

BOROUGH OF YEADON  
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
BOROUGH COUNCIL CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

November 8, 2018

Meeting began at 7:26 pm

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call:

Latoya Monroe, President	Present
Ronald Francis, Vice President	Present
Mayor Hepkins	Present
Clara Johnson	Present
Rafi Cave	Present
Dolores McCabe	Present
Taliah Jones-Waters	Absent
Sharon Council-Harris	Absent
Atinuke Moss, Manager	Present
Charles Gibbs, Solicitor	Present
Tom Shepherd, Engineer	Present

3. Citizen's Forum

Everille Gibbs: tree between sidewalk and street on Longacre, has become a problem due to raised concrete, which is a tripping hazard. Has been complaining since 2015.

4. Mayor's Report:

- Thanked members of the historical society, council and members of the public for attending the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Senator Williams and Rep. McClinton also in attendance.
- Nov. 10, 2018, annual Veteran's Day luncheon.
- Discussed recent election. There are nearly 12,000 residents of Yeadon. 8,000 are registered voters. Over 5,000 showed up for the election. Commended the community.
- Yeadon is in the newly formed 5<sup>th</sup> congressional district.

5. President's Report:

- Approved conditional use for Makemie Court. Time for development in Yeadon. Is a \$14million project. Shows that Yeadon is worth developing and hope it

attracts others to develop and eventually decrease the tax burden on the residents. Was supported by Senator and state representatives as well.

- Mayor thanked President Monroe for her leadership and the competence to team with the School District to help save the Nile Swim Club.

#### 6. Borough Manager's Report:

- Applied for PECO Go Green Grant.
- Municipal Solution LLC purchased attire for Municipal Solution staff to support Yeadon borough.
- 2018 Borough calendar and winter newsletter are nearing completion.
- Requested updated resolution to address Tow/Impounding ordinance.

#### 7. Solicitor Report:

- Conditional use hearing discussed. Worked with departments in the Borough to schedule and conduct the hearing.

#### 8. Library Director:

- Prepping library for the Keystone grant – i.e. cleaning basement
- Annual Black Saturday extravaganza after the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Hosting reception for Keystone grant award.

#### 9. Tax Collector's Report:

- Deferred report to next week.

#### 10. Engineer's Report:

- Contracting process to begin for Redwood Avenue project.
- Firehouse ramp completed. Sidewalk blocks are to be replaced, scheduled to be done in the next two weeks.
- No money in budget to do sewer work. Inlet projects should be started in the next month. Will be budgeted next year for sanitary and sewer work.
- 1011 Yeadon Avenue, haven't received any information for owner to get access to the property.
- Engineer will coordinate sanitary sewer training with the Borough employees.

#### 11. Committee Reports

##### A. Finance, Councilman Rafi Cave – Chair

- Held a budget workshop on November 7, 2018 for the Police and Emergency Management.

- Next workshop meeting is Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 6:30pm, for Sewer & Storm water/waste management.
- Next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2018 at 10:00am.

#### B. Ordinances & Zoning – Rufus Stokes

- No meeting due to Election Day.
- Zoning board approved project at 544 S. Lansdowne Ave.
- Addressed problem properties, i.e. Little Caesar Pizza’s parking lot.
- Addressed vacant properties, one of which had to be boarded.
- Code revenue was \$17,428.50.
- Mentioned code activity i.e. number of inspections, violations, citations, and permits.

#### C. Public Works, Councilwoman Clara Johnson- Chair

- No meeting due to Election.
- Trash will be picked up Veteran’s Day.
- Next meeting December 4 at 6:00pm.
- Councilor McCabe requested another E-waste Recycling day be scheduled by Public Works. They are currently only scheduled twice a year.

#### D. Public Safety, Mayor Rohan Hepkins – Chair

- i. Police Department’s Report – Sergeant Johnson
  - Mission-It-Lock-It-Up stickers available at the police department or if contact the police, they will be delivered to you.
  - Anticipate the delivery of 2 new police vehicles.
  - Received over \$19k from drug seizure in the area.
  - One week left of youth police academy which they will receive certificates next week at the Legislative meeting.
  - Deer control management program discussed- ran by the Yeadon Police Department. Two illegal poachers were discovered.
- ii. Fire Department’s Report – Rufus Stokes
  - There were 94 fire calls, 26 fire alarms, 3 oil spills, 14 accidents, 2 trash and brush fires, and various other calls. Assisted other boroughs in their response to emergencies.
  - Recommends every one check the dates when they changed the batteries in their smoke detectors.
  - Read 2 letters from Millbourne Borough requesting fire protection from Yeadon. Discussion regarding Chief’s hesitancy due to concern over response time. Assessment pending as to feasibility.

- iii. Emergency Management's Report - Mary Nixon
  - Delaware County Citizen Corps recently held a Community Emergency Response Training session.
    - Yeadon Borough Emergency Management offers the same training classes to the residents.
  - Halloween Haunted Maze had overwhelming support from volunteers. Thanked all the volunteers for their efforts.

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

- Veteran's Day program scheduled for November 10, 2018 from 11:00-2:00pm.
- Thanked various organizations and residents for supporting 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Met October 9, discussed preparations for Flag Day and other recreational activities.
- President Monroe- please submit applications for grants from the Borough by November 15, 2018.

12. Adjournment

- Moved by Councilor Johnson.
- Seconded by Councilor Francis.