



BOROUGH OF YEADON  
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
BOROUGH COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEEETING MINUTES  
August 20, 2020

Meeting began at 7:03 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

Rohan K. Hepkins, Mayor	Present
LaToya Monroe, President	Present
Ronald Francis, Vice President	Present
Clara Johnson	Present (Brief technical difficulties joined at 7:10 p.m.)
Rafi Cave	Present
Dolores McCabe	Present (Had recurring technical difficulties during call)
Tomeka (Taliah) Jones-Waters	Present
Liana Roadcloud	Present
Mironda Presswood, Manager	Present
Charles Gibbs, Solicitor	Present
Julianne James, Tax Collector	Absent
Eileen Mulvena, Engineer	Present
Nafis Nichols, Finance Director	Present

III. CITIZENS FORUM (comments limited to 3 minutes)

1. Robert Bogle – Mr. Bogle received a letter from Portnoff Law Associates Ltd. stating sewer taxes for 2019 were unpaid. He explained he usually pays his taxes early to take advantage of the discount. He asked what was going on and stated it was not just him, but his son too. Mr. Bogle inquired how many residents are receiving the same error letter.

President Monroe stated she is aware of the problem and since Portnoff receives the information from the County, more research will have to be conducted to make the determination of the error. President Monroe thanked Mr. Bogle for bringing up the issue.

2. Nicole Beatty – Ms. Beatty noticed ‘We Buy Homes’ advertisements posted on utility poles throughout the Borough and inquired as to why these signs have not been removed.

President Monroe explained the process for reporting code violations. She instructed Ms. Beatty to take pictures of the signs, the location, and send them to the Code Department. The Code Department will have them removed, and the company will be fined.

#### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Moved By: Councilor Cave

Seconded By: Councilor Johnson

Unanimous

\*Note: Councilor McCabe was unable to be heard due to technical difficulties.

#### V. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor asked that his report be submitted as written and proceeded to give highlights:

1. The Mayor's Forum will be 9/8 at 7 p.m. via Zoom; the Meeting ID is on the website. Also, more information regarding schools reopening will be discussed at the forum.
2. The Health Partners Foundation held a Shared Food Event on 7/29 along with Representative McClinton's office. He thanked everyone involved in the event.
3. The Mayor discussed certain areas of the Green Phase of the Governor's Reopening Plan.
4. He mentioned the Library's contactless pick-up and that he met the new director, who was reintroduced.

\*Councilor McCabe was inaudible during this time 7:21 p.m.

#### VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. President Monroe announced the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) authorized tax credits in excess of \$1.2 million for the new construction of a four story building consisting of forty-four (44) one-bedroom units for seniors 55 years of age or older and persons with special needs. Also, included will be twelve (12) accessible units, an additional twelve (12) units that will have subsidized rental assistance. The development is estimated to be a total of 41,500 square feet. President Monroe noted it has been over two decades since Yeadon had any new construction.
2. President Monroe shared that Councilor McCabe was featured in a Yeadon Times article.
3. President Monroe explained the various Borough communication resources available to residents with questions and concerns. Residents can reach out to several contacts such as members of Council and Borough Management. Also, residents can sign up to MyCivic Service mobile app and Delco Alert to receive information, or access the Borough website and cable channel.
4. Caucus and committee meetings will resume in September via Zoom. The schedule can be found on the website.
5. The PENNVEST project is moving rapidly. Council has authorized part two (2) of the boroughwide camera system and the CDBG Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation on

Redwood Avenue is complete. Also, the Borough Hall is in the final stages of the roof replacement.

6. The Borough was recently awarded \$378,000 for the PA Small Water and Sewer Grant.
7. The Borough Management (NJN & Associates) has secured over \$500,000 dollars in grants for the Borough.

## VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

### Items Handled/Announcements

1. Management had a telephone conference with NDI on 7/28/20 to discuss the status of pending projects and issues. Management also discussed a potential project which involves applying to PENNDOT to pave Duncan Avenue and West Cobbs Creek Parkway. The PENNDOT application is necessary in order to use the Liquid Fuels funds. There were also several emergent matters that were handled, such as the replacement of sewer mains and laterals at 49 West Providence Road and the intersection of Parmley Avenue and Cypress Street. In addition, the gutters and down spouts above the atrium along with the clock tower were repaired. NDI will provide more detail during their report along with an update on road repairs.
2. The issues with utility poles and cables at 700 and 750 Church Lane have finally been resolved by the utility companies. This effort involved Comcast, RCN, Verizon, and PECO.
3. The Shared Food Program held on 7/27 was a success. Ms. Scott, who coordinated the event emailed that the volunteers were amazing! She thanked Mayor Hepkins for supplying Yeadon residents as volunteers. She expressed that she was never prouder to be a Yeadon resident than she was that day. She stated that everyone was so impressed that the police force peacefully and kindly directed and re-directed traffic even when it was backed up for blocks. She further stated that the sanitation/facilities department showed up and had everything cleaned up by 5:00 pm, was on hand throughout the event to keep the trash and debris out of the way and gave a special thanks to Sean and Arthur. She noted that the code enforcement team was also on hand to provide assistance. She ended by stating it was truly a borough event and thanked the Mayor for the use of the bathroom at his church. She also thanked Management for their coordination efforts. It was a team effort, which also included the following Council members who volunteered at the event: Councilors Johnson, Jones-Waters, and Roadcloud.
4. CENSUS training was held at the Hall due to the constant rain and heat from 7/31/20 through 8/5/20. The classes were held 5 days and did not have more than 8 people in each session. In addition, the guidelines were posted and followed.

## Items in Progress

1. The storm led to several issues in the Borough as water was dripping, leaking, and pouring in some areas such as the atrium and elevator control panel. Management consulted with NDI and contacted our insurance carrier. NDI will give an update as to the status of these issues and their findings during their report.
2. As a reminder, Management was made aware by NDI on 7/9/20 that there were several issues with the cameras from Phase A of the camera project. NDI stated that they would follow up with BSGI and report their findings. On 8/14/20, NDI reached out to the Police Department and Management to set up a meeting with BSGI. NDI will provide additional updates during their report.
3. NDI recommended that the Borough continue participating in the Master Casting Agreement. This Agreement provides for PENNDOT to make any manhole adjustments during their paving projects. If the Borough chose not to accept this Agreement, then a contractor would have to be secured and ready to make the adjustments when PENNDOT is ready. The Agreement is for 9 years from 2020 through 2029 and the price would change every 3 years. The Agreement was sent to the Solicitor to review and if approved by Council will be Resolution #2020-015. Management recommends accepting this Agreement.
4. For the past several years, Yeadon has participated in a group salt contract. Newtown Township continues to coordinate the soliciting of bids for the group and held the bid on 8/3/20. The other members are Middletown, Radnor, Marple, Upper Providence, Edgmont, Haverford, and Thornbury Townships as well as Ridley Park Borough. This year the lowest responsible bidder is Eastern Salt Company, Inc. at \$50.35 per ton delivered (which is the same company as last year and \$2.65 less per ton than last year). Management recommends accepting this bid/contract.
5. On 8/11/20, the Eastern Delaware County Stormwater Collaborative (EDCSC) met via Zoom and approved for Yeadon Borough to receive funds to place a rain garden at Guenther Avenue and Church Lane for 2021. The Collaborative will cover the costs. The Public Works Department will assist with building the rain garden, which will reduce Yeadon's annual contribution to the EDCSC.
6. PENNDOT replied to the letter signed by the Mayor the week of July 27<sup>th</sup> regarding traffic control updates and studies. Ms. Mulvena from NDI informed Management that PENNDOT seemed to indicate that it was willing to consider all the improvements but did not propose a site visit to discuss each one. She suggested that the Borough determine the funds they wish to obligate for these improvements and concentrate on those improvements. She further suggested that the work be bid. She noted that if the Borough does not have a traffic signal maintenance contract, then the costs would not be eligible for Liquid Fuel funds. NDI will provide additional details during their report.
7. Management was informed by Ms. Mulvena that the list of traffic control devices provided by the Police Department at last month's meeting would not be approved because they do not meet PENNDOT's requirements. Management recommends that the Police Department consult with NDI along with Management regarding traffic control devices going forward so the proper determination can be made before

the matter is brought before Council. NDI will provide additional details and recommendations during their report.

8. Based on an inquiry by Council and some residents, Management requested that NDI provide Council with an update on paving projects, especially those related to the West Cobbs Creek Parkway project. NDI should be providing an update during their report.
9. The signers on the WSFS bank account need to be updated. This has been placed on the agenda for Council's consideration as Resolution #2020-016.
10. The Fall newsletter submissions are past due. If you have not submitted your article, please do so as soon as possible.

#### Items to Be Addressed

1. Over the past month there have been a few inquiries about whether the Borough plans on selling the areas where the old Yeadon movie theater was located and where the old swim club was located.
2. NDI has been looking into several issues, such as the problems with Phase A of the camera project, the damage to the Hall after the recent storm which resulted in the ceiling falling in the atrium, and the elevator control panel becoming wet, damaged, and inoperable. NDI will provide more details about these matters during their report. Please be advised that the storm damage has been reported to the insurance company. Please be further advised that the elevator repairs are estimated to be \$23,500. However, there may be unknown damage. In addition, the cause of the water leaking into the panel has yet to be determined. Thus, repairing the elevator before making this determination could result in more money having to be spent on fixing the panel again.

#### VIII. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

The Solicitor expressed his utmost appreciation for everyone that reached out to him and his family regarding the recent passing of his mother.

1. The Tax Assessment Clinics will be held by two attorneys on 8/24 through 8/27 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. The Zoom link can be found on the Borough website. The Solicitor recapped that Delaware County was ordered to conduct a countywide reassessment of all properties. He recently received a Right-to-Know, which requested a list of every Yeadon property. However, the County did not provide copies of the old and new assessments. Mr. Gibbs will contact Delaware County for more information.

Also, he believes residents' property values were doubled and people are assuming taxes will double because of this, which is not true. He advises residents to reach out to the school board regarding taxes. He noted it is illegal in Pennsylvania to use an assessment to increase taxes, and that the Borough and the school board are obligated not to use the assessment in such a manner. Mr. Gibbs gave an example of what will be discussed at the clinic. He also noted that it is important that the appeals be filed by 9/1.

2. Some commercial properties tax assessments in the Borough were not doubled and are undervalued. The Borough has the authority to file tax assessment appeals for commercial properties that are believed to be ignored by the County. The Solicitor mentioned a funeral home that is completely undervalued.
3. Motion to authorize the Solicitor to file tax assessment appeals for undervalued commercial properties in the Borough.

Moved By: Councilor Cave

Seconded By: Councilor Roadcloud

Unanimous

\*Note: Councilor McCabe was unable to be heard due to technical difficulties, but her vote would have been yes.

Councilor Cave and Roadcloud inquired about the undervalued commercial properties and if appeal forms can be dropped off at the Borough.

The Solicitor cannot answer because the Borough is in active litigation with a certain cemetery that was valued at a certain dollar figure that has no market value. He stated the Borough pays attention to undervalued commercial properties. Also, he explained how the value of the cemetery is determined. The PA Constitution requires uniformity in taxation. President Monroe noted all questions and concerns regarding appealing the tax assessment can be answered during the workshop.

The Solicitor advised he is not anyone's attorney, he will not be giving legal advice, and to mail in assessments.

4. The agenda item to hire a third party to interview employees regarding personnel matters does not need a vote. Mr. Gibbs informed Council in the event they have a personnel matter that requires an investigation, if the Solicitor is not the appropriate person (given that he is the Solicitor) code section 11-16 charges him with conducting all of the legal affairs with the Borough. In this case, he would notify Council that he would use an investigator or a third party to interview employees. Sometimes as the Solicitor he has found interviewing employees to be problematic. He wanted to make sure that Council was aware that this is something that we do as we attempt to investigate EEOC or other personnel issues in the Borough.

The Solicitor and President Monroe mentioned issues that have been occurring with renting Yeadon Community Park and following pandemic safety guidelines, such as people not wearing masks, not practicing social distancing, and parking on the grass.

5. Motion to authorize the Finance Director, Nafis Nichols to conduct a financial analysis into amending section 206-3 G regarding Yeadon Community Park and to authorize the Borough Solicitor to advertise and draft an ordinance changing the fees necessary pursuant to Mr. Nichols's advice.

Moved By: Vice President Francis

Seconded By: Councilor Johnson

Unanimous

Councilor Roadcloud inquired as to what will be amended in section 206-3.

The Solicitor asserted the Borough is expending resources and due to COVID-19 restrictions the usage fee may not cover the cost for monitoring the park. There can

be authorization for police or code department to take certain actions or amendments related to the fees, the refundability of the fees, and the provisions on which the fees are refunded. He noted that the service road usage was not contemplated. Also, the Borough Manager brought inconsistencies with the rental contract that conflict with our fees and practices to the Solicitor's attention. An amendment is needed to ensure the Borough is following the Code. There would be a public hearing then an amendment.

6. The Solicitor and Chief Paparo are ensuring the Police Department policies and procedures are consistent with the best practices. Based on some the work the Solicitor has seen from the Chief, he believes Yeadon is lucky to have a Police Chief that understands the nuances of policing in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Council will receive a set of new policies in the upcoming months. The University of Pennsylvania Law School has requested policies from every police department in PA to see the best and worst practices.

#### IX. TAX COLLECTOR

\*Note: Report was given by Nafis Nichols, Finance Director

1. Mr. Nichols and Ms. James received updates from the County regarding the tax assessment appeals. The County began hearing appeals the first week of August. So far nineteen (19) residents have appeal hearings. Mr. Nichols is awaiting the outcome of the appeals and will update accordingly.
2. Borough Revenue received: \$87,002.43 from real estate; \$14,355.88 from sewer; \$10,434.00 from trash.
3. The Solicitor informed Council that he will reach out to Portnoff to address the issue and give an update at the next meeting.

#### X. ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. The Engineer stated that emergency repairs were needed and completed in the vicinity of 49 E. Providence Road.

Motion to approve the emergency sanitary sewer work performed at 49 East Providence Road replacing 73 linear feet of the sewer main, 7 lateral connections, and 2 street lateral replacements in the amount of \$35,100.

Moved By: Councilor Cave

Seconded By: Vice President Francis

Unanimous

\*Note: Councilor McCabe unable to vote due to technical difficulties.

Councilor Johnson and Chief Paparo inquired if similar work was performed in 2017 and if the raised manholes will be restored.

The Engineer answered no, and informed Council the storm sewer work was performed on W. Providence Road during that time, the current work is East and involves the sanitary sewer. Also, she recently received an email from the contractor that the manholes are restored.

2. The Engineer reported that on 7/4 a sinkhole was discovered at the intersection of Cypress Street and Parmley Avenue. A. Garguile & Sons made emergency repairs.

Motion to approve the emergency sanitary sewer work performed at the intersection of Cypress Street and Parmley Avenue replacing 80 linear feet of sewer main in the amount of \$27,500.

Moved By: Councilor Johnson

Seconded By: Councilor Cave

Unanimous

3. The Engineer explained that during the roof replacement, the contractors observed the clock tower wood base was deteriorating. The contractor proposed to repair the wood base and add metal panels.

Motion to approve the replacement of the clock tower structure in the amount of \$12,200.

Moved By: Councilor Cave

Seconded By: Vice President Francis

Vice President Francis inquired about what replacement materials will be used and will they prevent future damage.

The Engineer replied that the wood would be covered with metal panels to prevent deterioration.

The Solicitor requested that this vote be conditioned on the approval of the Solicitor, Engineer, and Borough Manager. He also requested the authority for the roofer to do the work based on their approval. He stated we can have an Executive Session via Zoom due to potential litigation regarding awarding a contract.

The Council President asked were they awarding a contract.

The Engineer stated that a change order was being made to their existing contract and that they would not be doing roofing, it is replacement to the panels around the clock tower because it is on the upper level and they have the lift there already, which is why they are offering the price they are, it is more expedient this way. It will be vertical support around the clock tower.

4. Motion to table agenda item c. consideration of approving the replacement of the clock tower structure in the amount of \$12,200.

Moved By: Councilor Johnson

Seconded By: Councilor Cave

No objections, item c. is tabled.

5. The Engineer stated that the two (2) blue metal atrium roofs did not have working gutters and downspouts.

Motion to approve a Change Order to A to U Services, Inc. for the replacement of the gutters and downspouts above the atrium in the amount of \$2,375.

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

Councilors Johnson and Jones-Waters recalled similar work being performed on the roof several years ago and inquired why more work is necessary.

The Engineer replied that she does not know what work was done at that time. She knows the Borough had patching done, but she thought it was on the shingle roof, not the metal roof area, she thinks the Borough handled it. She was the Engineer at the time, but she did not handle it.

President Monroe and the Engineer stated only patch work was performed in the past and the current work being performed is a full replacement.

The Council President added that there was a lot of patchwork that did not work/hold up and we are now in the replacement process.

Councilor Johnson understood.

Mr. Nichols recalled more patchwork on the roof was recommended in the Council Chambers. However, the bid amount for the repairs were astronomical with a lifespan of 3 to 5 years. This item was budgeted under capital improvement projects for this year.

Councilor Roadcloud was concerned about the potential litigation the Solicitor advised of regarding item c. of the agenda.

The Solicitor stated after speaking with Mr. Nichols he absolved any concerns of potential litigation after reviewing the language of the contract.

6. Motion to take item c. (consideration of approving a Change Order to A to U Services, Inc. for the replacement of defective wood sheathing with new wood and metal panels at the base of the clock to minimize maintenance in the amount of \$12,200) off the table.

Moved By: Councilor Cave  
Seconded By: Vice President Francis  
Motion Passed: 6 – 1, Councilor Jones-Waters opposed

Motion to approve a Change Order to A to U Services, Inc. for the replacement of defective wood sheathing with new wood and metal panels at the base of the clock tower to minimize maintenance in the amount of \$12,200.

Moved By: Councilor Cave  
Seconded By: Vice President Francis  
Motion Passed: 6 – 1, Councilor Jones-Waters opposed

*\*Note: The Engineer actually meant Ernel not A to U. Please see notes from meeting September 10, 2020.*

7. The Engineer reported that last year or so Duncan Avenue had sewer repairs due to sinkholes, the Borough is also doing work at W. Cobbs Creek Parkway, and both are at a point where we can do street paving. Per the Engineer, Mr. Nichols said there

are Liquid Fuel funds. She noted that if \$100,000 worth of work is performed then the paving price drops 40% per square yard. She is requesting that Council authorize a project with PENNDOT to pave Duncan Avenue (half of which was done a couple of years ago so the paving would finish the 900 block then we would start paving W. Cobbs Creek, but we will not be able to finish up to where they did the recent work. We would just do as much as \$100,000 covers.

Mr. Nichols added that the Liquid Fuels allocation must be spent before 12/31/20, it cannot be carried over and is in the Borough bank account waiting to be spent.

Motion to authorize NDI to proceed with the PENNDOT application to complete a paving project on Duncan Avenue and W. Cobbs Creek Parkway not to exceed \$100,000.

Moved By: Councilor Cave

Seconded By: Vice President Francis

Unanimous

Vice President Francis and Councilor Cave inquired if the trolley area would be included in the paving. An inquiry was also made as to the how much paving distance wise would be performed.

The Engineer answered no, the location is near Longacre Avenue. She stated they will be working down toward the island and requesting to pave that area later. President Monroe confirmed along with the Engineer that the infrastructure below had to be repaired first. The Engineer requested more time to find the distance of paving to be performed.

8. The Engineer informed everyone that A to U Services Inc. is a storm sewer contractor that has two inlets from an existing project to complete. She stated that an extension is necessary for A to U to finish. She requested three (3) months, but mentioned it probably will only take one (1) month.

Motion to approve the authorization of the Ordinary Street and Sewer Maintenance contracts for an additional three (3) months to permit completion of existing work started under these contracts.

Moved By: Vice President Francis

Seconded By: Councilor Johnson

Unanimous

9. The Engineer reported that the Master Casting Agreement aligns/adjusts manhole covers in the street lanes. This ensures PENNDOT will make the adjustments when they work on state roads.

Motion approving Resolution #2020-015 accepting and adopting the 2020-2029 Suburban Master Casting Agreement with PENNDOT.

Moved By: Councilor Cave

Seconded By: Vice President Francis

Unanimous

Councilor Cave and President Monroe inquired if there are any costs for entering into the agreement and if the Borough entered into this agreement previously.=

The Engineer answered there are no costs and the Borough entered the agreement in the past.

10. The Engineer explained that there is a new issue, a sinkhole at 417 Church Lane (which is a state highway). She stated that she thinks it has been four (4) years since the last sinkholes developed on Church Lane and we did a patch there, this is a little further done the block. The video footage from four (4) years ago shows the entire block needs to be replaced which is approximately \$450,000. The Engineer asked for authorization to fix the section that is approximately 28 linear feet and possibly two (2) laterals at an estimated cost of \$51,000. She added that this is a state road and they will not let you go very long without getting this fixed.

Motion to approve the authorization to perform sanitary sewer repair in the vicinity of 417 Church Lane for an estimated cost of \$51,000.

Moved By: Councilor Cave

Seconded By: Councilor McCabe

Unanimous

Councilor Johnson inquired if the cost will increase.

The Engineer answered that she cannot guarantee the cost will only be \$51,000. She explained that it would be \$16,000 for the main and an additional \$35,000 if laterals need to be done, so it may be under \$51,000, but she cannot promise. She noted that they cannot tell until they open it up. She explained when you go to replace pipe, you have to connect to a good section of pipe or you have to keep going and going until you find a good piece of pipe to connect to if you are not going to do the whole replacement.

The Council President noted that this is an estimate and it cannot be guaranteed until opened up and this is a state highway and we have to fix it.

The Engineer added that the state will not come in and fix it, but they will order you to do so.

11. The Engineer also went over the traffic signal issue brought up by the Borough Manager. She stated that there was a letter from October of 2018 that she discussed with the previous Borough Manager and a maintenance contract was not found and NDI never bid it, so she did not know if the Borough had a maintenance contract or if the Borough has been using an old maintenance contract with Higgins. A letter came out stating you will not be able to use Liquid Fuels unless you have a current maintenance contract. If the Borough thinks they are going to make any of the improvements discussed with PENNDOT then she recommends authorizing the preparation and advertisement of bids for traffic signal maintenance.

Motion to authorize the preparation and advertisement of bids for the traffic signal maintenance.

Moved By: Vice President Francis

Seconded By: Councilor Johnson

Unanimous

12. The Engineer provided clarification on the locations that the Police want to have stop signs. The reason she indicated that the locations do not meet the warrant is that PENNDOT does not permit stop signs to be used to reduce speeding; there may be other reasons why they meet the warrant, but they are just not able to be used for that purpose. She added that NDI has a meeting to go over the cameras and plans on meeting with the Police before that to see if they can meet any of the warrants without it being to reduce speed.
13. The Engineer reported on the atrium. She indicated that the contractor agreed to replace the ceiling and to fix the wall where the wall was damaged. NDI is working with the insurance company, Borough Management, and the contractor on an agreement on how to address the elevator damages. She stated that there are pipes underneath the floor that carry electric wires from the elevator to the basement to a panel/cabinet down there. Water got in through the floor into those metal pipes that contained wires and that caused the damage to the cabinet. The discussion has to be water was coming in the doors, water was coming through the roof, what is the allocation of responsibility, which will be scheduled on site with all parties.

Mr. Nichols asked the Engineer if this should be tabled based on their conversation earlier in the day since we are talking to insurance company.

The Engineer did not realize a motion was on the agenda for the \$6,000 repairs to the floor. She stated she thinks it should be done, but we can wrap it all together in a discussion with the water issues related to the water coming in under the doors and come up with one comprehensive repair, she concluded that we could hold off on this for tonight. She ended her report and requested to be excused. Her request was granted by the Council President.

## XI. COMMITTEES' REPORTS

### A. Finance, Councilor Rafi Cave – Chair

1. Motion to approve the Accounts Payable List.  
Moved By: Vice President Francis  
Seconded By: Councilor Johnson  
Motion Passed: 6 – 1, Councilor Roadcloud opposed
2. Motion to approve the Cash Balance Report.  
Moved By: Vice President Francis  
Seconded By: Councilor Johnson  
Motion Passed: 6 – 1, Councilor Roadcloud opposed
3. Motion to approve Resolution #2020-016 authorizing Finance Director, Nafis Nichols and Borough Manager, Mironda Presswood to be signers on the accounts at WSFS Bank (formerly known as Beneficial).  
Moved By: Vice President Francis  
Seconded By: Councilor Johnson  
Unanimous  
\*Note: The Council President and Councilor Jones-Waters confirmed that both the Finance Director and Borough Manager were previous signers on the Beneficial account.

4. Councilor Cave wanted to mention additional grant news since there was a lot discussed during this meeting. He said we reached a milestone in the Library grant and asked Mr. Nichols to elaborate.

Mr. Nichols states that the Borough received a library grant in 2018, there were a lot of snags along the way, and the Library project has finally been completed. The Borough is in possession of \$61,141 of State money reimbursed to the Borough for the work the contractors completed at the Library. We anticipate looking for more dollars to complete additional work at the Library and other places in the Borough so we're excited about that.

*\*Note: The actual amount of the reimbursement was \$61,770, not \$61,141*

Councilor Cave said he is sure he is speaking on behalf of Council and the taxpayers in stating that they appreciate NJN in their constant pursuit in offsetting tax dollars, it's really important and one of the reasons they wanted to continue to partner with NJN, the constant pursuit of offsetting tax dollars, so on behalf of the taxpayers he concluded that he appreciates NJN. The Council President also said thank you and she appreciates NJN as well.

B. Public Works, Councilor Clara Johnson – Chair

1. Motion to accept the salt bid of Eastern Salt Company, Inc. in the amount of 300 total tons at \$50.35 per ton.  
Moved By: Councilor Johnson  
Seconded By: Vice President Francis  
Unanimous

Councilor Cave asked if the price is pretty consistent.

Mr. Nichols noted that we receive a group rate by joining with other municipalities and this is a good rate.

Councilor Johnson added that we normally get this every year and they are the same amount and needed for the cold months.

2. Councilor Roadcloud commented that her Tuesday trash has been missed and her missed trash was mixed with the recyclables. She inquired if there are any issues with the trash company, do they not have enough people and trying to consolidate. She further commented that the rodents are getting into the trash and people are not always cleaning up so the driveways look a mess.

The Council President asked Management if they have had any concerns raised about the trash company outside of this.

The Borough Manager relayed that this same issue was reported once months ago. She added that there have been reports of trash being missed. She also added that B&L informed Management that they are having issues, such as being short staffed and other issues caused by the storm. She stated that when issues are reported, the Borough contacts B&L to discuss and has them come back to collect the trash, but if we do not receive the reports we will not know.

The Council President asked for a best suggestion on how to report it, the website, MyCivicApp, email, or is there another preferred way.

The Borough Manager responded that some residents call in, can come in person, or email the Borough and we reach out to B&L right away to determine the issue.

Mr. Nichols mentioned there are issues with trash just about everywhere now due to the pandemic and the dump site at the Delaware County Waste Authority site. There have been long wait times that are causing delays at the Cobanta site. He will follow up at the next meeting as to the process and potential changes to expediting it.

Mayor Hepkins added that Philadelphia has huge problems and trash has not been picked up for weeks due to COVID and back logs. He stated that the other day a Lansdowne neighbor had a similar issue. Yeadon's problem should be fixed to the best extent that we can; however, we do not have problems to the extent that other areas do.

The Council President mentioned that if we receive reports in a timely fashion, we can address the issue with a financial penalty and well before the Council meeting.

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

a. Police Department – Police Chief, Anthony Paparo

1. The Chief said that he will let his report stand as is. He added that he has a Use of Force report, which is a brand new form, and he is almost done writing a policy related to this. He noted a key feature of this use of force reporting form is that the police officer must report when using force even if assisting in other areas outside of Yeadon.
2. He also put together a complaints database to record any and all complaints that come in and he will include any complaints that are solved. A lot of people do not understand procedure, the vehicle code, or the law when not arresting your neighbor who has made a complaint or threatened you when it is not in view of the officer. He will start reporting complaints against police in the monthly report to be transparent as possible, so people can see if complaints, how many, and how handled as soon as he has it all complete.

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 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Management.