

BOROUGH OF YEADON

DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

MINUTES OF BOROUGH LEGISLATIVE MEETING

December 17, 2015

The Borough of Yeadon Council met on the above date at Borough Hall. President Sharon Council- Harris called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

1) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the preceding meeting.

2) ROLL CALL

Members in attendance were Councilors Clara Johnson (left the meeting at 8:43), Learin Johnson, Dr. Dolores McCabe, Gracie Snead and President Sharon Council- Harris, Vice President Nelva Wright participated by telephone. Mayor Rohan Hepkins was in attendance along with Borough Manager /Secretary Larry Healy, Solicitor Charles Gibbs, Engineer Eileen Mulvena, Finance Director Joseph Possenti, Mark Possenti, and Chief Donald Molineux. Councilwoman Rosalind Jones-Johnson was absent.

3) CITIZEN'S FORUM

Brenda Watson of Saint Michael's Church on Longacre Boulevard spoke about the church's outreach program and resource center and the Christmas food and gift baskets that are distributed. Tom Cook of Longacre Boulevard said he supported the church's community program but objected to the illuminated signs at the church and

furniture on the lawn. President Council-Harris advised him that Mr. Healy would bring his concerns to the Code Department.

4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were not included in the meeting packet so consideration was deferred until next meeting.

5. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mrs. Mulvena said that only 2 projects may be submitted for the Community Development Block Grant Funds and Council must establish priority for eligible projects. After discussion the priorities are: first, acquiring 620 Church Lane for Borough use, second, repairing the sanitary sewer on Redwood, third, is improvements at Graceland Cemetery, and fourth, is demolition of 508 Orchard Avenue.

5.1 Motion to authorize the replacement of the inlet at Bullock and MacDade using liquid fuel funds

Councilor Dr. McCabe motioned to authorize the replacement of the inlet at Bullock and MacDade using liquid fuel funds, seconded by Councilor Snead, motion approved 6-0.

5.2 Motion to authorize the replacement of the inlet in the Borough Hall parking lot

Councilwoman L. Johnson motioned to authorize the replacement of the inlet on the Borough Hall parking lot, seconded by C. Johnson, motion approved 6-0.

5.3 Motion to authorize the engineer to submit Community Development Block applications

Councilwoman L. Johnson motioned to authorize the engineer to submit applications in the following order: first, acquire and develop 620 Church Lane, second, repair the sanitary sewer line on Redwood Avenue, third, improvements at Graceland Cemetery, and fourth, demolition of 508 Orchard Avenue. Motion was seconded by Councilor C. Johnson, motion approved 6-0.

Mrs. Mulvena also spoke about a sewer hole at Whitby and Yeadon Avenue, and obtaining quotes to replace the library carpets. She read the Monthly Storm Water Tip regarding toxic discharges into sewer lines and recommended disposing of old medicines without flushing them in toilets. Chief Molineux advised there is a collection container on the first floor. Mayor Hepkins thanked Mrs. Mulvena for the work being done on Cedar Avenue. Councilwoman L. Johnson suggested planting trees on MacDade from Rundale to Wycombe.

6) MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hepkins spoke about Chief Molineux's report and exercising caution to avoid crime during the holiday season, the Borough doors, which were not locking properly, have been fixed, free parking at meters continues, and the lack of a Pennsylvania Budget and the impact on schools.

7) PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Council-Harris spoke about 2015 accomplishments while thanking residents who attended the YMCA meetings, thanked Council for appointing

members to the Redevelopment Authority and Historical Commission, and thanked Mr. Possenti and his firm for his hard work. She said the audit is again taking too long, 2016 has no tax increase, and offered prayer for Councilor Rosalind Jones-Johnson.

8) ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Healy said that Council had a list of information regarding motions in their packets.

8.1) Motion to purchase a chandelier from Lamps Plus at a cost of \$399.99

Councilwoman L. Johnson motioned to purchase a chandelier from Lamps Plus not to exceed \$399.99, seconded by Councilor Dr. McCabe, motion approved 5-0. Voting yes were Councilors L. Johnson, C. Johnson, Dr. McCabe, Vice President Wright, and President Council-Harris. Councilor Snead abstained.

8.2) Motion to adopt an ordinance to enter into a cable TV franchise agreement with RCN

Mr. Gibbs asked for public comment on adopting a franchise agreement with RCN. There was no public comment. Councilor Dr. McCabe motioned to adopt an ordinance to enter into a cable TV franchise agreement with RCN, seconded by Councilor C. Johnson, motion approved 6-0.

8.3) Motion to adopt an ordinance amending the Borough Code providing for compensation for the Mayor of Yeadon Borough of \$7,500.00 and for members of Council of \$3,250.00 upon the beginning a new term of office

Mr. Gibbs asked for public comment and there was none. Councilwoman L. Johnson motioned to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Snead, motion approved 6-0.

8.4) Motion to authorize advertisement of the reorganization meeting

Councilwoman L. Johnson motioned to authorize the advertisement of the reorganization meeting to be held on January 4, 2016 at 7:00 PM, seconded by Vice President Wright, motion approved 6-0.

8.5) Motion to authorize purchase of 12 iPad Air tablets from Verizon under the state contract price

Mr. Healy said that as Council had inquired about using iPads to cut down on paper for meeting packets, he had a price from Verizon of \$279.00 which is only good until December 27th. He asked for a motion to approve the purchase of 12 iPad Air tablets for Council, the Mayor, and department heads. Councilwoman L. Johnson said only Council and Mayor should get them. Councilor Dr. McCabe motioned to purchase 12 iPad Airs from Verizon at a cost of \$279.00 under the state contract, seconded by Vice President Wright, motion approved 5-1. Voting yes was Councilors C. Johnson, Dr. McCabe, Snead, Vice President Wright, and President Council-Harris. Voting no was Councilwoman L. Johnson. Councilor C. Johnson left the meeting at 8:43 PM.

Motion to include insurance on the iPads by Councilor Dr. McCabe, seconded by Vice President Wright, motion approved 3-1. Voting yes was Councilors Dr. McCabe, Vice President Wright, and President Council-Harris. Voting no was Councilwoman L. Johnson. Councilor Snead abstained.

9) FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Possenti read the cash balance report.

9.1) Motion to accept the cash balance report

Councilor Dr. McCabe motioned to accept the cash balance report, seconded by Councilwoman L. Johnson, motion approved 4-1. Voting yes were Councilors Dr. McCabe, L. Johnson, Vice President Wright, President Council-Harris. Voting no was Councilor Snead.

9.2) Motion to approve the accounts payable list

Vice President Wright motioned to approve the accounts payable list, seconded by Councilor Dr. McCabe, motion approved 4-1. Voting yes was Councilor L. Johnson, Dr. McCabe, Vice President Wright, and President Council-Harris. Voting no was Councilor Snead.

9.3) Motion to adopt the 2016 final budget

Mr. Possenti read highlights of the budget. That no increase in taxes or fees and lowers the sewer fee from \$9.00 to \$8.00 per 1,000 gallons. He said if the Borough has enough funds next year it may be possible to lower it again in 2017. Councilor Dr. McCabe motioned to adopt the 2016 budget, seconded by Councilor L. Johnson, motion approved 4-0. Voting yes was Councilors L. Johnson, Dr. McCabe, Vice President Wright, and President Council-Harris. Councilor Snead abstained.

9.4) Motion to adopt the 2016 tax enabling ordinance

Mr. Gibbs asked for public comment and there was none. Councilwoman L. Johnson motioned to adopt the 2016 tax enabling ordinance, seconded by Councilor Dr. McCabe, motion approved 5-0.

10) TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Read by Mr. Possenti.

11) SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Gibbs stated that he conducted an executive session for personnel matters on December 5th via teleconference and asked for a **motion to approve his conducting an investigation.**

Councilwoman L. Johnson motioned to approve Mr. Gibbs to conduct an investigation, seconded by Councilor Dr. McCabe, motion approved 5-0.

12) OLD BUSINESS

12.1) Motion to appoint William Mellix to the Historical Commission

Councilwoman L. Johnson motioned to appoint Mr. Mellix, seconded by Vice President Wright, motion approved 5-0.

12.2) Motion to appoint Alvin Holm Chairman of the Historical Commission

Councilor Dr. McCabe motioned to appoint Mr. Holm, motion approved 5-0.

12.3) Motion to pay Synterra LTD \$3,082.00 for phase 2 of the Gateway Project as requested by the Yeadon Economic Development Corporation

Councilwoman L. Johnson motioned to pay Synterra LTD, seconded by Councilor Dr. McCabe, motion approved 5-0.

13) NEW BUSINESS

13.1) Motion to donate \$500 to Saint Michael's Church for their Holiday event

Councilor Snead questioned the number of groups coming to the Borough for donations. Mayor Hepkins asked if his church could ask for a donation and Mr. Gibbs said he will research the ethics of it. Councilor Snead said she is not criticizing donations but feels there are too many. Councilwoman L. Johnson motioned to donate \$500 to Saint Michael's Church for the Holiday event, seconded by Vice President Wright, motion approved 5-0.

13.2) Motion to donate \$500 to Men of Action Brothers of Faith for their Holiday event

Mike Trent thanked Council for the Thanksgiving donation. Mr. Trent said the non-profit event fed 150 people and brought meals to 40 residents of Grace Court. Councilwoman L. Johnson motioned to donate \$500 to Men of Action Brothers of Faith, seconded by Councilor Dr. McCabe, motion approved 5-0.

Councilor Dr. McCabe made a motion to send flowers to Councilor Rosalind Jones-Johnson. The motion was not seconded. Mr. Gibbs and Mr. Healy said they would send flowers at no cost to the Borough.

14) CITIZENS FORUM

Mike Trent of Allen Drive, spoke about the need for one way and do not enter signs at Allen and Stetser. Chief Molineux said he checked the code and signs are approved for that location. Mr. Healy said he would have Public Works install signs.

Councilwoman L. Johnson asked about installation of the partition on the second floor. Mr. Healy said he would instruct Public Works to move forward.

15) ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Dr. McCabe motioned to adjourn at 9:28 PM, seconded by Councilwoman L. Johnson.

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 PM.