

**BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
MINUTES OF BOROUGH COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING
JULY 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 7:35 P.M.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

2. ROLL CALL

The following Council members were present: Councilors Clara Johnson, Learin Johnson, Rosalind Jones-Johnson, Dolores McCabe, Gracie Snead, Vice President Nelva Wright and President Sharon Council-Harris. Mayor Rohan Hepkins was absent as he was at a Mayors' Conference. Also present were Manager/Secretary Larry Healy, Solicitor Raymond Santarelli, Engineer Eileen Mulvena, and Police Chief Donald Molineux. Finance Director Joseph Possenti, Jr. was absent due to family medical emergency.

3. CITIZEN'S FORUM – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Denise Stinson – Paul Street – Said residents were not informed of the carnival at Community Park, and asked questions about traffic concerns, how much money was raised, was there a committee, a backup plan, and who repairs damage to the grounds. President Council-Harris said Mr. Healy would provide answers.

Tracey Gordon – Spoke of her candidacy for the vacant seat in 191st Legislative District.

Harry Kalicik – Yeadon Avenue – Spoke about a dog running loose in the area.

Richard Ashby – Library Director – Thanked all who participated in the Read-A-Thon which raised funds for the Boy Scouts, Drill Team, and Y.E.A.A. There is a rain garden coming to the Library. Also children are growing vegetables. Councilor G. Snead asked who gets the vegetables. Richard Ashby said he gives them to the kids as prizes.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of June 11, 2015. Councilor Clara Johnson questioned typo on Agenda that said June 8. Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

4.2 Minutes of June 18, 2015. Councilor C. Johnson questioned President Council-Harris' statement on page 8 regarding time of workshop and committee meetings and said that was not the motion she made in May. Larry Healy said this is what was said at the June meeting. Councilor McCabe asked for correction for remarks attributed to her concerning what Summer Youth would do, when

those remarks were made by Councilor Jones-Johnson. Councilor Jones-Johnson said that missing was a Motion by Dr. McCabe to hire seasonal workers and part time Code Officers. With those corrections noted President Council-Harris asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Motion made by Vice President Wright, seconded by Councilwoman L. Johnson. Motion approved 4-1. Voting yes: Councilors L. Johnson, D. McCabe, Vice President Wright and President Council-Harris. Voting no: Councilors G. Snead. Abstaining: Councilor C. Johnson abstained because the secretary makes too many mistakes. Councilor Jones-Johnson abstained as without CART service she cannot hear so she cannot vote.

5. ENGINEER'S REPORT

5.1 Eileen Mulvena asked for a Motion to Authorize Sewer Repairs at 1208 and 1248 Angora Street, 908 Bell Avenue, Yeadon Avenue in the vicinity of Cedar Avenue, West Providence Road in the vicinity of 14 W. Providence and 929 and 931 Duncan Avenue with estimated cost of \$66,000.00. Motion made by Councilor McCabe, seconded by Councilwoman L. Johnson. Councilwoman L. Johnson asked if the state can help. Ms. Mulvena said there are no grants for this. Motion approved 6-0. Councilor Jones-Johnson abstained as there is no CART service.

5.2 Motion to Authorize Storm and Sanitary Sewer Repairs if identified in televising and road repairs to Cypress Avenue at Myra with estimated cost of \$20,000 to \$30,000 made by Councilor McCabe, seconded by Councilor C. Johnson. Motion approved 6-0. Councilor Jones-Johnson abstained citing no CART service.

Ms. Mulvena said there are numerous locations requiring action. Councilwoman L. Johnson asked when Rundale will be paved. Ms. Mulvena said it is up to Council but why pave over bad sewers. Vice President Wright asked about time frame to work in. Ms. Mulvena said paving can only be done when low temperature is 40 degrees and rising, and cannot pave after October 31 without Penndot approval. There was further discussion about Rundale. Ms. Mulvena said the intersection with a state highway will be costly, while there are no Liquid Fuels Funds for curbing, or installing storm sewers. She will gather cost information for Council. Councilor Jones-Johnson said there are many potholes. Ms. Mulvena spoke about the Solicitor drafting and advertising the flood plain ordinance and asked if Council wanted to permit or prohibit development within 50 feet of the flood plain. Councilwoman L. Johnson moved to prohibit development within 50 feet, seconded by Councilor McCabe. Motion approved 6-0. Councilor Jones-Johnson abstained citing no CART service.

Eileen Mulvena read the monthly storm water tip recommending residents to have potted plants.

Councilor C. Johnson asked what can be done regarding Evans School's failure to supply requested information pertaining to the August 2014 Playground installation. Ms. Mulvena keeps asking and mentions it in her monthly report.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

Dr. McCabe asked Chief Molineux to speak about animal control. Chief Molineux said that Delaware County Animal Control was no longer available and asked Council to adopt the agreement with Chester

County SPCA provided in their packet. He said so far 13 Delaware County towns had agreed and read the fees of \$100.00 a month, \$35.00 to pick up an animal, and \$15.00 to transport. Mr. Santarelli advises the motion should be subject to the Solicitor's approval and add the agreement was approved in Darby the previous night.

6.1 Motion to enter in to an agreement with Chester County SPCA for animal control subject to review and approval by the Solicitor made by Councilor McCabe, seconded by Councilwoman L. Johnson. Motion approved 6-0. Councilor Jones-Johnson abstained citing no CART service.

6.2 Chief Molineux spoke of the need to replace outdated assault weapons and asked Council to approve the proposal to purchase three AR15 M4 rifles. Councilor McCabe moved to purchase three AR15 M4 rifles at a cost of \$2520.00 minus \$840.00 for trade-in of HK MP5 for a net cost of \$1680.00, seconded by Councilor Jones-Johnson. Motion approved 7-0.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

7.1 Mr. Healy asked that Council hire Owen Wooten to serve as a part time Code Officer at \$18.00 per hour. Councilor C. Johnson asked if there would be a second interview. Larry Healy said it's not necessary. Councilwoman L. Johnson motioned to hire Owen Wooten as a part time Code Officer at \$18.00 per hour, seconded by Vice President Wright. Councilor Jones-Johnson objected to the process questioning how was position advertised, there is no personnel committee and no background check. Councilwoman L. Johnson moved to table the motion, seconded by Councilor C. Johnson. President Council-Harris said Mr. Healy is the Manager and was tasked to fill the position. Motion failed. Voting yes: Councilors C. Johnson, Jones-Johnson, and G. Snead. Voting no: Councilors L. Johnson, D. McCabe, Vice President Wright and President Council-Harris. Motion to hire Owen Wooten contingent on background check made by Councilwoman L. Johnson, seconded by Vice President Wright. Motion approved 4-1. Voting yes: Councilors L. Johnson, D. McCabe, Vice President Wright and President Council-Harris. Voting no Councilor G. Snead. Abstaining: Councilors C. Johnson and Jones-Johnson, no CART service.

7.2 Motion to appoint Judson Sumbler Code Director at the salary of \$62,500.00 per year made by Councilwoman L. Johnson, seconded by Councilor Snead. Councilor Jones-Johnson does not oppose Judson's promotion but the salary which should be \$85,000.00. President Council-Harris said last month the promotion was put off to determine the salary and asked Larry Healy and Joseph Possenti to look at salaries. He has been overseeing the Department at \$35,000.00. Councilor Jones-Johnson said \$62,500.00 is no appropriate. Councilor McCabe suggested that with a surplus the Borough can afford to pay more. President Council-Harris said while there is a surplus, the Engineer has spoken of all the emergency sewer work that is to be done we need to be cautious with funds. Motion approved 4-0. Voting yes: Councilors L. Johnson, D. McCabe, Vice President Wright and President Council-Harris. Abstaining: Councilor Jones-Johnson who won't vote for a salary less than that of previous white directors, Councilor C. Johnson said she didn't know the salary, and Councilor G. Snead wants a meeting.

7.3 Larry Healy asked Council to decide on an application for a handicapped parking spot at 517 Orchard Avenue noting that there is a long driveway with off street parking. Councilor L. Johnson moved to approve a handicapped spot at 517 Orchard, seconded by Vice President Wright. Motion approved 4-0. Voting yes: Councilors L. Johnson, D. McCabe, Vice President Wright and President Council-Harris. Abstaining: Councilors C. Johnson, Jones-Johnson and G. Snead.

8. FINANCE REPORT

Vice President Wright read the Cash Balance Report and moved to approve the Accounts Payable List, seconded by Councilwoman L. Johnson. Councilor Jones-Johnson objected to paying the Possenti Firm its \$22,000.00 fee and wants to see a detailed invoice. The fee includes a receptionist who is not working at the Borough. President Council-Harris said Joseph Possenti is not present as he had a family medical emergency. He will provide a report on receptionist and adjustments. Motion approved 4-0. Voting yes: Councilors L. Johnson, D. McCabe, Vice President Wright and President Council-Harris. Abstaining: Councilor C. Johnson, Jones-Johnson and G. Snead.

9. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

The Tax Collector's Report was read by Vice President Wright.

10. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Santarelli had nothing to report.

11. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Council-Harris spoke about the successful carnival event. Due to a miscommunication with William Penn School District, the carnival took place at Community Park. Councilwoman L. Johnson said she was there all 6 days and the Borough took in \$2000.00. President Council-Harris introduced Lacy Wheeler as the Assistant Solicitor, and said further redevelopment authority appointments will be postponed.

12. NEW BUSINESS

Councilwoman L. Johnson said "On Stage Productions" will put on a show on July 28 and Denise Wortham invites children to attend. The Library Read-A-Thon was a great event.

President Council-Harris said Committee Meetings return in September. Councilor C. Johnson wants meetings like they were before the Firm started and the vote was not in the May Minutes and wants a competent Secretary. President Council-Harris said there was a vote in May and the Committees will meet on the second Thursday monthly from 5:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. then take a break before the 7:00 P.M. Caucus.

Raymond Santarelli noted the May Minutes had been approved. Councilwoman L. Johnson said there is a Block Captain Meeting on September 22.

Councilor Jones-Johnson said there had been an advertised meeting that did not take place. Councilwoman L. Johnson said there was a mistake and the meeting had been rescheduled. Also she would like improvements to the Auditorium to include chandeliers, a wet bar and a partition.

Councilor Snead said Raymond Santarelli was correct but claimed that Larry didn't put the vote on Committee Meetings in the Minutes.

Councilor McCabe moved to adjourn.

President Council-Harris asked to first take a question from Charles Wilkins.

Charles Wilkins-Cobbs Creek Parkway – Asked if the approved purchase of assault rifles included accessories and ammunition. Chief Molineux answered ammunition is separate. Mr. Wilkins reminded all of the August 11 special election.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor McCabe moved to adjourn, seconded by Vice President Wright.

Adjournment at 9:57 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Healy
Borough Secretary