



BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 3, 2022

Meeting began

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. CITIZEN'S FORUM

1. Ms. Anna asked as a concerned resident that Council put aside political differences and start focusing on what is needed for the Yeadon community. She also asked that meetings be conducted respectfully where residents feel they would be able to speak in an uncensored format without fear of retaliation or intimidation tactics.
2. Ms. Elizabeth A. asked why Garry Core was paid to record a protest that was not sponsored by the Borough. She also asked why Chief Chachi has not been the 776 hours that he is owed.
3. Clara Johnson asked for Council's undivided attention. She stated that the community's time is valuable just like the Councilor's and asked when the body of the Council would realize that enough is enough and remove the Council President from her seat.
4. Patricia Shannon expressed concerns about the confusion surrounding the Keystone Tax Collection Services. Residents are getting tax delinquent notices from 2020. There isn't any information available on the website or in the quarterly newsletters. She's asking that this information be available to keep residents informed and explain why this money is being collected.

5. Michael Trent had questions regarding the Borough website.
6. Ms. Angela Lee had a question about citizens being able to register their personal cameras and would like to know what progress has been made on the social media policy.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Public Safety

1. Police Department

- For the month of September Yeadon Borough Police Department responded or prepared a report for 651 calls for service.
- There were 459 parking tickets issued for the month of September
- There were 2 Non-traffic Citations issued.
- There were 18 Traffic Citations issued.
- There were 7 Criminal Arrests for the month.

V. ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. Pennoni sent a building evaluation report; to review with Borough Manager and Public Works
2. Keystone Grant for Library window and door replacement is due in October 2022
3. Received a list from Jeff for road repairs (Cobbs Creek Parkway, Yeadon Ave, Bailey Rd, MacDade Ave speed hump) additional speed humps discussed at the August meeting, will be reviewed to possibly add to the paving list. Paving end of October
4. Awarded DCED Watershed Restoration grant for Blunston Run Stream Restoration in the amount of \$260,015. The Borough portion of this project will be \$45,885
5. Storm repairs
 - a. N. Providence – approved easement, work estimated at \$35,000
 - b. Whitby Ave & Longacre Blvd (\$73,755.25 construction, \$9,620 engineering/survey)
 - c. 626 West Cobbs Creek Parkway (\$10,200 construction)

- d. Revere Road & Parmley Ave (\$15,200 construction)
 - e. 645 Church Lane (\$11,545 construction, \$3,500 engineering/survey)
 - f. Lansdowne Ave & Providence Road (\$6,200 construction, \$2,500 engineering/survey)
 - g. Fern & West Cobbs Creek Parkway (\$8,045 construction, \$2,500 engineering/survey)
6. MacDade and Church Intersection
- a. Resubmitted application 8/10 (second revision) for speed hump west of in the intersection on MacDade (needs PennDOT approval)

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS CONT'D

A. Public works

1. Emergency Call Out: The Public Works Dept was called out on September 17 at 7 pm to assist the Fire and Emergency Management Coordinator in opening the 2nd floor as a temporary shelter for the residents of Grace Ct, due to a fire in their facility.
2. Announcements / Events for October:
 - E-Waste: 10/28/22 (Friday) 8 am to 3:30 pm
 - Yard-Waste Drop Off: 10/14/22 8 am to 3:30 pm. Last one for the season.
3. Announcements/events for November:
 - E-Waste: 11/18/22 (Friday) 8 am to 3:30 pm
 - Yard-Waste: Suspended till the spring.
 - Leaf Season: Leaf season will begin on October 17 and will follow the regular sweeper schedule; the sweeper will accompany the leaf machine to ensure our community is in tip-top shape.
 - Leaf pickup rules: Leaves are to be placed by the curb on your regular sweeper day.
4. Abatements Completed: 7 for the month
 - 1024 Church Lane
 - 1023 Church Lane
 - 1123 Whitby Ave.
 - 917 Longacre Blvd.
 - 100-1108 Chester Ave.
 - 1029 Chester Ave.

5. **Yeadon Library:** The Front of the Library is undergoing a landscaping cleanup and a much-needed makeover; three new benches were budgeted for the year and are being installed, the Rain Garden is being cleaned up and the existing Yew bushes removed with sod, and grass seed in their place. Our new employee, Jamie Reyes is using his landscaping expertise to head up this project and we look forward to the professional results.
6. **Borough Hall:** The front of the borough hall and the atrium are also undergoing a much-needed landscaping makeover, the removal of most of the overgrown bushes and plants, and a whole new look will be in place soon! Jamie Reyes is again spearheading this project. The stage on the second floor has been cleaned of all old debris and trash.
7. **Borough Hall Tree Update:** All the trees in and around the REAR of the borough hall were removed by Executive tree serves, all stumps were removed and a plan for new trees to be planted in the fall or early spring is in the discussion phase.
 - Planting plan: The goal is to become smarter when planting. The goal is to put the right trees in the right locations and give them enough space to grow. Please see below for the types of trees that are recommended to plant. By choosing the right trees, we will be able to preserve and establish a healthy shade tree program.
8. **Sanitary Sewer:** Repairs will start sometime in October on the 800 block of Serrill Ave as well as the 800 block of Yeadon Ave. The replacement of the sanitary sewer on Yeadon Ave between Cedar and Whitby is underway this is due to a Pa. Small Water and Sewer Grant 2020.
9. **West Cobbs Creek Parkway:** Restoration work is completed and we're in a settling phase from Chester Ave to Parmley Ave.
10. **Highway Maintenance:** During the month of September, the Public Works Department completed the following regarding highway maintenance. Two new crosswalks and pedestrian signage are being constructed this week at Church Ln., and at Gunther and Whitby to slow down traffic on Church Ln. and make it safer for pedestrians to cross.

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

- On Sept. 7, I attended a meeting at Community Park with Councilor Taliah Jones-Waters, Roy Hunter, and Jamie Anderson of Eastern Delaware County Storm & Water Collaborative.
- On or about Sept. 20th, a discussion was held with two vendors, Traffic Logix, and the other vendor All Traffic Solutions. The discussion revolved around the need for two radar feedback signs. Having received countless calls concerning speeding cars throughout the Borough.
- On Sept. 22, after further discussion and consulting with Director Nafis Nichols, I placed an order for two digital Radar feedback signs, using the lowest proposal offered. The price for the signs was \$6,158.00.

- On Sept. 9, a director's meeting was held with interim superintendent, Mike Pozzuolo, Rufus Stokes, Code Department Director, and Ms. Alice Pakhtigian, Library Director.
- Sept. 13 — Toured Makemie Court with President Sharon Council-Harris, Vice President Learin Johnson, and Councilor Carlette Brooks. The tour included a visit through the entire complex with a grand opening date of Monday, Oct 10th where President Sharon Council-Harris will be a guest speaker.
- On Sept 17, I attended our local Community Day event, which was well organized, and well attended. I received feedback congratulating those who organized the event, as Job well done!
- I received a call from Mr. Stokes asking for permission for the Declaration of a Disaster Emergency. The emergency declaration was answered for Grace Court where an electrical fire caused some residents to be relocated to Yeadon borough Hall. The Red Cross was present on site, and they were very professional and well-organized.
- On Sept 21, I met with Engineer Joe Viscuso of the Pennoni Engineering Firm to discuss upcoming projects and budget issues.
- On Sept. 28, I attended a meeting with the library director and members of her staff to discuss the mandatory use of our Paycheck system which was presented by Director Nafis Nichols.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS CONT'D

A. Recreation

1. Upcoming Events include a rain barrel workshop scheduled for Oct. 12th, 2022; this is an online event.
2. The rain barrel giveaway for participants of the workshop will be held at the old Yeadon theater lot on oc. 13th, 2022, from 4 pm – 6 pm.
3. The trip to the Urban Roots Farm must be rescheduled due to inclement weather.
4. Volunteers are needed for the Veterans Day luncheon on Thursday, October 10, 2022, from 2 pm – 4 pm.
5. Community programs being held at Yeadon Borough Hall during the week are the Morning Stretch, Tuesdays, 10:30 am – 11:30 am; Line Dancing, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm; Karate, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, 6 pm.
6. Camp Garrett is hosting a Fall Festival on Saturday, October 15th and Yeadon residents are invited to enjoy the festivities.

B. Ordinances & Zoning

1. Zoning Use Application: (1)

- 421 Church Lane application to operate Wellness Center- Reviewing
- 816 Bullock Ave. application to extend an existing deck- Reviewing
- 517 Church lane- sign application- denied
- 545 Fern St. - Fence (approved)
- 727 Church Lane Dentist Office (Approved)
- 802 Rundale Ave rear Deck (approved)

2. Zoning Hearing Application (0):

- None

3. Hot Spots:

- 463 Baily Road Owner has excess material in the yard and was advised to clear it, violation notices, and citations were issued.
- Church lane bridge- illegal dumping- Mike and I dealing with the Upper Darby Maintenance Dept. on illegal dumping under the bridge.

4. Action Items:

- 6250 Baltimore Ave is in the process of being sold
- Makemie Court Senior Living - new tenants are moving in now
- Met with Waste Management about trash collection before 8 am ordinance, will be rerouting trash pickup at Zesty Pizza on Wycombe Ave.-were issued citation from prior pickups

5. Fire-related issues: (1)

- 513 Holly Road owner is in the process of starting a cleanout to begin renovations

6. Closed Items:

- Albert and I attend the PACO- Pennsylvania Association of Code Official Fall Forum classes on the changes to the codes
- Forest Creek Apartments 300 N Front St. trash issue has been corrected.

7. Upcoming Items:

- The property owner of 1100 Chester plans are in the hand of the commercial inspector for review
- Met with several paving companies to get documentation of what they will be able to do for the borough and residence.

- In the upcoming weeks there will be a meeting to go over zoning changes

8. IMPORTANT ISSUE:

- Still need to appoint a borough planning commission and a zoning officer.
- Ordinance changes, Zoning board is still working on changes for the zoning update
- Rear Driveways- what decision was made about the possibility of funding to assist the residents?

9. 2022 Paid Property Maintenance Abatements

- Total for September \$4904.55
- Total to date \$25,959.94

10. September 2022 Code Department Revenue \$27,181.55.

IX. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hepkins gave the current numbers of the Full-time and Part-time officers and expressed the need for the Civil Service Commission to be restored to hire new Full-time police officers.

X. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- President Council-Harris thanked residents with special thanks to Councilwoman Jones-Waters the Code Department and Public Works for a successful Yeadon Community Appreciation Day.
- Special thank you to the residents and Councilors in attendance for maintaining the order and rules of the house during tonight's meeting.
- The Valori Group is conducting an efficiency study of the police department to update policies and procedures to give us the best policies and best practices to help this town shine.
- President Council-Harris is asking for all hands-on decks to make this community the most desirable community to live in.
- Lastly, Council President invited everyone to attend the upcoming Legislative Meeting on October 20th.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Borough Secretary.