

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

November 12, 2015

The Yeadon Borough Council held a Caucus workshop meeting on the above date at Borough Hall. President Sharon Council-Harris called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM and said that there was a meeting sponsored by State Representative Margo Davidson downstairs, hence the late start.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. ROLL CALL

The following members were in attendance: Councilors Clara Johnson, Learin Johnson, Rosalind Jones-Johnson, Gracie Snead, and President Sharon Council-Harris. Not in attendance was Councilor Dr. Dolores McCabe, Vice-President Nelva Wright, and Mayor Rohan Hepkins. Also present were Borough Manager Larry Healy, Police Chief Donald Molineux, Code Director Judson Sumbler, and Library Director Richard Ashby.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Council-Harris said County Council has expressed interest in the Gateway Project, the October 24th Town Hall YMCA Meeting, and the ongoing budget process.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 Public Safety

Chief Molineux spoke about Church Lane resurfacing project, and problems with the key fob system. Councilwoman Learin Johnson commented on deer problems on streets. Chief Molineux said during mating season deer are more active and urged residents to be careful driving near wooded areas and said to call 911. The police department will contact the Pennsylvania Game Warden if deer continue to present safety issues. Councilor Rosalind Jones-Johnson talked about parking problems at Borough Hall. Chief Molineux suggested using the Borough owned property on Redwood for parking. There was also discussion of rabid raccoons.

4.2 ORDINANCE/CODE/ZONING

Mr. Sumbler asked if there were questions about his report. There was discussion about handicapped parking spaces. President Council-Harris asked Mr. Sumbler to get data on the November handicapped spaces. Councilor Jones-Johnson asked Mr. Sumbler to

meet with the Finance Director and the Borough Manager to look at raising fees. She also stated that his salary is too low.

Cliff Brock, Zoning Board Chairman, announced a zoning hearing on December 2nd regarding an application to turn 1046 Bell Avenue into a duplex. He also asked Council to allocate funds for Mount Moriah Cemetery. Dr. Carolina Harris asked that Yeadon find out what Philadelphia is doing for the cemetery.

Councilor Jones-Johnson said council needs to pass an ordinance in December raising the compensation for council members pointing out that an increase only applies to newly elected members who will be sworn in January 4th. Councilwoman Learin Johnson said she had already spoken to Mr. Healy on that. Councilor Snead asked if it is appropriate to use Borough vehicles to transport council members to conferences. There was discussion that renting a van for transportation may be more economic than reimbursing travel expense for each council member.

4.3 COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Councilwoman Learin Johnson spoke about the Veteran's Day Luncheon, the library's Black Saturday Extravaganza, and On-Line Radio at the library. Councilor Clara Johnson asked for a report on 2014 and 2015 Veteran's Day, Flag Day, and Volunteers event expenses. Councilor Jones-Johnson said the borough should not charge residents to attend borough events. Non-Veterans had been charged for the luncheon.

5. CITIZENS FORUM

Cliff Brock asked council to consider hosting the Flag Day Car Show on Baily Road from Church to Kerr Field. He asked for an update on YMCA. President Council-Harris said they were to meet with its Board and form a task force comprised of their members and Yeadon residents.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Jones-Johnson motioned to adjourn at 9:12 PM.