



BOROUGH OF YEADDON  
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
BOROUGH COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES  
February 20, 2020

Meeting began at 7:09 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

Rohan K. Hepkins, Mayor	Present (Via Telephone)
LaToya Monroe, President	Present
Ronald Francis, Vice President	Present
Clara Johnson	Present
Rafi Cave	Present
Dolores McCabe	Present
Tomeka (Taliah) Jones-Waters	Present
Liana Roadcloud	Present
Mironda Presswood, Manager	Present
Charles Gibbs, Solicitor	Present
Julianne James, Tax Collector	Present
Eileen Mulvena, Engineer	Present
Nafis Nichols, Finance Director	Present

III. CITIZENS FORUM (comments limited to 3 minutes)

1. None

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to approve January 16, 2020 Legislative Meeting Minutes

Moved By: Councilor Cave

Seconded By: Vice President Francis

Unanimous

*\*The Manager's Report under number seven reflected an increase of the Borough Hall rental to \$50 as a no vote for Councilor Roadcloud who voted yes, and under number 11 B. the incorrect Code Committee Chair was listed, since Councilor Roadcloud was appointed to the Committee that night. Council approved these corrections and the minutes were revised accordingly.*

2. Motion to approve February 13, 2020 Caucus Meeting Minutes

Moved By: Councilor Cave

Seconded By: Vice President Francis

Motion Passed: Unanimous

V. MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Motion to pass Resolution# 2020-005 establishing a Complete Count Committee of the Borough of Yeadon to support the U.S. Census Bureau and in fulfilling its requirement to conduct an accurate population count.  
Moved By: Councilor McCabe  
Seconded By: Councilor Roadcloud  
Unanimous
2. Motion to pass Resolution #2020-006 committing Yeadon Borough as a partner with the U.S. Census bureau in fulfilling its requirement to conduct an accurate population count.  
Moved By: Vice President Francis  
Seconded By: Councilor Johnson  
Unanimous
3. The next Mayor's Forum will be Thursday, March 5, 2020. A Town Hall meeting about the Census will begin at 5 p.m. prior to the Mayor's Forum. Representatives from Congresswoman Mary Gay Scanlon's office will be attending the meeting.

VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. After months of negotiation, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation on Redwood Avenue project will be completed. The Council President thanked Management and the Solicitor for making this project happen.

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Motion to pass Resolution #2020-007 of intent to support the request for planning grant dollars from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission.  
Moved By: Councilor Cave  
Seconded By: Vice President Francis  
Unanimous
2. Management recommends voting on Resolution 2020-010 the authority to approve the purchase of two new Tahoe's for the Police Department.
3. Requested that the Manager's report, which was read and submitted at Caucus be accepted.

Council inquired about the costs of each vehicle. The Finance Director replied the vehicles are \$37,500 each however, they have an annual saving of \$7,700. The Police Chief negotiated a break down and the interest rates are very low. The Borough budgeted for this year to purchase the two vehicles.

VIII. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

1. Council met at executive session this evening to discuss personnel matters.
2. The Council President reported we settled a recent litigation that was pending against the Borough.

IX. TAX COLLECTOR – Julianne James, Tax Collector

1. The Borough website created a direct link to make online tax payments which is located on the main page and under Tax Collector.
2. The total amount collected for January was added to the December account so residents will not be delinquent, however the amount total for January is \$44,059.91

X. ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. Motion to award A to U Services, Inc. for the replacement of the Borough Hall roof for the contracted price of \$122,775.50. Pending satisfactory references.  
Moved By: Councilor Johnson  
Seconded By: Vice President Francis

Council inquired to NDI about a grant that can match the cost of the project. NDI said if she researched a potential state grant, then the project could not be awarded tonight and that the Borough would have to go through the grant process. She noted that there usually are no facilities grants. The Solicitor stated that he was not confident that it was a responsible bid and requested that Council table the motion so he could do research.

2. Motion to table the award for the Borough Hall Roof Replacement until next month for additional research.

Motion Passed: 6-1 Councilor Roadcloud did not vote

3. Motion to award Hanson Heating & Cooling for the replacement of the Library HVAC system for a contract price of \$34,800. Pending the Solicitor's determination that an award can be made.  
Moved By: Councilor Cave  
Seconded By: Vice President Francis  
Unanimous

Mr. Nichols mentioned that the Library grant expires June 30<sup>th</sup> and an extension was already received so if the project does not move forward, the \$61,000 could be lost. The Solicitor asked that the motion be approved pending legal research, to make sure it was a responsible bid.

\*Note: After the Engineer's report, the Solicitor stated mentioned that he reviewed a previous case called Gaeta v. Ridley School District, and opined that the Borough can waive the bid defect for the Library grant.

4. The Engineer extended the bid due date to March 5<sup>th</sup> for the removal and replacement of the stucco on 510 Orchard Avenue. Mrs. Mulvena explained several contractors asked for more time to submit their bids and that Management approved the extension.

5. Motion to award Eagle Contracting and Landscaping for the replacement of the sanitary sewer on W. Providence Road between Lansdowne Avenue and the bridge crossing Darby Creek, in the amount of \$190,200.26. Pending the approval of the County Office of Housing and Development (OHCD).  
 Moved By: Councilor Johnson  
 Seconded By: Vice President Francis  
 Unanimous
6. Motion to approve Resolution #2020-008 for the 2020 County Aid Application to Delaware County Council in the amount of \$12,353.00 to be used for the 2020 roadway/street improvement program.  
 Moved By: Councilor Cave  
 Seconded By: Councilor Johnson  
 Unanimous
7. Motion to authorize A. Gargiule and Sons to replace the sanitary sewer main from 919 Duncan Avenue to the intersection of Darnell Avenue.  
 Moved By: Councilor Johnson  
 Seconded By: Vice President Francis  
 Unanimous
8. Motion to approve Resolution #2020-009 for the 2020 Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Park Rehabilitation and Development Grant which is due on 4/22/2020 at 4:00PM. (Note: that a 50% match is required).  
 Moved By: Vice President Francis  
 Seconded By: Councilor Johnson  
 Unanimous

Council inquired if the scope of the project will be available for review before the grant is awarded and if there is a budget for this project. The Engineer replied the Borough will apply for a particular project which has been discussed in the past with Council. The resolution acknowledges that the Borough will pay 50% of costs and who the signer will be. The Finance Director explained the Borough set aside a large amount of money for capital improvements.

## XI. COMMITTEES' REPORTS

### A. Finance, Councilor Rafi Cave

1. Motion to approve the Accounts Payable List.  
 Moved By: Councilor McCabe  
 Seconded By: Vice President Francis  
 Motion Passed: 6-1 Opposed by Councilor Jones-Waters

Councilor Cave requested to be exempt from the Comcast items.

2. Motion to approve the Cash Balance Report.  
 Moved By: Councilor Johnson  
 Seconded By: Vice President Francis  
 Motion Passed: 6-1 Opposed by Councilor Jones-Waters

B. Ordinances & Zoning, Councilor Liana Roadcloud

1. Requested that the Code Report, which was read and submitted at Caucus be accepted.

The Council President inquired about the amounts of vacant seats for the Zoning Hearing Board. The Solicitor stated there is only one vacant seat from Councilor Roadcloud and there is another person who has not been showing up to the board meetings. Council is authorized to appoint an alternate.

2. Motion to appoint Ricco Keyes to the Zoning Board for the unexpired term of Liana Roadcloud.  
Motion Passed: 5-2 Councilors McCabe and Jones-Waters did not vote
3. Motion to appoint Learin Johnson to the Zoning Board for the unexpired term of Liana Roadcloud.  
Moved By: Councilor McCabe  
Seconded By: Councilor Jones-Waters  
Motion Failed: 2-5 Opposed by President Monroe, Vice President Francis, Councilor Johnson, Councilor Cave, and Councilor Roadcloud

Councilor McCabe left the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

4. Motion to appoint Peter Rykard as an alternate board member on the Zoning Board.  
Moved By: Councilor Roadcloud  
Seconded By: Councilor Cave  
Motion Passed: 5-1 Abstained by Councilor Jones-Waters

C. Public Works, Councilor Clara Johnson

1. Requested that the Public Works Report, which was read and submitted at Caucus be accepted.
2. Motion to advertise to hire two Seasonal Workers for the Public Works Department.  
Moved By: Councilor Cave  
Seconded By: Vice President Francis  
Unanimous

D. Public Safety, Mayor Rohan K. Hepkins and Councilor McCabe

- a. Police Department – Police Chief, Anthony Paparo
  1. Motion to approve Resolution #2020-010 granting the authorization to purchase a 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe from Whitmoyer Ford, Inc.  
Moved By: Councilor Cave  
Seconded By: Vice President Francis  
Unanimous

2. Motion to sell the Police Department's blue unmarked 1999 Ford Crown Victoria on Muncibid.  
Moved By: Councilor Roadcloud  
Seconded By: Vice President Francis  
Unanimous

Councilor McCabe returned to the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

3. Motion to sell the Police Department's white 2011 Ford Crown Victoria on Muncibid.  
Moved By: Vice President Francis  
Seconded By: Councilor Cave  
6-1 Councilor McCabe did not vote
4. Motion to promote Sergeant Shawn Burns to full-time Lieutenant of Police.  
Moved By: Councilor Johnson  
Seconded By: Vice President Francis  
Unanimous
5. Motion to promote Officer Paul McGrenera to full-time Sergeant of Police.  
Moved By: Councilor Roadcloud  
Seconded By: Vice President Francis  
Unanimous
6. Motion to promote Officer Philip Stephens to full-time Sergeant of Police.  
Moved By: Vice President Francis  
Seconded By: Councilor Johnson  
Unanimous
7. Motion to promote Officer Joseph Houghton to full-time Sergeant of Detectives.  
Moved By: Vice President Francis  
Seconded By: Councilor Johnson  
Unanimous
8. Motion to hire Thomas Murtha to full-time Probationary Police Officer (after satisfactorily completing one (1) year, his status shall change to patrol officer).  
Moved By: Vice President Francis  
Seconded By: Councilor Roadcloud  
Unanimous
9. Motion to hire Matthew O'Donnell to full-time Probationary Police Officer (after satisfactorily completing one (1) year, his status shall change to patrol officer).  
Moved By: Vice President Francis  
Seconded By: Councilor Johnson  
Unanimous

10. Motion to hire Steven Dougherty to full-time Probationary Police Officer (after satisfactorily completing one (1) year, his status shall change to patrol officer).  
Moved By: Councilor Johnson  
Seconded By: Vice President Francis  
Unanimous
11. Motion to hire David Qawasmy to full-time Probationary Police Officer (after satisfactorily completing one (1) year, his status shall change to patrol officer).  
Moved By: Vice President Francis  
Seconded By: Councilor Johnson  
Unanimous
12. Motion to hire Leah Cesanek to full-time Probationary Police Officer (after satisfactorily completing one (1) year, his status shall change to patrol officer).  
Moved By: Vice President Francis  
Seconded By: Councilor Roadcloud  
Unanimous
13. Motion to hire Kerr-Ann Christi as a part-time Police Officer.  
Moved By: Councilor Johnson  
Seconded By: Vice President Francis  
Unanimous
14. Motion to hire Elijah Brown as a part-time Police Officer.  
Moved By: Vice President Francis  
Seconded By: Councilor Johnson  
Unanimous
15. Motion to hire Rebecca Rasanen as a part-time Police Officer.  
Moved By: Vice President Francis  
Seconded By: Councilor Roadcloud  
Unanimous

Chief Paparo noted that Yeadon now has its first full-time female Police Officer and thanked everyone for their support.

Motion to authorize the Solicitor to hire as a consultant, an internal affairs investigator for Cases# 2020-01 and 2020-02 for matters discussed at the executive session not to exceed \$3,000.

Moved By: Councilor Cave  
Seconded By: Vice President Francis  
Unanimous

b. Fire Department - Fire Chief, Daniel Haggerty

1. Requested that the Fire Department Report, which was read and submitted at Caucus be accepted.

c. Emergency Management – Operations Coordinator, Rufus Stokes

1. Requested that the Fire Report, which was read and submitted at Caucus be accepted.

E. Recreation, Vice President Ronald Francis

1. Requested that the Recreation Report, which was read and submitted at Caucus be accepted.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

1. None

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion to adjourn.  
Moved By: Councilor Cave  
Seconded By: Vice President Francis

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Management.