



**BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
BOROUGH COUNCIL CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES
January 20, 2022**

Meeting began at 7:33 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

Rohan K. Hepkins, Mayor	Present
Sharon Council-Harris, President	Present
Learin Johnson, Vice President	Present
Nicole Beaty	Present
Carlette Brooks	Present
Tomeka (Taliah) Jones-Waters	Present
LaToya Monroe	Present
Liana Roadcloud	Present
Isaac Dotson, Manager	Present
Mark Much, Solicitor	Present
Yolonda Hughes, Tax Collector	Present
Joseph Viscuso, Engineer	Present
Nafis Nichols, Finance Director	Present

III. CITIZENS FORUM (comments limited to 3 minutes)

Not on recording

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor asked that his report be accepted as submitted and updated the citizens on the following:

1. Due to the Pandemic and Social Unrest of 2021 the Mayor discussed the impact of all first responders.
2. Commended all the departments for a job well done.
3. Yeadon Borough saw a significant decrease in crime when compared to surrounding areas and did so while staying under budget.
4. The Mayor expressed high praise for the Police Chief's leadership.

V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. President Sharon Council-Harris will appoint committee chairpersons to interface with various departments as part of the Borough Code
2. Proceeds to name the Committees
 - Finance Chair
 - Code Department Chair
 - Recreation Department Chair
 - Community Affairs Chair
 - Public Safety Chair
 - Code and Zoning Chair
 - Library Liaison
 - School Board Liaison
 - Yeadon Economic Development Corporation Liaison
3. Introduces Borough Engineer Mr. Joseph Viscuso. He will coordinate with former Borough Engineer Eileen Mulvana to facilitate a smooth transition. Mr. Viscuso gave a brief overview of his services.
4. Reports that will be accepted
 - Code Office- Rufus Stokes
 - Public Safety- Chief of Police
 - Mayor's Report
5. Finance Report: Mr. Nichols the Finance Director is absent due to a medical situation. He is however recommending a motion to engage the services of an Auditor to review the Borough finances. Mr. Nichols also reviewed the 2022 budget we reopened to ensure there are no irregularities.
6. Will seek a motion to approve Auditor.
7. Will seek a motion to make procedural change for next month's meeting regarding citizens comments and place them at the end. This will allow residents to hear the entire meeting then ask questions.
8. Person (Unknown) asked if it was possible to allow questions at the beginning and the end of the meeting? President Council-Harris said that "it was a reasonable request"
9. Consideration for approving the Account Payable List will be on the agenda for the upcoming Legislative meeting.

VI. MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Dotson thanked the residents for attending the meeting and expressed his interest in working with all department heads and specifically mentioned the Engineer in securing grants for the Borough. Mr. Dotson gave a detailed report of his activities since becoming the Borough Manager. Discussed registering Yeadon as a participant/recipient with National Opioid billion-dollar settlement that will bring \$253 million to Delaware County. Mr. Dotson expressed high praise for the Public Works Dept. Applied CBD grant in the amount of \$184K of which the Borough is responsible for a match of \$49K.

VII. TAX COLLECTOR

Yolonda Hughes, Esq. asked all residents to make sure that they pay their tax bill when it comes.

Which was met with laughter and applause.

VIII. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Viscuso discussed his firms municipal experience representing over 125 municipalities all over the east coast. From that perspective his firm brings a wide array of solutions to the Borough. Mr. Viscuso stated that he is a licensed engineer and surveyor and adjunct professor at Widner University. In closing, I would like to mention that last year our firm was able to secure over \$25 million in grants for municipalities.

IX. COMMITTEES' REPORTS

A. Public Works, Director Jeffery Wilkinson

Jeffery Wilkinson asked to be excused from meeting to handle another matter. Left his report with Borough Manger, Isaac Doston.

B. Public Safety

1. Police Department – Police Chief, Anthony Paparo

Police Chief Paparo: Thanked Mayor for his report. Discussed officer racism complaint and how it was handled. Discussed significant decrease in crime in the Borough especially when compared to surrounding areas. Gave several anecdotes of police interactions with residents throughout the Borough. Thanked residents for their support.

2. Emergency Management

Rufus Stokes Summary: In constant contact with Delaware Co Emergency Management. Summary on pandemic development. Information sent out this month to all members of council in reference to advanced training - National Incident Management System, that is required by law, through FEMA.

X. ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion to adjourn moved and seconded.

Meeting adjourned.

Note:

Before the meeting adjourned there was a lengthy discussion regarding rules and resolution in relation to the Sunshine Law. Comments on the use of the word Caucus and changing the name of future meetings.

Respectfully submitted by Management.