

# BOROUGH OF YEADON DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA BOROUGH COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 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	Absent
Liana Roadcloud	Present
Isaac Dotson, Manager	Present
Chris Boggs, Solicitor	Present
Yolonda Hughes, Tax Collector	Present
Joseph Viscuso, Engineer	Present
Nafis Nichols, Finance Director	Absent

## III. B&B MONUMENTS – Mr. Troy Richards

Mr. Richards came to introduce himself and his business and to offer assistance to Yeadon and its residents.

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

- 1. Ms. Clara Johnson would like to know if there are any other bids for the driveways and stated that the items on the agenda were not discussed at the Workshop.
- 2. Ms. Anna stated that Councilors have a fiduciary responsibility to the members of the community and the responsibility to provide residents with transparency. She believes Council is failing in both areas. She also asked that Council begin hiring qualified officers. She no longer feels safe.
- 3. Susan Chaste feels there is a big lack of information which goes all the way back to the amount of the grant received from the government and how that money will be used.
- 4. Mr. Green is here about the safety of the community and police patrol. He believes we need more patrolmen, and we are not being protected. He would like a camera to be placed at Church and Baily Road.

- 5. Michael Trent asked about the rescinding of the hiring of PNK Social Strategies. He had questions regarding information he had seen on the Nextdoor site about RTK requests not being answered and the misinformation surrounding the CooKen classes held at Borough Hall.
- 6. Angela Lee asked about meeting minutes and if anyone had investigated the program Be Smart for Kids, which is a program that raises awareness about securing guns and saving lives for kids. She would also like an update on the cameras.
- 7. Mr. Myluma El stated that cameras are necessary and that he is concerned about safety.
- 8. Ms. Liz A. expressed her disappointment regarding the misinformation that was posted regarding this Legislative meeting. She believes money is being mismanaged and wasted.

#### V. REPORTS

1. Motion to approve the Accounts Payable List for October.

Moved By: Vice President Johnson Seconded By: Councilor Jones-Waters

Motion Passed: 4-2, Councilors Beaty and Roadcloud opposed.

2. Motion to approve the Cash Balance report for September.

Moved By: Councilor Jones-Waters Seconded By: Vice President Johnson

Motion Passed: 4-2, Councilors Beaty and Roadcloud opposed.

#### VI. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Vice President Johnson announced that the Public Works and the Code committee meetings will now be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 6 pm. The Recreation committee meeting will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 6 pm.
- 2. Motion to rescind the hiring of Pink Social Strategies as the digital communications server.

Moved By: Councilor Jones-Waters Seconded By: Councilor Brooks

Motion Passed: 5 - 0, Councilor Roadcloud abstained.

#### VII. ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. Motion to adopt Resolution #2022-004 regarding the 2022 Keystone Grant Application for the Yeadon Public Library.

Moved By: Vice President Johnson Seconded By: Councilor Brooks

Motion Passed: 5 - 0. Councilor Roadcloud abstained.

2. Motion to have Council sign the official resolution for the Delco Green Ways Grant for upgrades to Community Park.

Moved By: Councilor Jones-Waters Seconded By: Councilor Brooks

Motion Passed: 5 - 0, Councilor Roadcloud abstained.

3. Motion to have Pennoni Engineering complete a feasibility study of Community Park for the potential placement of a Recreation Center.

Moved By: Councilor Jones-Waters Seconded By: Councilor Brooks

Motion Passed: 4-2, Councilors Beaty and Roadcloud opposed.

4. Motion to approve the Engineer's report.

Moved By: Seconded By: Motion Passed:

#### VIII. MINUTES

1. Motion to approve the June 6, 2022, Workshop Meeting Minutes.

Moved By: Councilor Jones-Waters Seconded By: Vice President Johnson

Motion Passed: 4-2, Councilors Beaty and Roadcloud opposed.

2. Motion to approve the June 16, 2022, Legislative Meeting Minutes.

Moved By: Vice President Johnson Seconded By: Councilor Brooks

Motion Passed: 4-2, Councilors Beaty and Roadcloud opposed.

3. Motion to approve the August 18, 2022, Legislative Meeting Minutes.

Moved By: Vice President Johnson Seconded By: Councilor Jones-Waters

Motion Passed: 4 - 0, Councilor Beaty and Roadcloud abstained.

4. Motion to approve the August 24, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes.

Moved By: Vice President Johnson Seconded By: Councilor Jones-Waters

Motion Passed: 4 - 0, Councilors Beaty and Roadcloud abstained.

5. Motion to approve the September 6, 2022, Workshop Meeting Minutes.

Moved By: Vice President Johnson Seconded By: Councilor Jones-Waters

Motion Passed: 4 - 0, Councilors Beaty and Roadcloud abstained.

6. Motion to approve the September 15, 2022, Legislative Meeting Minutes.

Moved By: Vice President Johnson Seconded By: Councilor Jones-Waters

Motion Passed: 4 - 0, Councilors Beaty and Roadcloud abstained.

#### IX. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Council-Harris was pleased to announce the ribbon-cutting ceremony held for the Makemie housing facility located at Lansdowne and Baily Road. This is a beautiful facility that offers affordable housing for seniors.

Motion to approve the President's Report.

Moved By: Vice President Johnson Seconded By: Councilor Jones-Waters

Motion Passed 4 - 0, Councilors Beaty and Roadcloud abstained.

#### X. MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Motion to terminate the employee with payroll number ending in 0243.

Moved By: Vice President Johnson Seconded By: Councilor Brooks

Motion Passed 4 – 0 Councilors Beaty and Roadcloud abstained.

2. Motion to hire Renee Anderson as temporary Borough Receptionist.

Moved By: Vice President Johnson Seconded By: Councilor Brooks

Motion Passed: 4 – 1, Councilor Roadcloud opposed, and Councilor Beaty abstained.

#### XI. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Hughes announced that she held a Q&A session on October  $13^{th}$  for residents to get answers to the commonly asked questions.

The Tax Collector attended a tax collectors convention in Gettysburg Pennsylvania, where she learned a lot of beneficial information that will help her in assisting the taxpayers.

Ms. Hughes reminded taxpayers who have not paid their Borough taxes that they are due by 12/31/22 to avoid delinquent fees and to go into collections.

The total collections received between October 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup> was \$16,361.13.

Lastly, as a reminder, Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> is the last day to pay the face amount of school taxes. The Tax Collector's office will not open until 11 am on Monday. It is ok for school taxes to be paid directly to the School Board.

### XII. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hepkins held his quarterly Mayor's Forum on September 6<sup>TH</sup> there were around 65 people in person as well as other residents in attendance online. There were raffles and giveaways. Mayor Hepkins also thanked residents for coming out.

Mayor Hepkins reminded residents to go out and vote on Election Day Tuesday, 11/8/22.

FYI on Sunday 11/6/22 is daylight savings and clocks go back one hour.

Mayor Hepkins also inquired about the progress of the Civil Service Committee Search.

#### XIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### A. Community Affairs

Councilor Jones-Waters gave a recap of the Community Day event. She gave kudos to Sgt. Phillips, the Code Department, Public Works, and everyone that participated in the event. It was a complete success.

#### B. Public Works

1. Motion to promote Mike Pozzuolo to Public Works Superintendent.

Moved By: Vice President Johnson Seconded By: Councilor Brooks Motion Passed: unanimous

2. Motion to accept the salt bid of Riverside Construction Materials in the amount of 400 total

tons at \$75.00 per ton.

Moved By: Councilor Jones-Waters Seconded By: Councilor Brooks Motion Passed: unanimous

3. Motion to accept all committee reports as given at the Workshop Meeting

Moved By: Vice President Johnson Seconded By: Councilor Jones-Waters

Motion Passed: 4 - 1, Councilor Roadcloud opposed.

#### C. Recreation

Vice President Johnson announced the veggie program that takes place every Wednesday will continue for the next 5 weeks.

The new date for the committee meeting is every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6 pm.

Small Business Saturday is scheduled for 11/12/22.

Veterans Luncheon will be held at Borough Hall on Thursday 11/10/22.

### XIV. CITIZENS FORUM (NON-AGENDA - COMMENTS LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES)

- 1. Darlene Walker asked about the cooking class and how this event was advertised.
- 2. Clara Johnson \*\*this comment was hard to hear due to conflicting voices\*\*

### XV. ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion to adjourn.

Moved By: Vice President Johnson Seconded By: Councilor Jones-Waters

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by the Borough Secretary.