



BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
BOROUGH COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES
January 21, 2021

Meeting began at 7:01 p.m.

The Solicitor stated the following: This meeting is being held via Zoom pursuant to the Governor's Declaration. As such your attendance and participation in this meeting are subject to being recorded by the Borough. Your participation and attendance waive any right to privacy that you may think you may have by attending this meeting. Anything you say can be recorded and used by the Borough at its discretion.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

Rohan K. Hepkins, Mayor	Present
LaToya Monroe, President	Present
Ronald Francis, Vice President	Present
Clara Johnson	Present
Rafi Cave	Present
Dolores McCabe	Present (Arrived at 7:21 p.m.)
Tomeka (Taliah) Jones-Waters	Present
Liana Roadcloud	Present
Mironda Presswood, Manager	Present
Charles Gibbs, Solicitor	Present
Julianne James, Tax Collector	Present (Arrived late)
Eileen Mulvena, Engineer	Present
Nafis Nichols, Finance Director	Present

1. Motion to adopt Resolution #2021-001 for the opposition of a zoning application for a waste facility on 41 S. Union Avenue.
Moved By: Councilor Cave
Seconded By: Councilor Johnson
Unanimous

President Monroe noted the Solicitor is participating in the Borough Council meeting and the Upper Darby Zoning Hearing simultaneously.

The Solicitor stated he is in the Zoom hearing for the Upper Darby Zoning Hearing Board. They are considering an application this evening that was filed for 41 S. Union Avenue in Lansdowne that abuts Yeadon, and abuts the Yeadon Community Park and the Nile Swim Club. The proposal is for a solid waste management facility. The Borough has legal standing to participate in the zoning hearing. In order to do that a resolution must be drafted. The Solicitor proceeded to read the petition as follows:

The Upper Darby Zoning Hearing Board received an application for special exception for the premises at 41 S. Union Avenue Lansdowne, PA 19050. If granted, it will allow for a solid waste management facility; and whereas the Borough of Yeadon including the Yeadon Community Park and the Nile Swim Club sitting close to proximity to the premises; and whereas the Borough Council and Mayor have received numerous calls and communication from residents, elected officials, and businesses about this solid waste facility causing a negative impact on the Borough and its residents; and whereas the negative impacts on the environment from the supposed facility will unjustly impact the predominately minority community. Now, therefore, it is resolved that this Borough and Council stand in solid opposition to the solid waste management facility as it represents the environmental injustice. Be it further resolved that the Borough Solicitor is directed to communicate to the Upper Darby Zoning Hearing Board the Borough's opposition with this petition and to participate in all legal proceedings made in thereto.

2. President Monroe expressed her condolences for the passing of Linda Osinupebi. Ms. Osinupebi was a 43-year old Yeadon resident who founded the Yeadon NAACP branch and served as the president. Also, she is the mother to Tinu Osinupebi a former Yeadon Borough Manager. President Monroe asked for a moment of silence. The family requested that any donations made should be sent to the Yeadon NAACP chapter.

III. CITIZENS FORUM (comments limited to 3 minutes)

1. Staci Johnson – Staci Johnson would like to recognize the passing of her mother Beatrice B. Johnson. Ms. Johnson was a 43-year old Yeadon resident that passed away on 12/1/2020.

President Monroe expressed her condolences. She advised Ms. Johnson to send her information to Management to receive a proclamation from the Mayor.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to approve the September 10, 2020 Caucus Meeting Minutes.
Moved By: Councilor Johnson
Seconded By: Vice President Francis
Unanimous
2. Motion to approve the October 23, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes.
Moved By: Vice President Francis
Seconded By: Councilor Johnson
Unanimous
3. Motion to approve the November 12, 2020 Caucus Meeting Minutes.
Moved By: Vice President Francis
Seconded By: Councilor Johnson
Unanimous
4. Motion to approve the November 19, 2020 Legislative Meeting Minutes.
Moved By: Vice President Francis
Seconded By: Councilor Johnson
Unanimous

5. Motion to approve the December 10, 2020 Caucus Meeting Minutes.
 Moved By: Vice President Francis
 Seconded By: Councilor Johnson
 Unanimous

6. Motion to approve the December 17, 2020 CDBG Meeting Minutes.
 Moved By: Vice President Francis
 Seconded By: Councilor Cave
 Unanimous

7. Motion to approve the December 17, 2020 Legislative Meeting Minutes.
 Moved By: Vice President Francis
 Seconded By: Councilor Cave
 Unanimous
 * Councilor Roadcloud remarked that the minutes needed to be corrected to show that the YEAA vote was tabled not passed. The corrections were made.

8. Motion to approve the December 23, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes.
 Moved By: Vice President Francis
 Seconded By: Councilor Cave
 Unanimous

Councilor McCabe joined the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

V. MAYOR'S REPORT

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

1. On Monday, two events took place during the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Chief Paparo will explain more during the Police Report about his event. Also, the Library held an event honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.
2. The Mayor received a lot of concerns from residents about the solid waste management facility proposal in Upper Darby.
3. The Mayor announced the Health Wellness Center will be opened on 1/27 at 10 a.m.

VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Representative McClinton office donated 8,000 disposable masks and 96 bottles of hand sanitizer to the Borough on 1/19. President Monroe stated she was thrilled to be considered and thanked and the Recreation Program Coordinator, Roy Hunter, for retrieving them.
2. President Monroe discussed common driveways repairs and the cost for residents to repave.
 - She gave the estimate for the common driveway on Fern Street and Cobb Creek Parkway, which is approximately 500 linear feet long and 11 linear feet wide with

36 households. The total estimated cost to replace the common driveway for the area is \$91,670.40, which is approximately 2,546.40 per household.

- The estimate for the common driveway for Serrill Avenue and Yeadon Avenue is 660 linear feet long and 15 linear feet wide with 56 households. The total estimated cost to replace the common driveway for this area is \$165,000, which is approximately \$2,946 per household.
- The estimate for the common driveway on Yeadon Avenue and Bullock Avenue is 800 linear feet long and 20 linear feet wide with 61 households. The total estimated cost to replace the common driveway for this area is \$266,667, which is approximately \$4,371 per household.

The Borough researched various grants that were available. The maximum non-restrictive grant available to Boroughs is approximately \$50,000. Most other grants are restrictive and cannot be used for private properties. If Borough residents contribute to a fund for the three areas mentioned, it would be approximately \$175 per household. President Monroe said the Borough will continue to look for additional opportunities, but at this time we do not want to send the residents such a hefty bill.

3. President Monroe had discussions with Delaware County Vice Chairperson, Dr. Monica Taylor, about the County Wellness Center updates. There will be a grand opening of the wellness center on 1/27. Dr. Taylor confirmed the Delaware County Park Police are available to assist the Police Department. The County has been hosting listening sessions for municipal managers which Mrs. Presswood attended. Also, there will be listening sessions for elected officials.

Invitations regarding the grand opening should be sent out by the end of the week. It was mentioned Yeadon would benefit from hiring a health officer which would be absorbed into the County budget. Job listings will be available by the end of the summer. The County is able to administer 15,000 vaccines per week; however, they are only receiving 4,000 vaccines per week. Once the Health Center opens it will be distributing vaccines.

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

Mrs. Presswood asked that her report be submitted as written and proceeded to give one addition:

1. The following is information that was sent from the Yeadon Education Athletic Association (YEAA) regarding use of grant funds received from the Borough in 2020. The total amount of insurance payments from May to October 2020 was \$2,112. Due to the pandemic, the 2020 Summer Basketball League was cancelled. The YEAA used funds to give twenty families (YEAA members) \$100-vouchers towards their membership at the Nile Swim Club totaling \$2,000. KMM Tax Services was paid \$550 for Financial Statements and Profit & Loss Statement Preparation in July 2020. The YEAA spent a total of \$4,662 and the remaining balance from the \$10,000 2020 grant is \$5,338.

The YEAA is requesting \$11,000 to cover tutoring services, January to March insurance payments, and they are hoping to have depending on COVID the biggest summer league

that they ever had with the opening of the basketball court at the Nile Swim Club and the courts at the Yeadon Community Park. They feel they will be back in action and need those funds. However, Management recommends awarding the YEAA grant funds in the amount of \$5,000.

Councilor Johnson requested that this information be emailed to Council.

2. Motion to approve the grant application for the Yeadon Education Athletic Association (YEAA) donation request of \$5,000.
Moved By: Vice President Francis
The motion failed.

VIII. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

1. Due to the Solicitor's attendance at the Upper Darby Zoning Hearing he is not able to give a report. The Solicitor noted he does not have anything pressing to report.

IX. TAX COLLECTOR

1. Ms. James asked that the Tax Collector's Report be submitted as written.

X. LIBRARY'S REPORT

1. The Library Director was excused to attend the American Library Association Midwinter Conference. The Library Report was submitted at Caucus.

XI. ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. Motion to award a contract to Ernel Co., Inc. for the replacement of the roof overhang at the Police Department entrance along the driveway in the amount of \$9,980.
Moved By: Councilor Johnson
Seconded By: Vice President Francis
Unanimous

Mayor and Councilor Jones-Waters asked for clarification about the overhang, the reason Council is considering Ernel Co., and other quotes received.

Mrs. Mulvena answered it is at the police entrance on the driveway side and is the one section that has not been replaced. It is not a roof; it is an overhang. Council is considering Ernel Co. because the quote is under \$10,000. NDI only received two quotes, and because the quote is under \$10,000 Council is allowed to make an award without having three quotes. The other quote was sent by A to U Services Inc., in the amount of \$27,000.

2. Motion to award the Borough Hall Exterior Lighting Project to Ernel Co., Inc. in the amount of \$9,725.
Moved By: Vice President Francis
Seconded By: Councilor Johnson
Unanimous

Council and Mrs. Mulvena discussed the bollard lights. The bollards are approximately three feet high with a light on top. It is a post usually seen in parking lots like Wawa. However, these bollards are more decorative, they are black with an LED light at the top. There will be four bollards installed and the light fixture in front of the entrance will be repaired.

Councilor Roadcloud asked if the bollards are for decoration or for lighting.

Mrs. Mulvena answered the bollards are for lighting. The bollards will not be as high as streetlights. NDI suggest installing bollards because landscape lighting can get damaged when landscaping.

3. Motion to authorize the replacement of the manhole located at the intersection of Moore Avenue and Rockland Avenue for an estimated cost of \$10,000.
Moved By: Vice President Francis
Seconded By: Councilor Johnson
Unanimous
Please Note: Mrs. Mulvena said the replacement of the manhole will be performed by A. Gargiule & Sons Inc.

Council and Mrs. Mulvena discussed the process of sewer replacements, paving roads, pricing, and other manholes that require covers.

4. Motion to authorize the replacement of the manhole frame and cover in front of 931 MacDade Boulevard at the estimated cost of \$250.
Moved By: Councilor Johnson
Seconded By: Vice President Francis
Unanimous
5. Mrs. Mulvena stated the estimated time of completion for the Yeadon Avenue sanitary sewer replacement project will be the third week of February. The street will be paved when the weather gets warmer.
6. The Public Works Department reported a blockage on the 700 block of Yeadon Avenue. NDI may ask for authorization for those repairs but did not have any further information due to the televising camera being repaired.

XII. 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
Unanimous

Council inquired about two calendar fees, three separate legal fees, and the Solicitor's itemized invoices.

Mr. Nichols responded that the calendar requires a deposit and the final balance is due when the calendars are printed. Also, the Borough has a fundraiser for the calendar every year which includes postage.

The Solicitor stated attendance at meetings are billed at a low hourly rate of approximately \$130, litigation is billed at the highest hourly rate, and general legal services are bill at a medium rate. As a result, three bills are generated so people can see the three different services provided. The rates include zoning review, legislation, preparation of meetings, preparing ordinances, conducting legal research, counsel employee human resources, counsel management human resources. The Solicitor explained the bill is higher because of additional meetings an ordinance that was drafted. The Solicitor suggested discussing the bill in an Executive Session. He added that some invoices are privileged and would need redacting.

2. Motion to approve the Cash Balance Report.
Moved By: Councilor Johnson
Seconded By: Vice President Francis
Unanimous
3. Motion to adopt Resolution #2021-002 to remove former signers from the WSFS bank account.
Moved By: Vice President Francis
Seconded By: Councilor Johnson
Unanimous

Council discussed if this motion was already passed and the amount in a bank.

Mr. Nichols said as the Borough went through an audit process, Council passed a resolution to add Mrs. Presswood and himself to Beneficial Bank or WSFS would not give access to the accounts. However, the bank would like the former signers removed from the accounts which are Larry Healy, Sharon Council-Harris, Nelva Wright, and Joe Possenti. As such, Council will have to pass a resolution to remove those former signers off the account. Also, there was a previous vote to remove signers from the Santander bank accounts. The Borough has approximately \$60,000 at WSFS bank.

4. Motion to adopt Resolution #2021-003 to enter into a Public Assistance Grant Program with the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.
Moved By: Vice President Francis
Seconded By: Councilor Johnson
Unanimous

Mr. Nichols said adopting Resolution #2021-003 is the next phase for the Borough to receive the \$90,000 reimbursement from PEMA.

B. Code Department, Councilor Liana Roadcloud – Chair

1. The Code Report was submitted as written.
2. Councilor Roadcloud discussed the Code Committee Meeting held on 1/12. The items discussed were common driveway repairs and improving the quality of life throughout the Borough.

Regarding the common driveway repairs President Monroe stated the Borough is considering solutions so residents do not have to pay thousands of dollars for repairing common driveways. Residents will be addressed individually about the repairs, and the Code Department will cite and abate the properties. Paving entire driveways is not feasible.

C. Public Works, Councilor Clara Johnson – Chair

1. Councilor Johnson requested the Public Works written report be accepted.

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

1. The Mayor asked that the written report submitted be accepted.
 - a. Police Department – Police Chief, Anthony Paparo
 1. Chief Paparo discussed his new talk show held via Zoom called *Good Morning Yeadon!* Which had the Mayor as a special guest. The show received positive feedback from the public and will be scheduled once a month. Chief Paparo thanked Lieutenant Burns for his assistance.
 2. Councilor Roadcloud discussed recent threats towards Democrats and elected officials by white supremacy groups in the Delaware County area, which were verified by the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation). She asked how the Police Department is handling this situation.

Chief Paparo replied that he ordered patrol of the residences and other individuals in town that are with the Democrat party. The Delaware Valley Intelligence Center (DVIC) handles all Delaware Valley police departments and receives information from the FBI and terrorist task force groups. Chief Paparo has not receive any information from DVIC regarding this matter.

E. Recreation, Vice President Francis – Chair

1. Vice President Francis asked that his verbal report at Caucus be accepted.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Management.