

BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING
January 18, 2018

The Borough of Yeadon Legislative Council Meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Latoya Monroe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers: Rafi Cave, Ron Francis (Vice President), Clara Johnson,
Tomeka Jones-Waters, Dr. Dolores McCabe, Latoya Monroe (President)

Mayor: Rohan Hepkins

Engineer: Eileen Mulvena

Finance Director: Joseph Possenti

Solicitor: Charles Gibbs

Absent: Sharon Council-Harris

3. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- Charlene Cannon, a junior at William Penn High School, received the Youth Inspiration Mayor's Award for earning first place in a highly competitive oratorical contest for high school students.

4. CITIZENS FORUM (Comments limited to 3 minutes)

- Linwood Morris from Morris Racing asked if they plan to bring his car show back to Yeadon this year. Council replied that the Recreation Committee is forming sub-committee and will be in touch.

- Laverne Johnson, a former tax collector stated that she will be doing taxes until the end of the month and has not been paid for the time. Council said that they will refer to solicitor and get back to her.
- Aaron Gravely asked Borough Manager about Right to Know Request he submitted about social service commission. Borough Manager said they would speak after meeting.
- Dr. Carolina B. Harris asked a question Engineer report on selling the lots. Engineer clarified that the sale was not for a physical lot. She also stated that residents of Yeadon are still paying for a previous grant, and suggested a town meeting regarding this.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

- The fourth and final quarterly Mayor's Forum of 2017 was held on Wednesday, December 27, 2017.
- Dates for the 2018 Mayor's Forums are as follows: March 1, June 7, September 6, and December 6. They are always the first Thursday of each quarter of the month.
- New Police Chief Anthony Paparo started his tenure on Monday, January 8, 2018.
- Chief Paparo is working closely with the Mayor to revamp some of the policies and procedures, while taking a look at his current police deployment.
- The Borough will operate under a new Mission, Vision, and Value Statement.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Bring committee meetings back to the people. Each of the Citizen's Committees has a citizen to make sure that citizens are heard.
- Apologized for cancellation of Caucus Meeting.

7. ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Ordinary Streets and Sewer Maintenance: The lowest responsible bidder, MOR Construction Services has withdrawn their bid. They misunderstood the scope of the work. The solicitor has said that it is acceptable to award a

contract for Sanitary Sewer Maintenance and reject the storm sewer and street maintenance bids.

- **Motion to award an indefinite quality contract to A. Garguile & Sons for Lots 1, 2, 4 & 5 for an initial amount of \$100,000.**

Moved by: Councilor Dr. D. McCabe

Seconded: Councilor C. Johnson

Motion passed 6-0

- **Motion to reject the bids submitted on 11/27/17 for Lots 3 & 7 as related to Storm Sewer Maintenance and Lots 4 & 8 as related to Storm Maintenance and authorize the Engineer to re-advertise these portions of the bid.**

Moved by: Councilor C. Johnson

Seconded: Vice President, R. Francis

Motion passed 6-0

- **Motion to Authorize Resolution 2018 -004 for County Aid**

Moved by: Councilor R. Cave

Seconded: Councilor C. Johnson

Motion passed 6-0

- **Motion to Adopt Resolution 2018-002 the Authorized Official PA Small Water & Sewer Grant.**

Moved by: Councilor C. Johnson

Seconded: Councilor R. Cave

Motion passed 6-0

- **Motion to Advertise for an Industrial Hygienist**

Moved by: Councilor D. McCabe

Seconded: Councilor R. Cave

Motion passed 6-0

- **Motion to Advertise for Trash & Recycling Bids**

Moved by: Councilor C. Johnson

Seconded: Councilor R. Cave

Motion passed 6-0

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- Received eight Right to Know Requests and twenty five Request for Action Complaints regarding trash and recycling.

- **Motion to establish the 2018 Caucus Meeting schedule for the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM.**

Moved by: Councilor D. McCabe

Seconded: Councilor C. Johnson

Motion passed 6-0

- **Motion to establish the 2018 Legislative Council Meeting schedule for the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM.**

Moved by: Vice President R. Francis

Seconded: Councilor R. Cave

Motion passed 6-0

- **Motion to advertise the Caucus & Legislative Meeting schedules for calendar year 2018.**

Moved by: Councilor C. Johnson

Seconded: Councilor R. Cave

Motion passed 6-0

- **Motion to Advertise the CDBG Meeting for December 20th at 6:45pm**

Moved by: Councilor C. Johnson

Seconded: Councilor T. Jones-Waters

Motion passed 6-0

9. LIBRARY DIRECTOR, RICHARD ASHBY

- 2017 was a great year for the library new programming, furniture.
- Library having trouble with heating system; windows are old.
- Library needs a liaison on the council.
- Black history programs at the library are robust.

10. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

- Taxes collected in December totaled \$90,687.42

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance – Councilor Rafi Cave, Chair

○ Motion to Temporarily Suspend the Reimbursement Process

Moved by: Councilor C. Johnson

Seconded: Vice President R. Francis

Voted No: Councilor D. McCabe

Abstained: Councilor T. Jones-Waters, - she states that there's already a process.

Motion passed 4-1

○ Motion to Approve Resolution 2018-003, Establishing Authorized Signers for all Borough Bank Accounts.

Moved by: Councilor T. Jones-Waters

Seconded: Councilor C. Johnson

Motion passed 6-0

○ Motion to Approve Accounts Payable List

Moved by: Councilor R. Cave

Seconded: Vice President R. Francis

Motion passed 6-0

b. Public Safety – Mayor Rohan Hepkins, Chair

- Mayor Hepkins presented the action items for Public Safety.

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.
- Discussion regarding the role of citizens as co-chairs of committees, their roles, and how they are selected.
- On 1/9/18 Liana Roadcloud met briefly with Code Director Jud Sumbler regarding the lack of limit to handicap parking signs per block.

- **Motion to Table Handicap Parking Permit for 1057 Serrill Ave.**

Moved by: Councilor C. Johnson

Seconded: Vice President R. Francis

Voted No: Councilor T. Jones-Waters
Councilor D. McCabe

Motion passed 4-2

- **Motion to Table Handicap Parking Permit for 938 Duncan Ave.**

Moved by: Councilor C. Johnson

Seconded: Councilor R. Cave

Voted No: Councilor T. Jones-Waters
Councilor D. McCabe

Motion passed 4-2

d. Public Works - Councilor Clara Johnson, Chair

- Councilwoman Clara Johnson, Penny McDonald, and Dan wright walked through the borough to assess repairs and maintenance needed. Penny took pictures.
- Identified list of areas of concern.

e. Personnel – No report to record

f. Recreation – Vice President Ronald Francis, Chair

- In the process of creating date and time for monthly meetings, and calendar of events.
- In the process of creating Flag Day Committee
- In the process of creating an efficient procedure for people to request funds from the Borough.

g. Community Relations – Hakimah Jabbar

- Assist Hoff Communications with direction on website (96% completed).
- Preparing outline of goals and action steps
- Drafting website terms of use/privacy and submission guidelines
- Planning welcome kits for new residents
- Gathering media outlets contact information for database

12. SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Mr. Charles Gibbs

- Discussion of current oil tank removal
- **Motion to Terminate Police Officer**

Moved by: Councilor D. McCabe

Seconded: Councilor T-Jones-Waters

Motion passed 6-0

- **Motion to Enter into An Agreement between the Borough and the FOP regarding leave time for Acting Lt. A. Johnson**

Moved by: Councilor T. Jones-Waters

Seconded: Vice President R. Francis

Motion passed 6-0

- **Motion to Amend the Benefits Agreement between the Borough and Chief Anthony Papparo.**

Moved by: Vice President R. Francis

Seconded: Councilor R. Cave

Motion passed 6-0

- **Motion to Authorize Advertisement for Historical Commission Ordinance.**

Moved by: Councilor C. Johnson

Seconded: Councilor T. Jones-Waters

Motion passed 6-0

- **Motion to Appoint Hakimah Jabbar as Community Relations Committee Co-Chair.**

Moved by: Vice President R. Francis

Seconded: Councilor R. Cave

Motion passed 6-0

- **Motion to Approve Resolution 2018 – 005 (Rules for Borough Council)**

Moved by: Councilor C. Johnson

Seconded: Vice President R. Francis

Motion passed 6-0

13. NEW BUSINESS

- **Motion to re-open the 2018 Budget.**

Moved by: Councilor C. Johnson

Seconded: Vice President R. Francis

Motion passed: 6-0

14. OLD BUSINESS

- Police Chief Paparo gave a report.
- Contest in schools to redesign police patches and cars.

15. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at 9:13PM.