# BOROUGH OF YEADON DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA BOROUGH COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING SEPTEMBER 19, 2013 7:36 PM

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ROLL CALL

Councilor Isaac Dotson	Absent
Mayor Jones-Butler	Present
Councilor Jones-Johnson	Present
Councilor Kemp	Present
Councilor Robinson-Howell	Present
Councilor Snead	Present
Vice President Wright	Present
President Stinson	Present

#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION - President Stinson

#### CITIZEN'S FORUM, AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

None

#### **MINUTES**

#### APPROVE LEGISLATIVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2013

Motioned by: Councilor Kemp Seconded by: Councilor Snead

Voice vote with one abstention. Motion carries 5:0

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

Police Report presented by Chief Molineux

School is open, welcome back to student and crossing guards. The Yeadon Police Department will be aggressively enforcing safety zones around school. Civil service exam will be held September 28<sup>th</sup> in the borough hall auditorium. The physical agility test will be administered October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Butler responded to Chester Avenue neighbor's concerns of trailer parking in parking lots. Operators with properly registered trucks and current tags find it easier to pay fines than find a place to park rigs. Police Department will continue to issue tickets daily, but unfortunately this is the only recourse.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT- President Stinson

Budget season is approaching and requested Council's goals and objectives for FY 2014 by September 30th.

#### MOTION TO HIRE TYRONE BULLOCK AS FRONT OFFICE COORDINATOR AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$30,000

Motioned by: Councilor Johnson Seconded by: Councilor Snead

Voice vote, with two opposing votes. Motion carries 4:2

#### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Asbestos abatement has begun and additional asbestos was found on the Yeadon Swim Club site.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE CRITERION LABS, INC/ TO DO ADDITIONAL WORK ON YEADON SWIM CLUB TOTALING \$485.00

Motioned by: Councilor Johnson Seconded by: Councilor Kemp

Voice vote with no opposition. Motion carries 6:0

#### Library Addition

Linn Architects is now handling the Library addition project and have submitted two renderings and the Library Board liked one. Next step is appearing before the Zoning Hearing Board.

#### 537 Plan

The Borough Engineer shared a letter that was generated by Morton Borough Council President, Mario Cimino, written to all member municipalities asking for support in seeking a commitment from state and federal elected officials to providing monetary assistance to reduce the burden of the Long-term Control Plan. Mr. Cimino is asking each community to delay considering the DELCORA Resolution adopting the Plan. he Borough Solicitor advised that Council hold off on the resolution.

## MOTION TO BEGIN SEWER REPAIRS FOR REPAIR 700 BLOCK OF CHURCH LANE FROM THE GENERAL FUNDS NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000.00.

Motioned by: Councilor Johnson

Seconded by: Councilor Robinson-Howell

Voice vote with one nay vote. Motion carries 5:1

### MOTION TO APPROVE STREET PAVING PROJECTS 1-4 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$129,450.00 AS PRIORITIZED BY BOROUGH ENGINEER

Motioned by: Councilor Johnson Seconded by: Councilor Kemp

Voice vote with no opposition. Motion carries 6:0

#### **Good News**

Penn DOT repaired storm sewer line on Providence just off Lansdowne Avenue- a 6500.00 saving to the Borough

#### Stormwater Tip

A new software tool developed by the U.S. Forest Service is being used by cities across the U.S. to quantify the environmental services that trees provide. We know that trees make significant contributions in reducing stormwater runoff, reducing ozone, particulate, and nitrogen pollution, and reducing the costs of heating and cooling buildings, to name just a few benefits. Now a new study has found that living near trees dramatically improves health. Conducted over 18 years, research from the U.S. Forest Service has found a correlation between tree loss and human mortality. According to the study's findings, the loss of trees was associated with 7 additional deaths per year from respiratory causes and nearly 17 additional deaths from cardiovascular causes over a 100,000 study population. This study provides even more reasons to plant trees on your property.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Notice of ACT 101 Recycling Grant Award was received. The award in the amount of \$3,332.00 will be received in the next 6-8 weeks.

Dan Wright's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of employment with Yeadon Borough, was celebrated with a luncheon on 8/21 in auditorium. He was presented with a crystal plaque commemorating his 40 years of service. Borough employees (Library, Police Department, Public Works, Code, Finance and Administration), Dan's family members and Council members were in attendance.

#### **BOROUGH TELEPHONE SYSTEM**

The voice mail server crashed and is beyond repair. The dilemma is any new equipment that could be ordered is not compatible with our network server. An upgrade to borough phone system was to be a FY 2014 acquisition, but it is necessary to move the purchase up due to the emergent nature of the situation. The Borough Secretary and The Finance director have been having on going interactions with phone system vendors since midsummer and after reviewing their presentations/products recommend K & D Communications proposal. Barbara Conway of K & D Communication was available to answer any of Council' questions about the phone system.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT-presented by Angelic Jones

General Funds \$1,508,826.49
 Refuse Funds \$730,178.51
 Sewer Funds \$1,049,115.85

#### TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT- presented by Angelic Jones

Real Estate 23,983.09 Sewer taxes \$16,260.82 Refuse \$7875.00

\$48,122.91 in revenues collected for the month of August.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Finance Committee Report- Vice President Nelva Wright

Finance Committee met 9/17/13. Among agenda items:

- Reviewed accounts payable
- Review of cash flow analysis
- Reconciliation of wire transfers from delinquent fuel funds to general fund accounts
- Update on earned income tax and local service taxes
- Savings to street lighting since installation of energy efficient lighting. Monthly bills have decreased by about \$500.
- Delta Development review of bond issue and updates

#### MOTION TO APPROVE A/P LIST OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2013

Motioned by: Councilor Johnson' Seconded by: Councilor Kemp

Voice vote with no opposition. Motion carries 6:0

#### **Personnel Committee**

The hiring of Front Office Coordinator was approved under President's Report.

#### **Public Works**

Most of the concrete replacement work has been completed around Borough Hall.

One action item will come under new business Ford Pick-up Truck

#### **Code Committee Report**

Revenue for August generated by Code Department \$30,476.33. The Borough's intent is to make the Code Department revenue neutral. Because economy is returning, it I reflected in the revenues coming in

#### **Recreation Report**

- Annual Haunted House October 29th & October 30th
- YEAA Youth Soccer 9:00AM- Noon through 11/2
- New Bleachers for Community Park through Lansdowne-Yeadon Elm Street collaboration
- Karate classes continue
- Registration for Ravens Football & Cheerleaders

#### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

No report

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### MOTION TO APPROVE HANDICAP PARKING APPLICATION FOR 819 BULLOCK AVENUE

Motioned by: Councilor Kemp Seconded by: Councilor Snead

Voice vote with no opposition. Motion carries 6:0

## MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF NEW FORD F250 PICK UP TRUCK WITH PLOW ASSEMBLY FROM NEW HOLLAND AUTO GROUP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,374.50

Motioned by: Councilor Kemp Seconded by: Councilor Snead

Voice vote with no opposition. Motion carries 6:0.

## MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,550.60 OF ESI 200 PHONE SYSTEM WHICH INCLUDES: SERVER, (50)-48 KEY PHONES, REMOTE MAINTENANCE MODEM, INSTALLATION, PROGRAMMING, LABOR AND ON-SITE TRAINING

Motioned by: Councilor Johnson

Seconded by: Councilor Robinson-Howell

Voice vote with no opposition. Motion carries 6:0.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### APPROVE REPORT OF JULY 2013 PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING

Motioned by: Councilor Kemp

Seconded by: Councilor Robinson-Howell

Voice vote with one abstention. Motion carries 5:0

#### APPROVE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Motion by: Vice President Wright

Seconded by: Councilor Robinson-Howell

Unreadiness expressed by Councilor Johnson; key information is still missing. Motion tabled. Report to be revised and presented at October 7th Council Workshop meeting.

#### **CITIZEN'S FORUM**

#### Dwayne Dixon Fern Street

Received citation for common driveway. He was asked to meet with president Stinson at the conclusion of the Council meeting.

#### Charmaine McEachern Bullock Avenue

Complaint about interaction with District Magistrate's office. She was advised to go to Media Court House for direction. Yeadon Borough has no jurisdiction over District Court.

#### Cynthia Nesmith Laurel Road

Major concern over school taxes and their payment to a lockbox in Philadelphia. She was informed that Council sets property, refuse and sewer taxes. William Penn School District handles school taxes. She was advised to attend a William Penn School District meeting to voice her opinion.

#### Harriet Jones- Longacre Court

Ongoing dispute with neighbor over ownership of tree and overgrown vegetation. Since 2012 she has written numerous letters to Borough Manager and Code Department with no response. Councilor Johnson, Cahir of Code Committee will follow up with Mrs. Jones.

#### MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motioned by: Councilor Kemp Seconded by: Vice President Wright

**ADJOURNMENT** at 8:43 PM

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Respectfully submitted,

Marcia L. Hinton

Borough Secretary