

BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
BOROUGH COUNCIL CAUCUS WORKSHOP MEETING

September 10, 2015

The Yeadon Borough Council held a Caucus workshop meeting on the above date at Borough Hall. President Pro-Tem Dr. Dolores McCabe 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 in attendance: President Sharon Council-Harris, Councilors Learin Johnson, and Dolores McCabe. Not attending were Councilors Clara Johnson, Rosalind Jones-Johnson, Gracie Snead, Vice-President Nelva Wright and Mayor Rohan Hepkins. Also present were Borough Manger/ Secretary Larry Healy, Finance Director Joseph Possenti, Jr., and Code Director Judson Sumbler.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Council- Harris spoke of Mayor Hepkins' Fair Funding for Schools Forum, which was taking place at Penn Wood High School. John Hanger, Public Policy Advisor to Governor Wolf, would be discussing the budget and the Governor's proposal to reduce property taxes. She also said the earlier Committee Meeting was very productive. The YEDC will give a presentation on the Gateway Project.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 Public Safety- Councilor Dr. McCabe said that at the earlier Committee Meeting there was discussion about parking on streets where parking is only permitted on one side and the problems presented on street sweeping days. Review of the truck ordinance was also discussed, along with the need to have crossing guards on duty, on days when William Penn District is closed, but Catholic Schools are open.

4.2 ORDINANCE/CODE/ZONING- Learin Johnson, Chair, Judson Sumbler, Code Director, spoke of the home at 508 Orchard which has deteriorated to the point it may have to be demolished. There was in his report the application for a handicapped parking sign at 814 Whitby.

4.3 COMMITTEE RELATIONS- Learin Johnson, Chair, said the Recreation Committee is looking for volunteers. She also requested financial reports for Flag Day, July 4, Volunteers' Dinner, and Veterans' Luncheon. Mr. Healy said he will provide the reports. Also, she asked that the solicitor review the truck ordinance as she received complaints about trucks storing junk which is an eyesore.

4.4 FINACE- Mr. Possenti said the earned income tax generated 260,000 in August. The borough is in good financial condition. He plans on confirming with Vice-President Wright the dates for budget meetings. He would like to have public meetings the last week of September, two in October and November and have a preliminary budget ready for adoption at the November Council Meeting. President Council- Harris said at the Committee Meeting Councilor Jones-Johnson had questioned whether the Highway Department was 200,000 over budget. Mr. Possenti said there were adjustments needed to be made to sewer and refuse. Councilor Dr. McCabe asked for a list of dates for budget meetings and Mr. Possenti said he would have it for next week's meeting. Councilor Learn Johnson also spoke on the Library Rain Garden and the need for volunteers. The Library Social is on October 3rd.

5. CITIZENS FORUM

Donna Samuel asked that the YMCA Town Meeting be rescheduled as it conflicts with the library meeting on September 24th. There was Discussion about having Saturday dates to accommodate residents. Duane Smalls spoke about his plan to open a day care at 433 Lansdowne Avenue and that code had turned him down. He claimed that he went to a meeting that was not a zoning meeting and was supposed to get a decision in 45 days that he never received. He said it is a commercial area and was previously a doctor's office. Mr. Healy explained to Council that Mr. Smalls had gone to a zoning board hearing and his application was denied. John Innelli, Zoning Solicitor, did send out the decision, but we will send it again. The area is residential and has never been commercial. President Council- Harris asked Mr. Healy to contact Mr. Innelli and report back to Council.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Dr. McCabe moved to adjourn. Adjournment at 8:17 P.M.