

BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING
April 20, 2017

The Borough of Yeadon Legislative Council Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Sharon Council-Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers: Renita Austin, Sharon Council-Harris (President), Clara Johnson, Learin Johnson, Tomeka Jones-Waters, Dr. Dolores McCabe (Vice President).

Absent: Councilwoman Latoya Monroe

Mayor: Rohan Hepkins

Engineer: Eileen Mulvena

Solicitor: Charles Gibbs

3. SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS

- Council President welcomed PA State Senator Anthony Williams, and PA State Representatives Margo Davidson and Joanna McClinton. State Rep Margo Davidson spoke first, mentioning the honor and joy it's been serving as Representative the past 4 years and working with the current elected leaders and Council. She also introduced the 9.5 million dollar loan from PennVest, to be used for sewer infrastructure work.
- State Representative Joanna McClinton introduced herself, stating she has enjoyed every minute of working with Yeadon residents and Council members for the past year and a half. May 3rd is the next time her office will be bringing their services to the Borough of Yeadon, making it easier for residents to access certain services.
- State Senator Williams spoke on his positive experiences working with the Mayor and Council President. He mentioned that the collaboration between all of Council makes it easier to cooperate with State Representatives, County Council, and Harrisburg. Senator Williams encouraged residents to use the services offered by State Representatives Davidon and McClinton, as well as his office.

4. CITIZENS FORUM (Comments limited to 3 minutes)

- Clifford Brock discussed the Flag Day Car Show, the auditorium on the 2nd floor needs more restrooms, and the Mt. Moriah Cemetery Access Road that is shared with Philadelphia. Mr. Brock mentioned that the road is closed, but the board is working hard with the goal to reopen it.
- Shakirah Abdul-Ali spoke on her recent high school graduation, as well as how her block could benefit from getting to know one another. Ms. Abdul-Ali requested Council to approve a block party application.

- **Motion to approve block party for 827 Bullock Ave on May 20, 2017 from 3PM – 7PM**

Moved by: Councilor L. Johnson

Seconded: Councilor T. Jones-Waters

Voted No: Councilor C. Johnson

Motion passed 5-1

- Alice Payne spoke on Providence Road and the need for it be completed. Ms. Payne requested a date for finalization. Council President Harris referred Ms. Payne to speak to the Engineer directly.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Motion to Approve Legislative Minutes dated March 16, 2017 (with a correction to a typo to 501(c)(3))**

Moved by: Vice President D. McCabe

Seconded: Councilor T. Jones-Waters

Voted No: Councilor C. Johnson

Motion passed 5-1

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Hepkins announced that Police Chief, Don Molineux, will be retiring May 31, 2017 after 41 years of service. He will be honored at the Mayor's Forum on Thursday, June 1, 2017.
- The Civil Service Commission has been conducting interviews to fill the current vacancy of one (1) fulltime officer. A candidate has been recommended.

- **Motion to approve hiring of PT Police Officer, Brandon Williams.**

Moved by: Vice President D. McCabe **Seconded:** Councilor C. Johnson

Motion passed 6-0

- **Motion to approve hiring of PT Police Officer, Justin Franks**

Moved by: Vice President D. McCabe **Seconded:** Councilor C. Johnson

Motion passed

- Comcast Cares Day will be held Saturday, April 22. Comcast will supply up to 100 volunteers to help clean Cobbs Creek along the corridor from Chester Avenue to St. Louis Church.
- Yeadon Police Department, in cooperation with the Mayor's Office, has received a grant of \$17,355.00 for police body cameras. This will supply the Department with eight cameras.
- Mayor Hepkins thanked Solicitor Charles Gibbs for his assistance in adding the fifth Council seat back on to the ballot, which will appear in November.
- **Motion to create an addendum to the hiring of PT Police Officers, contingent upon the completion of qualifications required by the Yeadon Borough Police Department**

Moved by: Vice President D. McCabe **Seconded:** Councilor L. Johnson

Motion passed 6-0

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Council President mentioned exciting new events for the Spring, including a community walking program. Council President also thanked Borough Manager Bland for helping to organize the new programs.
- The PennVest application was addressed, Council President stating she was thankful for everyone's support that was instrumental in securing the \$9.5 million, low interest rate loan.
- The first Yeadon Borough Open House will be held on Sunday, April 30 from 2-5pm.

8. BLACK HISTORY OF YEADON

- Leslie McGirth presented an award to Ms. Alice Payne, recognizing their service and commitment to the Borough of Yeadon.

9. ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Engineer, Eileen Mulvena, addressed the Providence Road issue of paving. Council President offered her opinion that residents have waited too long and it should be done immediately. Engineer Mulvena agreed, but requested to know how the Borough would be paying for it, as the paving company would charge more for such a small area when they were not already doing work in the Borough. Council President and Finance Director Possenti informed Engineer

Mulvena that the Borough would rather pay from Liquid Fuels. Engineer Mulvena said she will try to have the paving completed by next month's Council meeting.

- **Motion for Borough staff to take any necessary steps to complete the road resurfacing of Providence Road as quickly as possible.**

Moved by: Vice President D. McCabe **Seconded:** Councilor L. Johnson

Voted No: C. Johnson **Motion passed 5-1**

- Engineer Mulvena offered to draft a letter to be sent to County Council in regards to the CDBG application that was denied.
- Demolition of 508 Orchard will be advertised, with a planned Bid date of Wednesday, May 17, 2017.
- PennVest will go through a settlement process once all paperwork is completed, then a bid will be advertised.
- Small Water and Sewer Grant was not awarded, however another is being opened this Summer for which we will reapply.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- Borough Manager, Mr. Bland, announced that an events mailer will be received by each resident next week. This is a new project, created by Borough Administration.
- Mr. Bland recapped the 8 Request for Action reports from residents.
- **Motion to approve Law Enforcement Grant in amount of \$17,355.**

Moved by: Councilor L. Johnson **Seconded:** Councilor T. Jones-Waters

Motion passed 6-0

- **Motion to authorize the Solicitor to draft a Resolution to destroy documents that are beyond retention date**

Moved by: Councilor T. Jones-Waters **Seconded:** Councilor L. Johnson

Motion passed 6-0

- **Motion to authorize compliance with the Municipal Records Act pertaining to document retention**

Moved by: Councilor L. Johnson **Seconded:** Vice President D. McCabe

Motion passed 6-0

- **Motion to advertise for 5 Summer youth employment positions**

Moved by: Vice President D. McCabe **Seconded:** Councilor C. Johnson

Motion passed 6-0

- **Motion to approve Borough building roof repairs, not to exceed \$10,600**

Moved by: Vice President D. McCabe **Seconded:** Councilor L. Johnson

Motion passed 6-0

- Council President Harris thanked Mr. Bland for his help in submitting the PennVest application.

11. LIBRARY DIRECTOR, RICHARD ASHBY

- Yeadon Library Director, Richard Ashby, recapped the many events that are offered at the Library, including national authors that are stopping by for book signing.
- The next Book Club Meeting is May 10th.
- June 3rd from 8am – 8pm is the Library’s Read A Thon.

12. TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT

- Tax Report read by Finance Director, Mr. Joseph Possenti.
 - Total Tax Collected for March 2017: \$2,952,182.00

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance

- **Motion to Approve Cash Balances Report**

Moved by: Vice President D. McCabe **Seconded:** Councilor T. Jones-Waters
Motion passed 6-0

- **Motion to Approve Accounts Payable List**

Moved by: Councilor L. Johnson **Seconded:** Councilor R. Austin
Voted No: Councilor C. Johnson
Motion passed 5-1

b. Public Safety - Councilor Dr. D McCabe, Vice President, Chair

- Vice President McCabe thanked Chief Molineux for having a speaker on the deer problem. She also stated that residents should not feed the deer.
- The Fire Chief, Michael Melazzo, gave his report last week.
- Police Chief Molineux also gave his report last week, and stated he had nothing to add.
- Dr. McCabe congratulated Chief Molineux on his grant.
- It was also mentioned that the Community Action Agency can help find a displace family a temporary place to live, until they can find permanent housing. The Agency has an office as close as Darby.

c. Ordinance / Zoning - Councilor Tomeka Jones-Waters, Chair

- Councilor Jones-Waters explained the Code Report was presented at Caucus.
- **Motion to deny handicap parking permit renewal for 814 Whitby Ave**
Moved by: Councilor T. Jones-Waters **Seconded:** Vice President D. McCabe

Motion passed 6-0

- **Motion to approve handicap parking permit for 1026 Serril Ave**
Moved by: Councilor L. Johnson **Seconded:** Councilor R. Austin
Voted No: Councilor C. Johnson

Motion passed 5-1

d. Municipal Services - Councilor Clara Johnson, Chair

- Councilor Johnson reported that the Public Works Committee met on April 3, 2017.
- Public Works has prepared the Cobbs Creek area for Comcast Cares Day
- Grace Court has asked that on June 23, 2017 to have representatives from Public Works, Police Department, and Fire Department for an appreciation luncheon.
- Winston Reid, Yeadon Resident and Comcast employee, spoke about Comcast Cares Day, the largest single day employee-volunteerism day in the country.

e. Community Relations - Councilor Learin Johnson, Chair

- Councilor Johnson reported on the upcoming events including the Delaware County Community Day, Yeadon Walks Program, Flag Day Car Show, Camp Garrett, and much more to added to the Yeadon Borough calendar.
- Flag Day Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, June 10.
- Councilor Johnson read a letter from Jenaya Smith, Royal Excellence drill team coach. The letter was a request for sponsorship and for children to join.

f. Education Liaison

- Councilor Austin reported she was invited to attend a meeting involving the WPSD to discuss the school district's 2017-18 budget.
- Councilor Austin also thanked Mr. Wright Sr. for the Diversity subcommittee.

14. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Charles Gibbs

- **Motion to authorize the indemnification of Comcast Cares Day**

Moved by: Councilor C. Johnson

Seconded: Councilor R. Austin

Motion passed 6-0

- **Motion to authorize Solicitor to work with Police Chief to create policy relating to Police Department Body Cameras**

Moved by: Councilor T. Jones-Waters **Seconded:** Councilor L. Johnson

Motion passed 6-0

15. NEW BUSINESS

- No New Business to record.

16. OLD BUSINESS

- No Old Business to record.

17. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.