

**BOROUGH OF YEADON**  
**DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**  
**BOROUGH COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING**

**January 21, 2016**

The Borough of Yeadon Legislative Meeting was called to order at 7:36 PM by Council President Sharon Harris.

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council President Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers: President Sharon Council-Harris, Clara Johnson, Learin Johnson, Tomeka Jones-Waters, Vice President Dr. Dolores McCabe, LaToya Monroe.

Mayor: Rohan K. Hepkins

Engineer: Eileen Mulvena

Solicitor: Charles Gibbs

**3. CITIZEN'S FORUM: (Agenda Items Only)**

Men of Action Brothers of Faith Inc. member Mr. Michael Trent thanked Council for the donation that they received last year; that assisted the organization with their Thanksgiving & Christmas events. Members of the organization were introduced.

Mr. Clifford Brock discussed Flag Day and the racing team/car show participation in the Flag Day celebration. He also mentioned the following: council seat vacancy, Mount Moriah Cemetery (access road repairs), Yeadon NAACP (doing more charitable work), and William Penn School District (charter school application public meeting).

Ms. Liana Roadcloud discussed incomplete 2015 Legislative Meeting minutes. She also asked about the process, prerequisite, and protocol regarding organizations who receive donations from Yeadon Borough.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion to approve the minutes dated November 12, 2015** as presented to Council, was moved by Councilwoman L. Johnson and seconded by Councilwoman Dr. McCabe. The motion passed 5-1. Voting yes: S. Harris, C. Johnson, L. Johnson, D. McCabe, L. Monroe. Voting no: T. Jones-Waters.

**Motion to approve the minutes dated November 19, 2015** as presented to Council, (with corrections) was moved by Councilwoman L. Johnson and seconded by Councilwoman Dr. McCabe. The motion passed unanimously 6-0.

**Motion to approve the minutes dated December 17, 2015** as presented to Council, was moved by Councilwoman L. Johnson and seconded by Councilwoman Monroe. The motion passed unanimously 6-0.

#### **5. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Hepkins discussed the January 7, 2015 Philadelphia police shooting involving the assailant who lived in Yeadon Borough. He thanked Public Safety Chairwoman Dr. McCabe, Police Chief Molineux and the Yeadon Police Department (YPD) for their assistance. Mayor Hepkins also mentioned that on January 15, 2015, the YPD was called to

a domestic dispute at the Foxcroft apartments. The dispute resulted in a fatality. On January 16, 2015 the Foxcroft apartments suffered a fire that affected 30 families. The victims received assistance from the Red Cross. Mayor Hepkins issued a snow emergency declaration from 7 PM on Friday, January 22, 2015 until 6 PM on Sunday, January 24, 2015.

## **6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Council President Harris recognized former Councilwomen Gracie Snead, Nelva Wright, and Rosalind Jones-Johnson for their service to Yeadon Borough (they were not in attendance). Recognition plaques will be forwarded to these former Councilors. Council President Harris also asked acting Borough Manager Joe Bland, to contact and set-up meetings with members of the following organizations: Historical Commission, Redevelopment Authority, Yeadon Economic Development Corporation. Council President Harris discussed the "Code of Conduct" for members of Council and the audience. She stressed the importance of Councilors conducting themselves with respect and honor while representing Yeadon Borough.

## **7. ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Ms. Eileen Mulvena asked Council to adopt resolution 2016-002, which is an application for county aid funds. Yeadon Borough would receive \$12,353, that could be used for eligible liquid fuels construction projects.

- a) **Motion to adopt Resolution 2016-002 (Application for County Aid)**, was moved by Councilwoman L. Johnson and seconded by Councilwoman C. Johnson. The motion passed unanimously 6-0.

b) **Motion to authorize engineer Eileen Mulvena to prepare and advertise the 2016 ordinary sanitary sewer maintenance bid**, was moved by Vice President Dr. McCabe and seconded by Councilwoman L. Johnson. The motion passed unanimously 6-0.

Ms. Eileen Mulvena asked Council to authorize the purchase of water quality inserts for 2 inlets. She explained that the inserts are baskets that capture leaves, bottles, and other debris. Councilwoman L. Johnson asked about the cost of the inserts. Ms. Mulvena isn't sure about the exact cost, but mentioned that each insert shouldn't be more than \$1,500.

c) **Motion to authorize the Public Works Dept to purchase water quality inserts for the inlet in the Borough parking lot, and the inlet at the Public Works Dept, at a cost not to exceed \$1,500 each**, was moved by Councilwoman L. Johnson and seconded by Councilwoman C. Johnson. The motion passed unanimously 6-0.

Ms. Mulvena stated that in December, Council authorized her to get quotes for the carpet in the library. Due to the quotes exceeding the threshold of \$19,400, the project must now go through the bidding process.

d) **Motion to advertise the carpet replacement at the Yeadon Public Library for bid**, was moved by Councilwoman C. Johnson and seconded by Councilwoman L. Johnson. The motion passed unanimously 6-0.

Ms. Mulvena updated Council on the following: LED Streetlight Procurement Program, 2015 CDBG Project on Cedar Ave., 2016 CDBG Projects submitted to the county.

Ms. Mulvena read her monthly storm water tip. **(SEE REPORT)**

## 8. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Councilwoman Monroe read the report:

Real Estate tax collected - \$37,244

Sewer Fees collected - \$19,899

Trash Fees collected - \$11,475

## **9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### a) Public Safety – Vice President Dr. Dolores McCabe, Chair

- Discussed the police shooting involving the Yeadon resident.

### b) Ordinance/Zoning – Councilwoman Tomeka Jones-Waters, Chair

- Discussed Code Department computer issues.

### c) Municipal Service/Public Works – Councilwoman Clara Johnson, Chair

- Discussed the amount of dirt, debris and leaves that the public works dept have collected in 2015.
- Mentioned that the dept will continue to clean and maintain the sanitary & storm sewer lines.
- The dept will conduct preventive maintenance on all Borough vehicles.
- The dept will update & repair faded street signs.
- The dept will conduct regular street maintenance & fill potholes when needed.

### d) Community Relations – Councilwoman Learin Johnson, Chair

- Asked Borough Manager to price replacement chandelier pieces.
- Tasked Borough Manager with purchasing an amplified sound system for Flag Day.
- Discussed timeline for having all work completed in the hall.
- Mentioned the importance of Yeadon Borough to be able to compete with other halls throughout the area.
- Recognized and thanked Ms. Barnwell for the framed picture of President Obama.

- Discussed the Yeadon More Beautiful Project.
  - Discussed upcoming events.
- e) Finance – Councilwoman LaToya Monroe, Chair
- Meet with Finance Director Joe Possenti, to gain knowledge & understanding of the process; as it relates to the funds of Yeadon Borough.
  - Read General Fund Cash Balances (**Please See Report**)
    - i. **Motion to approve the Cash Balances Report as presented to Council**, was moved by Councilwoman Monroe and seconded by Vice President Dr. McCabe. The motion passed 5-0. Voting yes: S. Harris, L. Johnson, D. McCabe, L. Monroe, T. Jones-Waters. Abstain: C. Johnson.
    - ii. **Motion to approve the Accounts Payable List**, was moved by Vice President Dr. McCabe and seconded by Councilwoman L. Johnson. The motion passed 5-0. Voting yes: S. Council-Harris, L. Johnson, D. McCabe, L. Monroe, T. Jones-Waters. Abstain: C. Johnson.
    - iii. **Motion to approve the Finance Directors recommendation of Rainer & Company for Yeadon Borough 2015 Auditor**, was moved by Councilwoman L. Johnson and seconded by Vice President Dr. McCabe. The motion passed unanimously 6-0.

## 10. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- a) **Motion to approve the recommendation of the Yeadon Public Library Board regarding a personnel issue**, was moved by Councilwoman Monroe and seconded by Vice President Dr. McCabe. The motion passed unanimously 6-0.

Mr. Gibbs explained that the property at 6201 Baltimore Ave was in litigation. The legal questions involved the property assessment value, and the rightful owner of the property. (Is the property located in Philadelphia or Yeadon Borough)? Through working with the school district, it was concluded that an assessor valued the property at \$150,000, and a surveyor designated the property to Yeadon Borough.

- b) **Motion to authorize the stipulation for the property assessment appeal at 6201 Baltimore Ave at \$150,000**, was moved by Councilwoman L. Johnson and seconded by Councilwoman Monroe. The motion passed unanimously 6-0.
- c) **Motion for authorization to advertise the special meeting on February 3, 2016 for the appointment of the vacant Council seat, and to advertise a letter of interest to be submitted by interested person(s) to the Borough Manager**, was moved by Councilwoman L. Johnson and seconded by Vice President Dr. McCabe. The motion passed unanimously 6-0.

## 11. NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Motion to appoint Majovie Bland (Joe) as Acting Borough Manager** was moved by Councilwoman L. Johnson and seconded by Vice President Dr. McCabe. The motion passed unanimously 6-0.
- b) **Motion to appoint Majovie Bland (Joe) as Acting Borough Secretary** was moved by Councilwoman Monroe and seconded by Vice President Dr. McCabe. The motion passed unanimously 6-0.

- c) **Motion to appoint Majovie Bland (Joe) as Acting Right to Know Officer** was moved by Councilwoman L. Johnson and seconded by Vice President Dr. McCabe. The motion passed unanimously 6-0.
- d) **Motion to approve Resolution 2016-001 for the Bank Signatory Authorization for the Finance Chairperson** was moved by Councilwoman L. Johnson and seconded by Vice President Dr. McCabe. The motion passed unanimously 6-0.
- e) **Motion to amend Resolution 2016-001 for the Bank Signatory Authorization for any two (2) of the four (4) paneled officers** was moved by Councilwoman L. Johnson and seconded by Vice President Dr. McCabe. The motion passed unanimously 6-0.
- f) **Motion to remove former Councilor Nelva Wright's name as a Signature from Yeadon Borough Bank Accounts** was move by Councilwoman L. Johnson and seconded by Councilwoman Jones-Waters. The motion passed unanimously 6-0.

## **12. OLD BUSINESS**

Council President Harris tasked Finance Director Joe Possenti and Acting Borough Manager Majovie Bland (Joe) to follow-up on YMCA meeting.

## **13. CITIZEN'S FORUM**

Ms. Donna Samuels (Yeadon Library Board) – Asked about liaison assignments to the Yeadon Public library. Council President Harris asked members of Council if anyone was interested in serving as liaison; and Councilwoman Jones-Waters accepted.

Clifford Brock – Discussed the following:

- Caucus Meeting Charter Rules
- Directory for Council members
- Transparent & accurate information
- Mount Moriah Cemetery (5yr comprehensive plan)

Dr. Harris – Asked about the process for nominating new councilmembers as it pertains to the Borough code.

**(Multiple Inaudible Discussions about the Council Vacancy Process)**

#### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn was move by Councilwoman L. Johnson and seconded by Councilwoman C. Johnson. The meeting adjourned at 9:11 PM.