

BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
BOROUGH CAUCUS WORKSHOP
APRIL 14, 2016

The Borough of Yeadon Council Caucus Workshop Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Council President Sharon Harris.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Mayor: (Excused/Absent)

3. DOC STAR (Document Management Company)

- Mr. Leighton Forbes discussed the benefits of preserving the history of the Borough that lives within the paper, by scanning and safeguarding archived files. He also explained how the DocSTAR program would help consolidate important documents.

4. CITIZENS FORUM (Agenda Items Only)

- Mr. Michael Allison – Had questions about DosSTAR program.
- Ms. Liana Roadcloud – Requested information about recreation programs.
- Mrs. Denise Christmas – Requested full disclosure of various expenses.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

- Council President Harris explained that Mayor Hepkins was away visiting Africa, and asked Police Chief Donald Molineux to present the Mayor's report in his absence. Chief Molineux discussed the need for 1 Part-time alternate crossing guard, and 1 Part-time police officer. He then talked about his concerns regarding animal control services, as it

relates to the termination of a contract between the animal protection board and the Brandywine SPCA. Chief Molineux explained that the proposed contract from the animal protection board is just too expensive. He then informed Council that Officer Ingram was promoted to 2nd Criminal Investigator.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Council President Harris discussed the vision to improve the quality of life for residents of the Borough. She talked about the increase of services, and the need to move the town forward. She briefly discussed the functions of the Redevelopment Authority, and mentioned the need for positive public support. The Redevelopment Authority will take a serious look at development within the Borough.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- Borough Manager Majovie (Joe) Bland discussed the sanitary and stormwater sewer issues that plagues' the Borough. He also discussed the need to renew the contract with Delaware County Solid Waste Authority. Revenue neutral re-investment for the Hall; was also discussed.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance

- Finance Director, Mr. Joseph Possenti, read the finance report. **(SEE REPORT)** He also discussed emailing copies of the 2014 Audit (Draft Financials) to all members of Council. Mr. Possenti also mentioned the Solid Waste Authority and the possibility of increased fees.

b. Municipal Services

- Councilwoman Clara Johnson, Chair of Municipal Services read her report on the Public Works Department. She gave an update on the first Public Works committee meeting, which was held on Monday, April 4, 2016. Shade tree funds, seasonal employees, street repairs, and the daily responsibilities of the Public Works Department were all topics of discussion.

c. Ordinance / Zoning

- Councilwoman Tomeka Jones-Waters, Chair of the Ordinances & Zoning Committee, complimented the Code Department for working with the Public Works Department and Engineer in addressing stormwater and sewer overflow

issues. She then introduced Mr. Judson Sumbler, Code Dept. Director. Mr. Sumbler gave an update on zoning permits. He also discussed residential lateral and sewer issues; and advised everyone to call 911 if they ever witness a backup. Income for the month of March is \$35,455.35

d. Public Safety

- Vice President Dr. Dolores McCabe, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, mentioned that Emergency Management Deputy Coordinator, Mary Nixon will conduct emergency management training for adults and the youth. Vice President McCabe introduced Fire Chief, Craig Jeffries. Mr. Jeffries read his report, which included 52 fire calls & 169 EMS calls for the month of March.
- Police Chief Donald Molineux was introduced and read his report, which included: 830 calls for service, 21 arrest, and \$13,502.91 in total revenue for the month of March.
- Vice President McCabe concluded her report with a brief mention of the Redevelopment Authority.

e. Community Relations

- Councilwoman Learin Johnson, Chair of Community Relations Committee, gave her report on the following: The Delaware Valley Darby Creek Clean-up (Sat, April 23rd), Camp Garrett info session (Wed, April 27th), Septa bus route #68, On-Stage Productions “Lip Sync Battle” (Fri, April 22nd), & Flag Day preparations.
- Event Coordinator, Ricardo Bostic was introduced and discussed hall rentals. He mentioned that rentals have improved and that customers are pleased.
- Ms. Toni Smiley was introduced and mentioned upcoming tea social event.
- Mr. Isaac Dotson was introduced and discussed the Gateway Project. He talked about the manufacturing & installation of 15 Gateway signs.

9. CITIZENS FORUM

- Annette Odom – Had question about the handicap parking permit & application process.
- Hakima Jabbar – Had questions and comments about upgrading the Boroughs website.
- Florence McDonald – Discussed transparency and independence regarding members of Council.
- Toni Smiley – Had questions and comments about the Yeadon Historical Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 PM.