

BOROUGH OF YEADON DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA BOROUGH COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES JULY 21, 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	Present
Carlette Brooks	Present
Tomeka (Taliah) Jones-Waters	Present
LaToya Monroe	Present
Liana Roadcloud	Present
Isaac Dotson, Manager	Present
Representative of Mark Much, Solicitor	Present
Yolonda Hughes, Tax Collector	Present
Joseph Viscuso, Engineer	Present
Nafis Nichols, Finance Director	Present

III. CITIZENS FORUM (agenda items only - comments limited to 3 minutes)

- 1. Mr. Boffy Chief Executive Officer of the African Cultural Alliance of North America and a relative of the family of Shawn Morcho is baffled at the fact that there has not been any relationship between the family and the Borough or Borough leadership. He is asking Council President to ensure that there will be a full investigation of the causes leading to the death of Shawn.
- 2. Mr. Joe the nephew of Shawn Morcho's mother states that it is quite embarrassing that after 2 weeks there has not been any update from the Borough. He is asking Council to please put aside their differences and get justice for Shawn.
- 3. Ms. Liz stated that it takes a depraved individual to use someone else's personal tragedy for their own advantage. She believes the police department is being dismantled.
- 4. Cynthia Nesbitt stated that to her understanding the Tax Collector no longer has an office at Borough Hall and that is affecting homeowners that may have issues regarding their taxes. She also stated that we need to do right by our Tax Collector as she is an elected official.

- 5. Ms. Anna stated the budget is very important and what we need to do is start spending money on public safety. It is important to have a fully staffed police force. We need to hire and allow the police to have the tools and equipment to do their jobs and protect the residents of Yeadon. This needs to be done and this needs to be made a high priority. Council's priorities need to be reassessed.
- 6. Penny McDonald a 40-year resident of Yeadon stated that Yeadon was a sleepy town where people came to raise their families and retire. The previous Council invited the dispensary in when residents did not want it and protested it.
- 7. Leslie Lewis apologized to the family of Shawn Morcho on behalf of Yeadon and Council that they had to come out to this meeting to receive answers from the Borough. She shared a story of an event she witnessed regarding another individual with mental health issues and the police and asked why Shawn was not provided with the same treatment.
- 8. Ms. Carol a family member of Shawn Morcho requested an internal investigation of the police department and stated that Council needs to put their differences aside to lead.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Management.