



BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
BOROUGH COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 17, 2023

Meeting began.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

Rohan K. Hepkins, Mayor	Present
Learin Johnson, President	Present
Sharon Council-Harris, Vice President	Absent
Nicole Beaty	Present
Carlette Brooks	Absent
Tomeka (Taliah) Jones-Waters	Absent
LaToya Monroe	Present
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. CITIZEN'S FORUM (agenda items only – comments limited to 3 minutes)

1. Ms. Liz A. stated that residents are waiting to hear what fines and sanctions will be placed against Councilor Jones-Waters for the use of community park. She asked when the holding cell doors project would be finished. She stated concerns she had with the July 6th meeting minutes.
2. Ms. Anna stated her concerns as it related to expenses and the budget. She asked that Council take a look at Quadjam and the website as she's not seeing any improvements. She addressed meeting minutes and inaccuracies.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to remove Sharon Council-Harris as Vice-President of Yeadon Borough Council.
Moved By: Councilor Roadcloud
Seconded By: Councilor Beaty
Motion Passed: Unanimous
2. Motion to appoint Liana Roadcloud to Vice President of Yeadon Borough Council.
Moved By: Councilor Beaty
Seconded By: Councilor Monroe
Motion Passed: Unanimous

3. Motion to remove Tomeka (Taliah) Jones-Waters as Pro tempore of Yeadon Borough Council.
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud
Seconded By: Councilor Beaty
Motion Passed: Unanimous
4. Motion to appoint Nicole Beaty to Pro tempore of Yeadon Borough Council
Moved By: Councilor Monroe
Seconded By: Vice President Roadcloud
Motion Passed: 3 – 1, President Johnson opposed.

V. FINANCE REPORTS

1. Motion to amend Accounts Payable List to exclude payments to Quadjam Enterprise in the amount of \$6,726.88 and Jan Deruiter of Mostly Web.
Moved By: Councilor Monroe
Seconded By: Vice President Roadcloud
Motion Passed: Unanimous

Meeting placed in recess for Executive Session before the above vote was taken

2. Motion to approve the Accounts Payable List for July and August with the payments excluded to Quadjam and Mostly Web.
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud
Seconded By: Councilor Beaty
Motion Passed: 2 – 2, Councilors Monroe and Beaty opposed. Mayor vote: yes.
3. Motion to approve the Cash Balance Report for June and July.
Moved By: Councilor Monroe
Seconded By: Vice President Roadcloud
Motion Passed: 3 – 1, Vice President Roadcloud opposed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS CONT'D

President Johnson commended Ms. Hakimah Jabbar for her role as a Seed to Supper Program member with the Yeadon Public Library.

VII. ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. Motion to approve bidding for the Duff Avenue Project.
Moved By: Councilor Beaty
Seconded By: Vice President Roadcloud
Motion Passed: Unanimous
2. Motion to prepare the grant application for the DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund for the Church Lane and Baily Road intersection improvements.
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud
Seconded By: Councilor Monroe
Motion Passed: Unanimous

3. Motion to approve bidding for the DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant for crosswalks and ADA ramp upgrades.
Moved By: Councilor Beaty
Seconded By: Vice President Roadcloud
Motion Passed: Unanimous
4. Motion to approve the bidding for the Keystone Grant for Library windows and door replacement.
Moved By: Councilor Beaty
Seconded By: Vice President Roadcloud
Motion Passed: Unanimous

VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Motion to hire Andrew Gilliano as a full-time Code Enforcement Officer.
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud
Seconded By: Councilor Beaty
Motion Passed: Unanimous
2. Motion to accept the salt bid of Eastern Salt Company, Inc. in the amount of 400 total tons at \$73.73 per ton.
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud
Seconded By: Councilor Beaty
Motion Passed: 3 – 1, Councilor Monroe opposed.
3. Motion to authorize the sale of an old and in disrepair Code car, Police car, and Streetsweeper on Municibid.
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud
Seconded By: Councilor Beaty

Motion to amend the above motion, with the condition that the proceeds are returned to the budgets of their respective departments.

Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud
Seconded By: Councilor Beaty
Motion Passed: Unanimous

IX. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

1. Motion to advertise Ordinance #2023 – 1404 for the parking of commercial vehicles on private property.
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud
Seconded By: Councilor Beaty
Motion Passed: Unanimous

X. MAYOR'S REPORT

Police Staffing

With several retirements and transfers to other police departments, the YPD has 13 Full-Time Officers (including Chief of Police). We are currently allotted at 21. We swore in four (4) full-time officers last month (but one of the four left for a more lucrative opportunity leaving us with three). One other could also leave us. Notwithstanding, we currently have a total of 16 full-time officers and one part-time officer (one of the two part-time officers took a full-time position).

I recommend Council authorize the Civil Service Commission to continue to advertise to hire up to five (5) more officers and see where we stand at the end of the process, as it is difficult to get full-time officers who will stay with the department, which has been widely publicized.

1. Motion to open the police officer position and authorize the Civil Service Commission to conduct another test.
Moved By: Councilor Monroe
Second By: Vice President Roadcloud
Motion Passed: Unanimous
2. Motion to amend the agenda to include opening a test with the Civil Service Commission to hire more police officers.
Moved By: Councilor Monroe
Seconded By: Councilor Beaty
Motion Passed: Unanimous

XI. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

- School tax discount ends on August 31st.
- An Upset Sale is scheduled for September 21st, there's still time to make payment arrangements.
- Consider using Square to collect taxes.
- Between July 15th to August 15th a total of \$31,850.08 has been collected.

XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Police Department Report

1. Motion to hire Isabella Wade as a part-time Crossing Guard pending the completion of a successful background check.
Moved By: Councilor Beaty
Seconded By: Vice President Roadcloud
Motion Passed: Unanimous
2. Motion to hire Joseph Godde as a part-time Crossing Guard pending the completion of a successful background check.
Moved By: Councilor Beaty
Seconded By: Vice President Roadcloud
Motion Passed: Unanimous

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Motion for the termination of the Much Law Firm and the hiring of the Kilkenny Law Firm as the Yeadon Borough Solicitor.
Moved By: Councilor Beaty
Seconded By: Vice President Roadcloud
Motion Passed: 3 – 1, Councilor Monroe opposed.

2. Motion to remove Isaac Dotson as Yeadon Borough Manager and Yeadon Borough Secretary.
Moved By: Councilor Monroe
Seconded By: Vice President Roadcloud
Motion Passed: 3 – 1, President Johnson opposed.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by the Borough Secretary.