

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

May 9, 2019

Meeting began at 7:00 pm

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call:

Latoya Monroe, President	Present
Ronald Francis, Vice President	Absent
Mayor Hepkins	Present
Clara Johnson	Present
Rafi Cave	Present
Dolores McCabe	Present
Taliah Jones-Waters	Absent
Sharon Council-Harris	Present
Atinuke Moss, Manager	Present
Charles Gibbs, Solicitor	Present
Tax Collector, Julianne James	Present
Engineer – James Mulvena	Arrived later in meeting

3. Citizen's Forum:

- Charles Pavia- would like to dress up 700 block of Yeadon. Says he has discussed with Public Works their ability to water the flowers on their route. The association of the 700 block will give \$300 towards the cost of the planters which will cost \$1,460.
- Mr. Williams- would like Council to address speeding throughout Borough. His dog who was the victim of a hit-and-run driver recently.

4. Mayor's Report

- Mentioned two high profile deaths in Yeadon, Henry Toma and John Smith.
- Comcast Cares day on May 4, 2019. Thanked all that participated.
- Yeadon Community took place on May 4, 2019 as well, and was hosted by State Reps. Joanna McClinton and Margo Davidson.

5. President's Report:

- Attended multiple community events over the weekend.
 - Comcast cares, Community Day, YEAA program, Nile program
- Ms. Helmandollar, Arthur Weisfeld, and Asher Kemp, of Friendship Circle and Senior Community Services, provided a brief synopsis of their programs
 - Yeadon was one of the first municipalities to provide financial support to the organization and has been doing so for the past 42 years.
 - Serve nearly 20,000 people with their services.
 - 42 individuals receive intensive in-home care services. Helps people stay in their own home. Also has a handyman service, which helps seniors do repairs to their home.
 - Has 4 senior centers in the county. Is the oldest and largest senior center in Delaware County.
 - Server over 6,300 meals just from the center, doesn't include the meals they deliver.
 - September 23, 2017 was the Arthur Weisfield day in the Borough of Yeadon.
 - Distribute \$20 fruit and vegetable vouchers every Friday beginning in June.

6. Borough Manager's Report:

- Conducted job interviews for Public Works open positions.
- Elevator Modernization bid was held 5/1/19 and a special meeting was held on 5/2/19 to discuss the bid and how upgrades would proceed. Council would like Tri-State to provide a timeline for the temporary fix and modernization. Also, Engineer is to get the contract to Tri-State by tomorrow.
- work along side the existing tank. Was discussed to look at the capital budget and get three (3) quotes for replacement or additional systems.
- The Library states that their basement floods when it rains, would like the Borough to assist with this.

7. Solicitor Report:

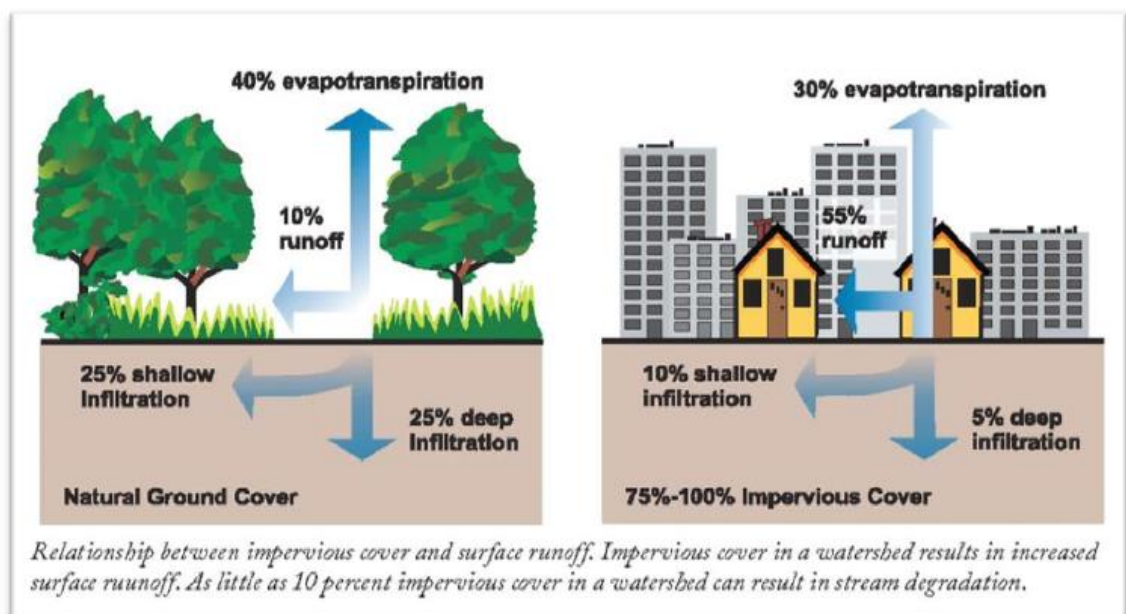
- Had discussions with the Historical Commission. Commission must now figure out how to cluster their historically identified properties into one district.
- Concerns over 728 Yeadon Avenue and its dilapidated state. Will work with Borough to litigate the danger presented by the property and may come back to Borough to demolish the property. Will ask the utility service provider to disconnect the services.
- Borough is in litigation with the cemetery regarding their tax bill dispute as to whether they are a taxable entity or not.

8. Tax Collector Report:

- No report given. All is well, there are no technical difficulties at this time.

9. Engineer's Report:

- The contract for the elevator modernization will be ready by tomorrow.
- The Redwood Infrastructure Improvement project- awaiting response to change order proposal sent to the contractor on May 6, 2019.
- Small water and Sewer program- going to start applying PennDOT funds to the West Providence Rd project.
- Stormwater tip:



10. Committee Reports

A. Finance, Councilman Rafi Cave – Chair

- Meeting held on May 7, 2019 at 10:00am was productive- discussed increasing minimum full-time wage for Borough employees. Believes in supporting a healthy middle class workforce. Will have more discussions as the budget season approaches.

B. Ordinances & Zoning:

Code Committee Report

- Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm.

Code Department Report- Councilor Johnson

- No zoning hearings held in April.
- Three zoning use applications were received.
- Hot spots identified at 1011 Yeadon Avenue and 728 Yeadon Ave.
- Code requests that all action items, submitted to the Borough via the web, come directly to both management and the Code department.
- Would like bank and company owned properties be registered with the Borough.
- Graffiti covering SEPTA poles has been corrected along with other graffiti throughout the Borough.

C. Public Works, Councilwoman Clara Johnson- Chair

- Pot holes continues to be filled throughout the Borough.
- Grass season has officially began.
- Mulch and flowers have been planted around the Borough.
- Removed the dead tree which fell into the street at 802 Cypress Street
- All flags throughout the Borough are being assessed and replaced if needed.
- Making preparations for Flag Day.
- Public Works still has resident yard waste disposal every second Friday of the month till October.
- On May 22, 2019, Public Works invites the public to celebrate National Public Works week. Interested residents should come to the Public Works garage from 1pm -3pm, to meet members of Public Works, see the garage, and enjoy some lite refreshments.

D. Public Safety, Mayor Rohan Hepkins – Chair

- Met April 27, 2019. The meetings will now be held the last Saturday of the month.
- i. Police Department's Report – Chief Paparo
 - Down four (4) full time officers. Have assigned part time officers to bolster the shifts.
 - Civil Service commission has met and established new rules.
 - Operation House Call is going well.
 - Five officers are going to a five-day detective school next week.
 - Borough is doing well crime wise. Believes this is due to more visibility of officers.
 - Will put speed signs around the borough and consider other speed calming devices to address issue of speeding in the Borough.

- Mayor discussed the need for cameras as a key crime prevention tool. States that the Borough has the money, partially from grants and drug forfeiture money, to fund the project.

ii. Fire Department's Report

- None

iii. Emergency Management's Report

- None

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

- Would like to give report at Legislative meeting.

11. Adjournment

- Moved by Councilor R. Cave
- Seconded by Councilor D. McCabe

Meeting ended 8:26 pm