

**BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2017**

The Borough of Yeadon Legislative Council Meeting was called to order at 7:32 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), Learin Johnson,
Tomeka Jones-Waters, Vice President Dolores McCabe, Latoya Monroe
Mayor: Rohan Hepkins
Engineer: Eileen Mulvena
Solicitor: Charles Gibbs
Absent: Clara Johnson

3. CITIZENS FORUM (Comments limited to 3 minutes)

- Ms. Liana Roadcloud, mentioned the policy for the removal of a handicap parking sign
- Ms .Penny McDonald, asked Sharon Council a question on why on the Financial Committee was their no Council Member.
- Dr. Vivian Ford, mentioned that she has a petition to support Anthony Johnson for Police Chief. She also states that there are 7 parking spaces for council members and asked if they give up 3 for regarding parking spaces.
- Mr. Richard Smalley, spoke on behalf of Anthony Johnson to make him the next Police Chief.
- Former Mayor Jacqueline Mosley, wanted to know why the construction equipment was still on her street, Providence Road.

- Ms. Natalie Jordan, President of the NAACP has information on redistricting in PA Legislation for Consideration.
- Ms. Jacqueline Brinkley asked Council woman Taliah Jones-Waters to talk about the Health Fair.
- Mr. John Adams, is concerned about traffic issues on Penn Street.
- Ms. Shawn Clowney has concerns with 401 & 405 Walnut Street, abandoned properties, overgrown grass and animals.
- Mr. Jim Mc Cloray reported that a telephone pole was damaged

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Motion to Approve Legislative Minutes dated August 17, 2017, with corrections**

Moved by: Councilor T. Jones Waters **Seconded:** Councilor R. Austin

Abstained: Councilor L. Monroe

Reason for abstention: Was not present at July 20, 2017 meeting

Motion passed 5-0

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

- The Mayor began his report with a reminder that the next Mayor's Forum will be held at Borough Hall on Thursday, December 7th at 7:00pm on the 3rd floor.
- Mayor Hepkins acknowledged Acting Lieutenant Anthony Johnson for implementing initiatives such as Coffee With A Cop.
- The 6 body cameras from the PA State grant for the police department have been received and retrofitted. Currently awaiting software and server updates.
- The shooting of Thursday, August 3, 2017.
- A rash of car break ins have begun, causing extra patrols at night.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Council President introduced Father Jordan F. Casson as the new Rector for St. Michael Episcopal Church.
- Council President introduce Mrs. Leslie McGirth, Director and founder of The Fresh Start Program who will give the Report on the History of The Nile Swim Club.

7. BLACK HISTORY OF YEADON BOROUGH

- Mrs. Leslie McGirth had some of her Fresh Start Students read the History of The Nile Swim Club. Mrs. Leslie McGirth invited Mayor Hepkins, President Sharon Council and Councilwoman Learin Johnson to present awards to the founding families of the Nile Swim Club.

8. ENGINEER'S REPORT

- **Motion to Authorize Preparation & Advertisement of 2018-10 Bid Documents Street & Sewer Maintenance.**
Moved by: Vice President, D. McCabe **Seconded:** Councilor L. Johnson
Motion passed 6-0
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Motion passed 6-0
- **Motion to Reject Bid received for 508 Orchard & Re-Bid**
Moved by: Councilor L. Johnson **Seconded:** Councilor R. Austin
Motion passed 6-0

9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- Borough Manager has 3 requests for Action Reports for high grass.
- Delaware County Council is sponsoring 3 flu shot clinics.
- Grace Court is seeking a support letter from the Borough in regards to the expansion of their senior housing project.
- Community Day: Thanks to all staff that showed up. The Departments: Police, Fire, Public Works, Code, Emergency Management, and Library Rep.
- Companies: Hatfield Hot Dogs, Herr's and Bernie's Pretzels
- The Residents (over 300 people)

- The Borough welcomes the suggestions and comments of Borough residents. Yeadon Borough encourages residents to call the Borough Administrative Office to report issues.. (610) 284-1606.

10. LIBRARY DIRECTOR, RICHARD ASHBY

- Yeadon Library Director, Richard Ashby, started his report with a reminder for the 80/50 Celebration on Friday, October 6th at the Oaks Ballroom from 7-11pm. Tickets are \$50.
- Morning Stretch begins on Tuesday mornings at Borough Hall and the Summer Institute is currently running at the Library, and applications for the after-school program are available.

11. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

- Tax Report read by Finance Director, Joseph Possenti.
 - Total Tax Collected for August 2017: \$41,229.04

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance Director, Joseph Possenti

o Motion to Approve Cash Balances Report

Moved by: Vice President D. McCabe **Seconded:** Councilor T. Jones-Waters

Voted No: Councilor C. Johnson

Motion passed 5-1

o Motion to Approve Accounts Payable List

Moved by: Councilor T. Jones-Waters **Seconded:** Councilor R. Austin

Voted No: Councilor L. Monroe

Motion passed 5-1

o Motion to Approve the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) Police Pension, \$348,925

Moved by: Councilor T. Jones-Waters **Seconded:** Councilor R. Austin

Motion passed 6-0

- **Motion to Approve MMO Non-Uniform/Non-Union, \$45,968**
Moved by: Councilor T. Jones-Waters **Seconded:** Vice President D. McCabe
Motion passed 6-0

- **Motion to Approve MMO Non-Uniform/Union, \$22,984**
Moved by: Councilor T. Jones-Waters **Seconded:** Councilor L. Johnson
Motion passed 6-0

- **Motion to Approve the Appraisal of Nile Swim Club, Coyle & Lynch, \$2500**
Moved by: Councilor L. Johnson **Seconded:** Councilor R. Austin
Voted No: Councilor L. Monroe
Motion passed 5-1

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

- Memorial services for Natasha Gibson who died on September 22, 2016 (1 year ago) Everyone will be meeting at the Holly Cross Cemetery at 6:00pm.
- Sargent Anthony Johnson reported the Speed Survey is completed at 500 Cypress Street.
- Two citations was issued.

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

- Councilwoman Jones-Waters presented the Code Report which included no zoning, no hot spots, and the monthly income of the Department.
- **Motion to Approve Handicap Parking Permit for 801 Pleasant Ave**
Moved by: Councilor L. Johnson **Seconded:** Councilor R. Austin
Voted No: Councilor L. Monroe

Motion passed 5-1

d. Municipal Services - Councilor Clara Johnson, Chair

- Councilor Johnson was absent, but her report states the Sanitary/Storm sewers continue to be cleaned out monthly, as part of our MS4 projects.

- New signage is going up around/inside Borough Hall, also faded sweeper signs being replaced thru out the Borough.

e. Community Relations - Councilor Learin Johnson, Chair

- Councilor Learin Johnson began with a Recreation report from Roy Hunter. Camp Garrett concluded in early August, YEAA held a basketball camp over the Summer and tennis camp was held at Nile Swim Club where youth received a free junior tennis racquet.
- Councilor Johnson mentioned that Friendship Circle Senior Center will be hosting a 5k Run/Walk on Saturday, September 23rd.
- The YEDC conducted a walk-through of the old Yeadon Swim Club with developers.
- The YEDC met with the new owner of the area on Chester and Mac Dade (around the smoke shop). He is willing to work with the YEDC to clean that area up, as well as allow the Borough to place a sign there.
- Gateway Project continues to work through 2018 on signs and banners.
- Two properties have been acknowledged for having been beautified (9 Baily Rd and Fern Street) by their owners. The Beautification of Yeadon Project is accepting volunteers, as well as anyone wanting to help create the Welcome Packets for new residents.

f. Education Liaison

- No report to record.

13. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Charles Gibbs

- **Motion to Advertise 3 Ordinances**

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

Motion passed 6-0

- Council met in Executive Session to discuss labor relations.

14. NEW BUSINESS

- Council President Harris reported that Delaware County is interested in Yeadon, East Lansdowne and Lansdowne's Planning Commission. The purpose is to develop a joint comprehensive

- Joe Bland, Borough Manager would like to appoint a person to help with the Programs.

15. OLD BUSINESS

- No Old Business to report.

16. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at 10:12 PM.