



BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MAY 2, 2022

Meeting began

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

Rohan K. Hepkins, Mayor	Present
Sharon Council-Harris, President	Present
Learin Johnson, Vice President	Present
Nicole Beaty	Absent
Carlette Brooks	Absent
Tomeka (Taliah) Jones-Waters	Absent
LaToya Monroe	Present
Liana Roadcloud	Present
Isaac Dotson, Manager	Present
Chris Boggs, Solicitor	Present
Nafis Nichols, Finance Director	Present

III. CITIZENS' FORUM

1. Clara Johnson asked if it was voted on at the last meeting for a person to look for a search party in the hiring of a new police chief and have, they been hired.

President Council-Harris advised that at the recommendation of the Solicitor's office we hire a search agency to help in the hiring of a new police chief and no agency has been hired as of yet.

2. Angela Lee expressed her concern about the citizens' forum being at the end of meetings and was surprised that it was at the beginning of this meeting. She asked if it would remain at the beginning of the meetings moving forward. She mentioned that at the 800 block of Yeadon Avenue there is a dip, and she would like that investigated. Also, at the 1000 block of Bell Avenue, there is a temporary speed bump but a piece of it is missing, and she believes it could be a hazard. She would like to know why the March and April minutes have not been posted and as always, she's in support of the Chief. She would eventually like to see everyone getting along so things can get done around the Borough.

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT

1. On, Thursday, March 3rd, 2022, Mayor Hepkins held his quarterly Mayor's Citizens' Forum. The remaining scheduled meetings for 2022 are June 2nd, September 1st and December 1st.

2. On, Saturday, April 30th at 2:30 am outside the 7-eleven there was an attempted carjacking. The victim fought back, and the assailant fled into an awaiting car.
3. This is the fourth carjacking or attempted carjacking so far in 2022. Last year Yeadon had a total of six carjackings for all of 2021. We are already ahead of last year's rate.
4. On Saturday morning, April 30th around 1:00 am, at the corner of Church Lane and MacDade Blvd a car crashed into the side of the home of the Williams residence and severed gas lines. Thankfully the family was not home at the time. The immediate neighbors had to be evacuated due to the stench of gas. Upon return, the homeowners had to be relocated until a permanent fix can be done on the home. Extensive discussions between the borough manager, borough engineer, and office of the mayor were conducted to come up with an immediate plan of redress while we await the permanent PennDOT fix. I am also proposing the borough donate some finances to this family while they are displaced to help underwrite the costs that they have had to endure in what has been a nightmare for several years.
5. Request unbanning the hiring freeze of police officers as the Borough is down 5 full-time police officers
6. Researched some recent articles outlining the problems of hiring, recruiting, and maintaining police in this area.

There was discussion regarding name tags for police officers and decals on the police vehicles.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Management.