



BOROUGH OF YEADDON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
BOROUGH COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEEETING MINUTES
April 16, 2020

Meeting began at 7:05 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Rohan K. Hepkins, Mayor	Present
LaToya Monroe, President	Present
Ronald Francis, Vice President	Absent (Technical difficulties)
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
Nafis Nichols, Finance Director	Present

II. CITIZENS FORUM

1. Melvin Holmes – Mr. Holmes inquired if the lighting and camera project will continue installation during the epidemic since there is a concern for potential robberies. He also asked if there is a timeline for the project.

Mr. Nichols explained the contractors for this project were in the process of installing everything before the epidemic started. He further explained that a lot of construction is shut down and businesses that were deemed nonessential must submit a Business Exemption Waiver. The Borough was notified that they are applying for the waiver. He noted that in order to commence work on the project, the Borough must receive the waiver approval information. He also mentioned that Phase I is almost complete and Phase II will commence immediately afterwards. There is a timeline; however, it available for this meeting.

The Council President reiterated that we are operating under the emergency provision and are committed to essential business. Mr. Holmes is welcomed to email Mr. Nichols for further information, but this meeting is regarding essential business only. The Borough is not fully operational as it pertains to certain businesses and businesses deemed nonessential will require a waiver to operate. She asked Chief Paparo to give a brief update about safety.

Chief Paparo stated the Police Department is operating in full capacity. There are full and daily patrols. People are following the social distancing guidelines by staying home

90% of the time. We are not seeing an influx of robberies, burglaries, or anything along that line that would cause concern to raise patrols in certain areas or raise the number of officers that are on patrol. The Police Department is still operating under normal circumstances regardless of the pandemic.

1. Lauren Footman – Ms. Footman asked if anything has been done to explore robocall technology and/or emergency management communication as it relates to the pandemic. She also inquired whether the decision was made to use robocalling for the pandemic.

The Council President specified that the Borough has a fully functioning website as well as a cable channel that is updated as much as possible. We are really relying on the County's information and funneling that information to the website. When the Public Safety Committee last met, it was decided to draft a correspondence to be mailed out. We found that the robocalls were expensive, time consuming, and would not reach the majority of residents, so it was decided to go with direct mailing instead. She concluded that the Borough has found that robocalls were not the most effective resource. The County has robocalls sent out by Emergency Management through Delco Alert, and the sign up information for this is available on the Borough website. The Delco Alert is a better option and best use of our resources.

III. COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Finance, Councilor Cave

1. Motion to approve the Accounts Payable List.
Moved By: Councilor Johnson
Seconded By: Councilor McCabe
Unanimous

IV. ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion to adjourn.
Moved By: Councilor Johnson
Seconded By: Councilor McCabe

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

With a quorum still present the Solicitor noted even though the meeting is adjourned that Council met tonight at an Executive Session to discuss legal issues. Also, Council received a briefing. The Solicitor asked for the meeting to be reopened for the limited purpose of noting this information on the record.

The Council President reopened the meeting to add the Solicitor's additions.

Meeting reconvened at 7:19 p.m.

V. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

1. Council met at an executive session to discuss potential litigations, personnel matters, and Council received a briefing related to COVID-19.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion to adjourn.
Moved By: Councilor Johnson
Seconded By: Councilor Cave

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Management.