



BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
BOROUGH COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 28, 2023

Meeting began.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

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

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

1. Ms. Clara Johnson expressed confusion about the difficulty residents face in accessing the same information as councilors for the public to be able to address agenda items. She suggested a simple solution by labeling documents as drafts and making them available on the borough website. Additionally, she invited the community to a flag-raising event at Gracelyn Court.
2. Ronald Francis announced that he's establishing a Police Action Committee with the mission of strengthening the community and supporting relationships between the Yeadon residents and the Yeadon police.
3. Ms. Liz A. had questions concerning the A-P list stating that it wasn't made available to residents.
4. Ms. Anna restated that the public did not receive an A-P list, highlighting ongoing issues with fiscal mismanagement and transparency throughout the year. She expressed hope for increased transparency and improved fiscal management with the change in leadership. Ms. Anna also brought up concerns about the budget, specifically inquiring about insurance premiums and deductibles from 2023 to 2024.

IV. MINUTES

1. Motion to approve the October 19, 2023, Legislative Meeting Minutes.
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud
Seconded By: Councilor Beaty
Motion Passed: 3 – 1, Councilor Monroe opposed.

V. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hepkins requested that his report stand as submitted.

VI. ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. Motion to award the trash collection bid to B&L Disposal with the 3-year option.
Moved By: Councilor Beaty
Seconded By: Vice President Roadcloud
Motion Passed: 3 – 1, Councilor Beaty opposed.
2. Motion to approve the grant applications for Local Share Account Grant for Blunston Run Stream Restoration and Borough Wide Infiltration and Inflow Study.
Moved By: Councilor Beaty
Seconded By: Vice President Roadcloud
Motion Passed: Unanimous

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Motion to approve the Yeadon Police Pension Ordinance as per the current Collection Bargaining Agreement, Ordinance # 2023-1405.
Moved By: Councilor Beaty
Seconded By: Vice President Roadcloud
Motion Passed: Unanimous
2. Motion to appoint Clara Johnson to the Zoning Board
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud
Seconded By: Councilor Beaty
Motion Passed: Unanimous

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance

1. Motion to approve the Accounts Payable List with exclusions.
Moved By: Councilor Beaty
Seconded By: Vice President Roadcloud
Motion Passed: Unanimous

Motion to amend the previous motion to approve Accounts Payable List with excluded payments to Sharon Council-Harris \$66, Jaime Reyes \$124.98, and Jevon Julal \$175.
Moved By: President Johnson
Seconded By: Councilor Beaty
Motion Passed: Unanimous

2. Motion to approve the Cash Balance Report.

Moved By: Councilor Beaty

Seconded By: Vice President Roadcloud

Motion Passed: Unanimous

a. Budget Presentation, Nafis Nichols, Finance Director

1. Motion to approve the Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.

Moved By: Councilor Beaty

Seconded By: Vice President Roadcloud

Motion Passed: Unanimous

2. Motion to approve the advertisement of the Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.

Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud

Seconded By: Councilor Beaty

Motion Passed: Unanimous

B. Ordinances & Zoning

Zoning Use Application:

- 708 ½ church lane basement event hall (denied) owner may apply to zoning hearing board.

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Zoning Hearing Application:

- None

Hot Spots:

- 1100 Chester Ave – illegal dumping in trash container in rear- Inspector White handle it.
- 1219 S Longacre Blvd.- Clear away most of all debris in the yard and side of home, still working on this property
- 1024 Church Frankie Francis funeral director- cited for noncompliance of the removal of graffiti.
- 725 Fern St- structure issue found by -property was evacuated due to structural issues.
- 727 Fern St. was evacuated for safety issues due to structural issues.

Action Items:

- Still Working on the Home Improvement Grants
- Dumpster issues on where it is to be placed and a street permit for placement, need to be amended or write a new ordinance.
- Parkview Court apartment’s yearly inspections are almost completed.
- 725 Fern St was shored up due to structural issues and the owner was removed – waiting on the insurance company to send out a structural engineer.
- 727 Fern St insurance company sent out an engineer and stated her home was unsafe for her to stay at due to connecting to 725 Fern St.

Fire Related Issues:

- There were 2 fires at Parkview Court apartments maintenance units- I did investigations on both as the fire marshal.

Closed Items:

- Revere Crossing apartments- Dumpsters were removed from the street to a new area on their property.
- Kerr Field -construction is completed.

Upcoming Items:

- Possible zoning hearing for a basement event location in a Neighborhood commercial district

- 500 Blk Commerce Drive new owner is applying for planning approval from the county on new businesses.
- 400 Blk Industrial Drive new owner is applying for planning approval from the county on a food processing plant which is allowed by zoning.

IMPORTANT ISSUES:

- Need to appoint several Zoning Officers
- Need to appoint members to the Planning Commission
- Ordinance changed/new ordinance for street permit for dumpster pods and storage containers. See the attached drafted ordinance.

2023 Paid Property Maintenance Abatements

- Total to Date \$ 6,450.22

C. Public Safety

1. Police Department's Report

- For the month of October 2023 Yeadon Borough Police Department had responded to or prepared reports for 1,076 calls for service.
 - There were 3 Criminal Arrests in the month.
 - There were 3 Non-Traffic Citations Issued for the month.
 - There were 14 Traffic Citations issued and 369 Traffic Citations sent out for Unpaid Parking Tickets.
 - There were 893 Parking Tickets issued for the month.
 - The police department was awarded two grants: one for \$10,000 from the Edward Byrne Justice Program and another for \$4,500 from the Delaware Interactive Gaming Revenue.
1. Motion to approve suspending payment of the parking meters for the holidays from Thanksgiving through New Year's Day.
 Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud
 Seconded By: Councilor Beaty
 Motion Passed: Unanimous

D. Recreation

- This marks the final week of our vegetable program, which saw active participation from more than 50 residents. Each participant was able to take home an approximate value of \$625 worth of fresh produce throughout the program. On Sunday, October 29th, 18 residents had the opportunity to visit URBAN ROOTS FARM in NEWTOWN SQUARE for a guided tour. Jack Goldenberg, the farm's owner, provided insights into the farm's operations and led a walking tour of a portion of the expansive 26-acre property. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Jack and his dedicated team for consistently supplying our residents with high-quality produce over the past three years. A special acknowledgment goes out to Renita Austin, a Yeadon resident, who generously volunteered her services throughout the program.

- The YEAA Soccer program held at COMMUNITY PARK featured the participation of 30 young individuals who engaged in skill development camps on both Wednesdays and Saturdays, spanning four weeks.
- The GARRETT WILLIAMSON FOUNDATION is currently seeking teachers to join their CHILD CARE AND LEARNING CENTER PROGRAM. For inquiries or to express interest, please contact Giselle Constantino at 610-353-7690.
- Camp Garrett's SUMMER CAMP provides camp experiences for children aged 5 to 15 years, operating from June through August. Scholarship options are accessible, and there are employment prospects for individuals aged 16 and above. Over the past 12 years, numerous youths from YEADON have enjoyed CAMP GARRETT as campers and have also served as paid counselors. To get in touch with CAMP GARRETT, please call 610-353-7690 and ask for the CAMP DIRECTOR.
- The recreation department is actively seeking volunteers to assist with our 2024 programs. To express your interest, please reach out to Roy Hunter at 610-284-1606, extension 149, or contact him directly on his cell at 215-813-1597.

E. Public Works

Announcements/events for November:

E-Waste: 12/22/23 (Friday) 8 am to 2:30 pm

Yard-Waste: Suspended till Spring.

Leaf Season will begin on October 16, 2023, please place leaves on the curb on your normal sweeper day.

Speed Signs:

New digital speed signs are now in place on the 800 block of West Cobbs Creek Parkway & the 100 block of Providence Dr. Per the direction of the Police Depts. These signs will be moved regularly for traffic studies.

Holiday decoration:

All decorations are being prepped for the holiday season and will be installed this month.

Cleaning:

Due to Covid-19, the Public Works Department has ramped up its cleaning efforts.

Daily, The Public Works is deep cleaning the Borough Hall and Police Department top to bottom and disinfecting all high-touch surfaces and trafficked areas frequently throughout the day.

- Disinfecting Schedule (electrostatic disinfectant)
- Library on Tuesdays and the Borough Hall on Wednesdays.

IX. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Johnson conveyed Councilwoman Brooks' gratitude to the mayor for the heartfelt citation honoring her husband, Mr. Brooks. Additionally, she announced the Yeadon Ambassador Advisory Board and is seeking 1-2 individuals from each precinct to provide ideas and input on various borough matters. The Tree Lighting Ceremony is scheduled for December 5th.

The Black Saturday shopping event at the library was a success.

President Johnson announced the upcoming Yeadon Economic Development Corporation (YEDC) business forum, with details to be announced on the website. For more information, residents can contact Alan at 610-220-2565.

The last newsletter for 2023 will be released at the year's end, and residents are encouraged to contribute information or pictures by emailing csapp@yeadonborough.com.

A Holiday Meet and Greet is scheduled for December 22nd at 3 pm, welcoming volunteers, veterans, seniors, and staff. President Johnson will engage with a representative from Mercy Fitzgerald regarding CPR classes for adults and youth.

X. ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by the Borough Secretary.