emergency Management Coordinator Rufus Stokes. Absent were Council Members Clara Johnson, Rosalind Jones-Johnson, and Gracie Snead.

3. CITIZENS FORUM- No comments

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS-Learin Johnson, Chair

4.1 ORDINANCE/CODE/ZONING

Mr. Sumbler asked if there were any questions about his report. He said that the owner of Crab Plus informed him that he hopes to open soon and a new business planning to open at 702 Church Lane has not yet submitted plans.

4.1 PUBLIC SAFETY- Dr. Dolores McCabe, Chair

Dr. McCabe said that Chief Jefferies and Mr. Stokes had left to respond to a fire. Chief Molineux asked if there were any questions about his report. He added that we are at the second step in the civil service process for hiring new officers. There are 16 applicants who passed the physical agility portion and that a written examination will be administered on June 20. He also spoke of the 5K run/walk and the recent murder at 6250 Baltimore Avenue stating that it is not a high crime area with only 1 incident of theft year to date. Mayor Hepkins spoke of Senator Pat Toomey's recent visit to Yeadon in support of obtaining a grant for video cameras. He also spoke of upcoming Flag Day events including the parade, Gospelfest, naturalization ceremony and fireworks. President Council-Harris said recently there have been complaints of graphitti which may require coordination with Delaware County to see if there is a program similar to ones in Philadelphia. Vice-president Wright said she thinks it unwise for our workers to handle caustic chemicals to remove graphitti. Dr. McCabe suggested that we may need to bring in an outside company to clean up graphitti. There was also discussion of the upcoming William Penn School District budget and the need to attend meetings and urge Yeadon's school directors to vote against any increase in taxes.

4.2 MUNICIPAL SERVICES- Nelva Wright, Chair

Vice-President Wright said that Public Works Superintendent Dan Wright is recovering from surgery and is not in attendance but his report is submitted. As was requested last month, he has provided quotes for purchasing a dump truck and a leaf machine along with quotes to repair the auditorium floor. Also Council has been provided a quote to purchase playground equipment.

4.3 COMMUNITY RELATIONS-Learin Johnson, Chair

Councilwoman Johnson spoke about the June 6 run/walk, Flag Day activities including the parade, car show at the Yeadon Shopping Center, a stage show by OnStage Productions, and the June 30-July 4 carnival. She also hopes that the auditorium floors can be repaired quickly and would like chandeliers, a wet bar and a partition installed there. She recommended that the Borough hire 8-10 youth for the summer. President Council-Harris said that the ground floor emergency management office should be renovated to provide the mayor with a better office and provide a good spot for the camera system. Mayor Hepkins said that Senator Toomey controls federal dollars for safety in Pennsylvania and he has a good relationship with county officials as he got a \$65,000 grant from Delaware County and hopes to get \$75,000 from the Federal government. Councilwoman Johnson also spoke of her proposed Yeadon More Beautiful project which would award prizes semi-annually to well-kept home in the Borough.

4.4 FINANCE-Nelva Wright , Chair

Vice-President Wright said we are taking final comments on the playground and asked that the manager be contacted with comments. Mayor Hepkins asked about the status of the LED sign. Mr. Healy said that he is getting a proposal since the previous company failed to deliver. Mr. Possenti said that items to be considered at the legislative meeting include approving a resolution to lock in the rate on the bond as the current rate will expire on June 25 and adoption of the 2013 audit. President Council-Harris spoke of the code of conduct which had been approved and also Council's vote to bring back committee meetings. She said that the meetings would resume in September as they are suspended for July and August, and will be held at 5:00 PM on the second Thursday of the month. The finance, public safety, community relations, municipal services, and code committees will meet one after the other and will break at 6:30. The caucus meeting will follow at 7:00. Residents will have the opportunity to engage Council. Next week Council will address personnel issues such as hiring and wages. Also the Pennsylvania Borough Code provides for boroughs to appoint an assistant solicitor and she will make a recommendation. She said she was interviewed by the auditor who emphasized the importance of approving the audit. The solicitor is looking at the bankruptcy status of the Nile Swim Club which is now in Chapter 7. Since the absent members decided to not attend this meeting she is sure they will want to talk everything that was discussed over again.

5. CITIZENS FORUM

Donna Samuel thanked council for all it does. She asked if there would be admission fees to the car show for those attending. Mr. Healy said there is no fee. She also said committee meetings are a good idea but the time may make it difficult for folks with jobs. Regarding communications, while the website is good, she feels the newsletter is the most informative. Mr. Healy said that the next newsletter will ask residents to provide preferred methods of communication as the county is instituting a new emergency communication system. In addition to robo calls, residents may opt for text messaging, email, and multiple phone numbers for information from both the county and the borough. Dr. Carolina

Harris said she is excited by the community engagement and looks forward to great Flag Day events. President Council-Harris said that the director of the Community Y hopes to have a town meeting in August so he can find out from residents what they would want from the Y.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM