



BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
BOROUGH COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 27, 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
Chris Boggs, Solicitor	Present
Yolonda Hughes, Tax Collector	Absent
Joseph Viscuso, Engineer	Absent
Nafis Nichols, Finance Director	Absent

Recess to Executive Session

III. ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. Motion for Council to sign an official resolution for the DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant with a 30% match to be used for the Church Lane Business District streetscape.
Moved By: Councilor Jones-Waters
Seconded By: Vice-President Johnson
Motion Passed: 4 – 1, Councilor Roadcloud opposed. Councilors Monroe and Beaty abstained.

IV. CITIZENS FORUM (comments limited to 3 minutes)

1. Mr. Boffy a representative for the family of Shawn Morcho would like a member of Council or the Mayor to contact the family to state that they are at least investigating or looking into this tragedy.

Mayor Hepkins stated that he has answers in his report when he is allowed to present it.

Vice President Johnson stated that CID is investigating this, but it will be at least 2 more weeks until it is completed.

2. Clara Johnson asked if Gary Core has a contract or just a salary and why is he getting paid per event. She also asked why an employee's wages are being paid out of the general fund. She also asked about quality of life.
3. Angela Lee asked if the Borough participated in the state green light programs and would like to know where the money for Community Day will be coming from. She also asked what is being done to make meetings accessible for the elderly and why Zoom is not available.
4. Ms. Anna stated that Council has a fiduciary responsibility to properly spend Borough dollars and public safety should be one of the highest priorities.
5. Colleen Kennedy asked regarding an item on the agenda if officers were not already being trained for mental health first aid training. She also asked how we can properly train the officers when we have not finished the investigation into this tragedy.
6. Ms. Liz stated she has read the Borough code and several other Pa manuals and there is nothing in these books that gives Council the authority to create mandates for the police department.
7. Michael Trent asked if the motion stating Church Road needs to be amended to Church Lane, and asked how the Valori Group was selected. He also asked how the newsletter would be distributed to residents. Mr. Trent also had complaints regarding the website.

V. FINANCE REPORTS

1. Motion to approve the Accounts Payable List for July.
Moved By: Vice President Johnson
Seconded By: Councilor Jones-Waters
Motion Passed: 4 – 1, Councilor Beaty opposed. Councilors Monroe and Roadcloud abstained.
2. Motion to approve the Cash Balance report for June.
Moved By: Vice President Johnson
Seconded By: Councilor Jones-Waters
Motion Passed: 4 – 1, Councilor Beaty opposed. Councilors Monroe and Roadcloud abstained.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to require all Yeadon Borough police officers to complete mandatory Mental Health First Aid training (a program from the National Council for Mental Wellbeing); mandatory Crisis Intervention Training (a program from the National Alliance on Mental Illness) and mandatory diversity training.
Moved By: Vice President Johnson
Seconded By: Councilor Jones-Waters
Motion Passed: 4 – 1, Councilor Beaty opposed. Councilors Roadcloud and Monroe abstained.
2. Motion to engage the Valori Group to conduct an efficiency study of the Yeadon Borough police department and a search for a Yeadon Borough Chief of Police.
Moved By: Vice President Johnson
Seconded By: Councilor Jones-Waters
Motion Passed: 4 – 3, Councilors Beaty, Roadcloud, and Monroe opposed.

3. Motion to contract the Valori Group for an additional \$12,000 for the Chief of Police search.
Moved By: Vice President Johnson
Seconded By: Councilor Jones-Waters
Motion Passed: 4 – 3, Councilors Beaty, Monroe and Roadcloud opposed.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion to adjourn moved and seconded.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Management.