

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

November 20, 2018

Meeting began at 7:03 pm

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call:

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

3. CITIZENS FORUM (comments limited to 3 minutes)

Donna Samuel: Thanked Chief Paparo for the deer management program. Also requested that the Library stretch class be able to use the Borough Hall for its stretch class, on Tuesdays from 10:30-11:30.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Motion to approve October 8, 2018 Caucus Meeting Minutes.
Moved by: Councilor R. Cave
Seconded by: Councilor R. Francis
Motion passed: 4-2
- Motion to approve October 15, 2018 Legislative Meeting Minutes.
Moved by: Councilor R. Francis
Seconded by: Councilor R. Cave
Motion passed: 4-2
- Motion to approve November 8, 2018 Caucus Meeting Minutes.
Moved by: Councilor R. Francis
Seconded by: Councilor R. Cave

Motion passed: 4-2

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

- Yeadon Youth Police Academy Certificate Ceremony: Presentation of certificates, by Chief Paparo, to the graduates.
- On November 3, 2018, Borough celebrated its 125th Anniversary. Was a festive event. Approximately 150 residents were in attendance.
- November 16, 2018, the Borough celebrated its 4th Annual Veterans' Day Luncheon. Thanked Ron Francis for teaming up with the Mayor's Office to host the program.
- The recent midterm elections were historical in that Yeadon had over 62% voter turn-out. Yeadon was the most democratic town in the State.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Read citations given to the Borough, for the Borough's 125th anniversary, from the Senate and the House of Representatives.
- Please accept the President's report as submitted and read at Caucus.

7. BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

- Requested that the Manager's report be accepted as submitted and read at Caucus.

8. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- No report given. Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

9. LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Black Saturday- library turned into virtual mall Saturday after Thanksgiving.
- Requested use of the Borough Hall for the Library stretch class as part of their Healthy Yeadon Initiative.
- Library received a \$500 grant for a Coding program. The program is geared towards teaching young women to code.
- Library received a \$300 grant to help seniors sign-up for healthcare benefits.

10. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT – Julianne James

- Funds Collected:
 - Real Estate taxes collected –\$17,117.05
 - Refuse funds – \$5,692.50
 - Sewer funds- \$6,084.10
- Borough working to make tax payments online.

- The redesigned tax bill will feature larger print and is easier to understand how to pay your tax bill. Payee will be Yeadon Borough instead of the Tax Collector.

11. ENGINEER'S REPORT – Tom Shepherd

- Read Storm Water management tips: 1) rake leaves into a flower garden, the leaves nourish the flower garden for next season; 2) recycle liquids properly, do not pour down storm drains.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance, Councilman Rafi Cave- Chair

- Borough continued to conduct budget workshops.
- Adoption of a preliminary budget scheduled for November 21, 2018 at 7:00pm
- There is no recommendation for a tax increase in the preliminary budget.
- Motion to approve Accounts Payable List.
Moved by: Councilor R. Cave
Seconded by: Councilor R. Francis
- Councilor R. Cave abstained from two items, both abstentions were for Symphony Inc. catering.
Vote: 5-1
- Motion to approve Cash Balance Report.
Moved by: Councilor R. Cave
Seconded by: Councilor R. Francis
Vote: 5-1
- Motion to authorize \$300 for tree lighting ceremony.
Moved by: Councilor R. Cave
Seconded by: Councilor R. Francis
Vote: 6-0
- Motion to approve grant application for Men of Action Brothers of Faith in the amount of \$500.
Moved by: Councilor R. Cave
Seconded by: Councilor T. Jones-Waters
Vote: 6-0

B. Ordinances & Zoning, Councilwoman- Clara Johnson, Chair

- Requested that her report be accepted as submitted and read at Caucus.

C. Public Works, Councilwoman Clara Johnson - Chair

- Requested that her report be accepted as submitted and read at Caucus.

D. Public Safety, Mayor Rohan Hepkins – Chair

- Meeting was held on November 3, 2018 at 9:30 am.
- Requested that his report be accepted as submitted and read at Caucus.
 - (i) Police Department's Report – Chief Paparo
 - a. Certificate presentation given earlier to police academy graduates.
 - (ii) Fire Department's Report- none
 - (iii) Emergency Management – none
- President Monroe reminded the public that there would be a reception, following the library's Keystone Grant presentation, on Saturday, November 24, 2018 at 12:00 pm.
- e. Recreation, Councilman (Vice President) Ronald Francis- Chair
 - Requested that his report be accepted as submitted and read at Caucus.
 - Councilor was honored that over 30 volunteers assisted with the Halloween Haunted Hall.
 - Councilor Francis also thanked Councilor R. Cave for reaching out to all of the local schools to have the students write Thank You cards to the veterans. Councilor Francis mentioned that the veterans really appreciated the cards.

13. OLD BUSINESS

- Councilor S. Council-Harris addressed the use of the Borough Hall for the Library's stretch class. President Monroe requested that the issue of use be researched and a response would be given to the Library shortly.

14. NEW BUSINESS

- An E-Waste event has been scheduled for December 1, 2018, from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, at the Public Works garage on Bailey Road.

15. ADJOURNEMENT

- Moved by Councilor R. Francis
Seconded by Councilor R. Cave
- Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.