

**BOROUGH OF YEADON**  
**DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**  
**BOROUGH CAUCUS WORKSHOP**  
**FEBRUARY 8, 2018**

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

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council President Latoya Monroe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: President Monroe, Vice President Francis, Councilman Rafi Cave,  
Councilwoman Dolores McCabe, Councilwoman Clara Johnson

Absent: Councilwoman T. Jones-Waters, Councilwoman Council-Harris

Mayor: Rohan Hepkins

Finance Director: Joseph Possenti

**3. CITIZENS FORUM (Agenda Item's Only)**

The following questions were raised on the floor:

- a. Clifford Brock asked about "indentions" on Church Lane at Longacre Boulevard. Can someone contact Aqua and ask them to put "cold patch" on these areas?
- b. Clifford Brock mentioned emails he sent about two different pricing for Mt. Moriah Cemetery access roads. President Monroe assured him that it is on their radar.
- c. Clarification on road work that's taking place via Aqua. Can Council update website to include what's going on with Aqua the Penn Vest loan?
- d. Resident's questioned two different zoning board positions that came up in 2017. Are they still considering that second position?
- e. Gentleman asked about the open pit on Providence Rd between Lycombe and Lansdowne Ave. A representative from Public Works Department addressed this.
- f. Gentleman concerned about condition of roads in bad weather. Financial Director Possenti addressed salt budget, and it was confirmed that there is no salt shortage.

- g.** Donna Samuel: 19050 zip code is becoming much larger issue. It was advised that those concerned contact their local Congressional representatives.
- h.** Question about 2017 Finances: 1. Questions about grant monies and in relation to how they appear in the budget. 2. Question about 904 Recycling Grants. Why have we not received anything over the past few years? Both questions were responded to by Financial Director Possenti. 3. Was there a public hearing for Penn Vest Loan? President Monroe confirmed that there was.
- i.** Question for Borough Manager: sent two emails about Right to Know, information in Borough. Borough manager will respond.
- j.** Did police department get cameras from grant? It was confirmed that they did.

#### **4. MAYOR'S REPORT**

No report to record.

#### **5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Monroe discussed the Committee Structure. She clarified that no committees are being combined.

#### **6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Borough Manager Bland addressed quality of life issues on Yeadon Avenue. He inquired if there are any additional questions surrounding Code and Public Works. There was discussion at length about the issues with the trash collector and about recycling guidelines and restrictions.

#### **7. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **a. Finance**

Committee Chair, Councilman Rafi Cave, read the report. Yeadon Borough Tax Collector Julianne James advised that increased communication and visibility are very important in a diverse demographic.

Action items: Expense reimbursement process. A proposal was provided.

##### **b. Ordinance and Zoning**

Liana RoadCloud, Committee Co-Chair, read the report. Committee discussed the procedures of Code enforcement relating to issues that are plaguing the community, such as trash, snow removal, blocking parking spaces, sanitary overflow, abatements, parking of rigs/trailers on residential streets, and excessive handicapped parking permits per block. There was discussion at length about the abatement process and policies.

### **c. Public Works**

Report was read by Committee Chair, Councilwoman Clara Johnson. Met with Code Department and discussed the same concerns. Also discussed keeping West Cobbs Creek Parkway clean. A question was raised about budget for ceiling repairs at library. Finance Director Possenti clarified that it will fall under a capital expense.

### **d. Public Safety**

Committee Co-Chair, Councilwoman McCabe read the minutes of the last meeting. Discussion included:

- Adult Training Academy (Police)
- Grants for Fire Department staffing
- Need a Development Officer
- Need approval for Red Cross involvement so that Mary Nixon can teach First Aid and CPR to staff and community members (equipment required will incur cost).

Committee Chair, Mayor Hepkins added the following:

- Only two overnight Police Officers. Chief Paparo is working on getting a third.
- Rash of auto break-ins
- Eagles Super bowl parade – no issues in Yeadon
- Need more committee members
- Concerns over illegal dumping

### **e. Recreation**

Report was read by Committee Chair Vice President Ronald Francis.

Discussion included:

- Needs Council to approve calendar of events for 2018.
- Flag Day: Ideal date June 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Combine Yeadon 125<sup>th</sup> year anniversary and Community Day, and hold in August.
- Creating Flag Day Committee

### **f. Community Relations**

Committee report was read by Committee liaison, Hakimah Jabbar.

- Discussed scope of website project
- Recommendation of Junior Councilperson Program
- Discussion at length of the legitimacy of residents serving as co-chairs on a committee.

For the good of the group: Police report was read .

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Borough of Yeadon Caucus Workshop adjourned at 9:49PM.