

BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
BOROUGH COUNCIL CAUCUS WORKSHOP

March 8, 2018

President Monroe called the meeting to order at 7:07PM

1. Pledge of Allegiance

President Monroe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Present: President L. Monroe, Vice President R. Francis, Councilor Cave,
Councilor C. Johnson, Councilor T. Jones-Waters

Absent: Councilor S. Council-Harris, Councilor D. McCabe

Mayor: Rohan Hepkins

Finance Director: Joseph Possenti

Solicitor: Charles Gibbs

Engineer: Eileen Mulvena

3. Citizens Forum (Agenda Items Only)

- **Pamela Thornton:** Would like to post banner across Church lane for Cake Show happening on 4/29/18. President Monroe replied that Council will discuss and get back to Ms. Thornton on this.
- **Justin Erkess:** Announced details of Family Nutrition Workshop to be held at Yeadon Library.
- **Glenn Damion:** Received notice that painting (late) parents' home must be completed in five days. Asked to be allowed to complete during the warm weather.

4. Mayor's Report

- Discussed recent nor'easters, related power outages (including Borough Hall) and vulnerabilities, and emergency OEM meetings held.
- Need backup power for main locations of operation – Police and Fire Departments, Mayor's office, essential personnel – for future outages.

5. President's Report

i. Community Relations

- a. Building phase of new website is complete. Now working on content. Have made significant progress in terms of transparency.
- b. Opened up Junior Council. One candidate will be at next March 2018 Legislative meeting.
- c. Community Relations Committee is assisting Flag Day Committee. Fliers have been created, as well as website specifically for Flag Day.
- d. New resident packet at 15 percent completion.
- e. Mayor Hepkins added that Mayor's Forum was held. Code of Ethics being developed.

ii. Personnel

- a. Redevelopment Authority (RDA) update: clarified role and responsibilities of the RDA, and that RDA is independent entity that works with Council. At this time, there is no solid RDA plan in place, Council will not loan any money to the RDA.

iii. Special Presentation

- a. Andy Davenport and David Stubs: Working with The Michaels Organization to develop affordable housing, and are interested in building in Yeadon. Explained the scope of their work and provided information packets. Answered questions about tax credits and other financial details.

6. Administrative Report

- a. Received incentive check from PECO for participating in PECO Commercial and Industrial Solutions: \$26,247.26
- b. 2016 County Aid Approval: \$12,353
- c. Speaking with Vice President Francis about new basketball backboards in Community Park.

7. Engineer's Report

- a. Received one bid each for Streets and Storm Sewer maintenance. Asked Solicitor if we can negotiate pricing for Storm Sewer or award bid.

- b. County Council approved allocation of \$90,350 from the County Demolition fund. All paperwork is sent in and pre-construction meeting will take place on March 12.
- c. One lateral issue outstanding on Providence Rd, at HN 120. Pricing for lining is greater than conventional excavation. Would like to have this completed as soon as possible.
- d. Discussion of penalty for trash contractor/language modification for contract.

8. Solicitor's Report

- a. Next week will ask Council to vote on proposed ordinance that relates to handicapped parking. There will be a public hearing before vote.

9. Committee Reports

a. Finance, Councilman Rafi Cave – Chair

- a. Will have two motions next week: final proposed 2018 budget calendar; revisions to reimbursement process.

b. Ordinances & Zoning, Councilwoman Taliah Jones-Waters – Chair

- a. Committee met and discussed following issues: time limits for addressing violations; parking boats on property; citation timeframe; shade trees; mattress pickup.

c. Public Works, Councilwoman Clara Johnson – Chair

- a. Committee discussed repairs around borough – completed repairs and current action items; discussion of repairing Yeadon Borough clock tower. There was further discussion about shade trees. President Monroe asked for clarification of responsibilities regarding shade tree issues.

d. Public Safety, Mayor Rohan Hepkins – Chair

- a. Mayor Hepkins introduced Police Chief Anthony Paparo

iv. Police Report, Chief Anthony Paparo

- a. First coffee with a cop last month at Yeadon Library.
- b. Police Badge Redesign Contest has ended. Winners will be announced hopefully before next Council Meeting.
- c. Active shooter (active killer) presentation will be given in schools.
- d. March 14th is supposed to be National Student Walk Out Day. Chief Paparo knows of no plans in Yeadon, but has reached out to schools to address safety concerns of a walkout.

v. Fire Report, Chief Mike Melazzo

- a. Responded to 27 fire alarm calls in February.
- b. Need engineer to look at front of fireman's ramp – it's deteriorating.
- c. If resident needs oxygen, contact Mary Nixon, who will let Fire Department know.

vi. Emergency Management, Mary Nixon

- a. Mary Nixon is certified by the American Red Cross to provide training in Basic First Aid; CPR and AED. She is asking Council to permit her to provide training to Borough employees or free, and to residents of Yeadon for nominal fee.
- b. OEM has \$5,000 in its budget from past PECO donation. Mary is asking Council to permit her to use this money to purchase equipment required to provide this training.
- c. President Monroe asked Finance Director Possenti to look into benefits of having on-site First Aid; CPR and AED provider terms of Worker's Compensation.
- d. OEM conducting voluntary home survey. Form has been placed on the website. Working on online version.

e. Recreation, Councilman (Vice President) Ronald Francis - Chair

- a. Flag Day Celebration will be held June 9th; rain date is June 10, 2018. Flag Day subcommittee has been formed. Discussed initial logistics/timeline of the day.
- b. In the process of creating efficient procedures for people to request funds from the Borough.

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:09PM.