

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

December 13, 2018

Meeting began at 7:03 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	Absent
Taliah Jones-Waters	Absent
Sharon Council-Harris	Present-via phone
Atinuke Moss, Manager	Present
Charles Gibbs, Solicitor	Absent
Tom Shepherd, Engineer	Absent

3. Citizen's Forum

Learin Johnson: Questions regarding use of hall by groups who receive funding from Borough; request for contribution by Borough of \$500 to Banners to beautify community; asked whether there would be a tax increase.

Dr. Harris: Concern about Borough's intention for RDA, and has question regarding responsibility for legal invoice for \$1,400. If Borough is not going to use RDA, must be removed by ordinance. Wants to know in addition, if community will have time to comment regarding budget.

Liana Roadcloud: Happy to hear no tax increase. Question regarding status of \$9 million Penn Vest Loan.

4. Mayor's Report

- Last Thursday was last forum for the year. Addressed overpopulation of deer and the deer management program.
- Christmas tree lighting on December 7. Approximately 150 residents in attendance. On Stage Productions put on a play.

- December 1 – December 30, flag is being flown at half-staff in recognition of the passing of George W. Bush Sr.
- PO Austin Gallagher article in Fox News- officer bought a basketball net for the kids at Bell Avenue and shoots hoop with the kids on occasion.

5. President's Report:

- Nile swim club is current on their payments to the Borough.
- Decision of the hall usage based on security issues and concerns. Police concerned with who was coming in and out of the building. Insurance carrier also suggested limiting access during off peak hours.

6. Borough Manager's Report:

- Borough station is up and working after not being updated for the past two years.
- 2018 Borough calendar and Winter Borough newsletter are near completion.
- Looking to have SEPTA host a registration for senior citizens at the Borough to provide free travel passes to seniors.
- Need to update Borough resolution regarding vehicular tow ordinance, to address naming of a storage garage and tow fee schedule.
- Elevator replacement – received quotes for replacement.
- Retirement of our Code Department employee and Fire Marshall.
- Replacement of security readers. Current readers can't be replaced due to company going out of business. Received a quote for installation, which doesn't charge for labor.

7. Solicitor Report:

- None

8. Library Director:

Given by Richard Ashby- Director.

- List of library programs i.e. Reading without Tears; infant story time at 10am; computer training classes; morning stretch class.
- December 21, Youth Winter & Ultimate Game Truck Celebration for children.
- December 27, Kwanzaa celebration. Will be honoring Linda Osinupebi.
- January 30, Motown Review program.

9. Tax Collector's Report:

- Was provided to the public.
- Funds Collected:
 - Real Estate taxes collected - \$26,926.05

- Refuse funds - \$7,830.00
- Sewer funds - \$14,916.74

10. Engineer's Report:

- None

11. Committee Reports

A. Finance, Councilman Rafi Cave – Chair

Review of budget by Nafis Nichols

- Questions from residents in attendance regarding Borough newsletters, Library budget, allocations to repairs of building and infrastructure, Engineer's budget, Solicitor's budget.

B. Ordinances & Zoning – Rufus Stokes

- None

C. Public Works, Councilwoman Clara Johnson- Chair

Given by Liana Roadcloud – Code

- Meeting held December 12, 2018.
- Discussed addressing abandon properties and identifying owners of the property.
- Discussed changing timeframe to rectify certain violations i.e. trash, parking vehicles on grass.
- Responsibility of concrete repair following removal of Shade Trees.
- Code report inconsistencies- pictures shown of violations, but reports state no violations issued.
- Recommend ordinance that Banks register with the Borough properties that they own.
- Next meeting January 8, 2019 at 6:00pm.

Given by Sean Murphy- Public Works

- Leaf machine will be in service till December 14, 2018.
- Handling potholes, mattresses, daily maintenance of Borough Hall.
- Recycling last day of pickup will be 12/19/18 and resume January 10, 2019.
- No trash pickup on Christmas and New Years' Day. Pick-up will occur on the following day.

Committee Report – Clara Johnson

- Several trees added to Shade Tree list.
- Adding more E-Waste pick up dates to calendar.
- Electrical and Plumbing training for Public Works employees.
- Council consideration for update to bus shelters.

D. Public Safety, Mayor Rohan Hepkins – Chair

i. Police Department’s Report – Mayor Hepkins

- Meeting December 8, 2018.
- Suggests ordinance to provide for towing of vehicles that have outstanding parking fines in excess of \$200.
- Wants ordinance to prevent hunting in Borough with approval of Chief of Police.
- Recommends part-timers work at least 2 years or will be required to payback to Borough the cost of equipment
- Deer management has removed 17 deer from the population
- Police Chaplain program had a nice turnout
- Conducting part-time police interviews

ii. Fire Department’s Report – Chief Mellazo

- Made his report available to public so he did not read from it.
- Recommends residents get an UL certified extension cord. If the cords aren’t certified, they are fire hazards.
- Would like to draft a letter stating that Borough will not be able to accept the responsibility for Millbourne’s fire and/or emergency needs.
- Requests residents be mindful of candle use and outdoor lights during the holiday season.
- Annual Santa Ride, occur on Saturday, December 22 at 1:00 pm.

iii. Emergency Management’s Report - Mary Nixon

- Handed out Emergency and Preparedness information to those in attendance at the 125th Anniversary Celebration of Yeadon Borough.
- Assisted recreation department with Veteran’s day program.
- Received thanks from Lansdowne Presbyterian Church for food donation to church from the Haunted Halloween event held at the Borough.

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

- Meeting held on November 27, 2018.
- Christmas Tree lighting event was a success.
- Working on 2019 events.

12. Adjournment

- Moved by Councilor Cave.
- Seconded by Councilor Johnson.

Meeting ended 9:15 pm