



BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
BOROUGH COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 19, 2023

Meeting began at 7:04 pm.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

Rohan K. Hepkins, Mayor	Present
Learin Johnson, President	Present
Liana Roadcloud, Vice President	Present
Sharon Council-Harris	Present via telecommunication.
Tomeka (Taliah) Jones-Waters	Present
Nicole Beaty	Present
LaToya Monroe	Absent
Carlette Brooks	Absent
Kilkenny Law, Solicitor	Present
Yolonda Hughes, Tax Collector	Absent
Joseph Viscuso, Engineer	Present
Nafis Nichols, Finance Director	Present

III. WILLIAM PENN SCHOOL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

Business Administrator, Mr. Bob Kaufmann, shared a detailed update on the progress of the Kerr Field Athletic Complex. He also invited everyone to the State of the Schools event, happening on 11/2/23 at 6 pm at the Green Avenue High School campus. Furthermore, he announced the exciting grand opening of the new Kerr Field Athletic Complex, scheduled for 11/16/23 at 4 pm.

IV. CITIZEN'S FORUM (agenda items only – comments limited to 3 minutes)

Ahead of the Citizens Forum, President Johnson stated that agenda items A-1 and A-2 related to library hires, as well as item C-1-i concerning rules for the Civil Service Commission, have been tabled for later consideration.

1. Clara Johnson had a question regarding Councilor's ability to participate in Council meetings via telecommunication. She also stated Nafis should not be held financially responsible for the Community Day payment.

2. Ms. Liz A. stated that when meeting minutes are done they need to be in enough detail that people reading can understand the meaning of the comment. She also had comments for the Mayor regarding comments made at his Faith in Blue event.

V. FINANCE REPORTS

1. Motion to approve the Accounts Payable Lists for October 2023.
Moved By: Councilor Beaty
Seconded By: Councilor Jones-Waters
Motion Passed: Unanimous
2. Motion to approve the Cash Balance Report for September.
Moved By: Councilor Jones-Waters
Seconded By: Councilor Beaty
Motion Passed: Unanimous

VI. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Nichols read Ms. Hughes's report in her absence.

1. School tax and Borough taxes are due by December 31, 2023, to avoid collection fees.
2. Upset Sale was September 21, 7 properties in the Borough were sold.
3. The Tax Collector will be at the Tax Collectors Convention on October 19, 2023, to learn more about better serving the Borough, and am unable to attend the October Council Meeting.
4. Please decide the 2024 millage rate and the Sewer tax rate and Unit fee at the October Council meeting.
5. 515 taxpayers have not paid the 2023 Borough tax. Late notices will go out by the end of this month.
6. Taxes collected from August 16-September 27, 2023, are reflected on the attached pages.

Between 8/16/23 to 9/27/23, there was a total of \$16,364.33 collected in Borough Real Estate, \$5,940 collected in Borough Trash, and \$6,122.60 collected in Borough Sewer for a grand total of \$28,426.93.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

President Johnson announced that she received a call from State Rep Joanna McClinton's office, conveying news that the Yeadon Fire Department is set to receive a grant. The specific amount is currently unknown, but she assured that she would follow up with the fire department for more details.

VIII. MINUTES

1. Motion to approve the September 21, 2023, Legislative Meeting Minutes.
Moved By: Councilor Jones-Waters
Seconded By: Councilor Beaty
Motion Passed: 3 – 2, Vice President Roadcloud and Councilor Beaty opposed.

IX. ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. Motion to approve the ADA Ramps and Pedestrian Improvement bid to Ernel Co., Inc.
Moved By: Councilor Jones-Waters
Seconded By: Councilor Beaty
Motion Passed: Unanimous

Mr. Viscuso wanted to bring to the Council's attention that bids for the expiring trash contract in December are currently being accepted by his office. He intends to return with a recommendation for the trash bids at the November Council meeting. He also highlighted his collaboration with the solicitor's office and the Public Works Superintendent in this undertaking.

X. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hepkins requested that his report stand as submitted.

XI. MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Motion of hiring Andrew Gilliano as full-time Code Enforcement Officer with benefits as the employee has successfully completed his probationary period.
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud
Seconded By: Councilor Jones-Waters
Motion Passed: Unanimous

XII. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Kilkenny reported that his office, in collaboration with the engineer and Borough staff, has been actively working on trash bids. He updated the Council on discussions regarding Herford Pl. and Pennoni's involvement, expressing optimism for a resolution. Mr. Kilkenny spoke with Diana Silva, the owner's legal representation, and is satisfied that the matter will be resolved. He also addressed Pennoni's preparing plans, with an expected timeline of a week for completion. Additionally, there was a mention of tabling the outdated Civil Service Commission rules, highlighting the need for an update due to them not having been updated in 12 years. Mr. Kilkenny, not being an expert in these matters, sought assistance from the zoning hearing board solicitor, Rudolph Clark, who is willing to review and potentially update the rules. The goal is to present the revised rules for adoption in November, considering any necessary tweaks based on current case law.

XIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Public Works

1. Motion to conditionally hire Xavier Crisden as a full-time Public Works employee.
Moved By: Vice President Johnson
Seconded By: Councilor Jones-Waters
Motion Passed: 5 – 1, Councilor Council-Harris opposed.

2. Motion to approve the placing of a utility pole and streetlight on Robin Road in an amount not to exceed \$6950.
Moved By: Councilor Jones-Waters
Seconded By: Vice President Roadcloud
Motion Passed: Unanimous

XIV. CITIZEN'S FORUM (non-agenda items – comments limited to 3 minutes)

1. Mr. Trent expressed his viewpoint on Councilors not attending Council meetings or hosting committee meetings. Additionally, he inquired about the current status of Councilor Brooks.

President Johnson shared she attended the Library Bingo event and praised the library for a job well done and noted the enjoyable atmosphere. She also attended the Fire Department's October Fire Prevention event, expressing a desire for more residents to attend and learn essential fire safety tips, such as handling kitchen fires and properly using fire extinguishers. President Johnson emphasized the importance of acquiring these skills to prevent panic and make informed decisions during emergencies, ultimately contributing to the safety of individuals and their homes. She encouraged everyone to attend such events next year for valuable insights and potentially life-saving knowledge.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion to adjourn.
Moved By: Councilor Jones-Waters

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by the Borough Secretary.