



BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
BOROUGH COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 26, 2023

Meeting began

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

Rohan K. Hepkins, Mayor	Absent
Learin Johnson, President	Present
Liana Roadcloud, Vice President	Present
Sharon Council-Harris	Absent
Nicole Beaty	Present
LaToya Monroe	Present
Tomeka (Taliah) Jones-Waters	Absent
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. Anna thanked Council for posting accounts payable expenses on the website. She emphasized the need for careful consideration of future expenses and suggested exploring alternatives to the current engineering firm to manage Borough expenses effectively. Ms. Anna also raised concerns about the costs incurred due to fiscal mismanagement and lawsuits, proposing a detailed analysis of these expenses. Additionally, she urged continued efforts to address Councilors who consistently violate their oath by not attending meetings, suggesting possible actions for their removal or resignation.
2. Joseph Williams, representing a Black-owned energy company, expressed gratitude for the opportunity to address the council. He shared that his company, Centilion2.com, aims to save Yeadon money on utilities and offers a fundraising program for the school. Mr. Joseph, a former Yeadon resident, proposed a 15-minute appointment to discuss how their services could benefit the borough. He highlighted their success, including a contract with US Steel and a pending \$9,000,000 contract with the City of Philadelphia for electric provision. Mr. Joseph emphasized his company's desire to contribute positively and requested guidance on collaborating with Yeadon Borough.

IV. MINUTES

1. Motion to approve the November 28, 2023, Legislative Meeting Minutes.
Moved By: Councilor Beaty
Seconded By: Vice President Roadcloud
Motion Passed: Unanimous

V. MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Motion for the advertisement of the 2024 Reorganization of Borough Council Meeting, January 2, 2024, at 7 pm with swearing-in ceremony starting at 6:15 pm.
Moved By: Councilor Monroe
Seconded By: Vice President Roadcloud
Motion Passed: Unanimous
2. Motion to adopt the 2024 Yeadon Borough recognized holiday schedule.
Moved By: Councilor Beaty
Seconded By: Councilor Monroe
Motion Passed: Unanimous
3. Motion to advertise the 2024 Public Meeting Schedule for the Yeadon Borough Council.
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud
Seconded By: Councilor Beaty
Motion Passed: Unanimous

VI. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Kilkenny provided an update to everyone, extending holiday greetings. He addressed the vigorous debate during the previous meeting regarding the frequent absences of certain councilors. In response, his office has drafted a letter for a quo warranto action to be sent to District Attorney Stollsteimer. This action requires the district attorney or the attorney general to initiate the process of removing a council member. After briefly discussing the draft with Vice President Roadcloud, Mr. Kilkenny plans to share it with the entire group. If the council agrees, it may be included in the reorganization agenda for potential action. Mr. Kilkenny also expressed his intention to personally call District Attorney Stollsteimer to inform him about the letter and provide context for the proposed action.

VII. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

In the absence of Ms. Hughes, Mr. Nichols presented the Tax Collector's report. He informed everyone that the Tax Collector's office will be open today, 12/26, tomorrow, 12/27, and Wednesday, 12/28. This is for the convenience of Borough residents who still need to settle their taxes before they are forwarded to the county and classified as delinquent.

From 11/1/2023 to 12/16/2023 a total of 133,345.80 was collected.

VIII. ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. Motion to open a public hearing for the CDBG grant application.
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud
Seconded By: Councilor Monroe
Motion Passed: Unanimous

Megan from Pennoni Engineering provided information about the application for the Delaware County CDBG program. The Borough had previously received funding for the completed sanitary sewer replacement project on Cyprus and the upcoming Duff Avenue Road rehabilitation. The current application, falling under the same funding category, is for the 900 block of Myra Avenue, addressing recent issues with the sanitary sewer and failing systems. The proposed project aims to replace the main sewer down the center of the road and the connecting laterals to properties in the area, totaling an estimated \$250,000. The Borough's portion is covered under engineering fees, with no additional match required. If the grant is received, construction costs will be directly covered by the county. The application deadline is January 5, focusing on the sanitary sewer replacement along Myra Avenue based on recent issues identified in collaboration with Public Works Superintendent Mike P.

2. Motion to close the public hearing for the CDBG grant application.
Moved By: Councilor Monroe
Seconded By: Vice President Roadcloud
Motion Passed: Unanimous
3. Motion to approve Resolution #2023-010 submission of the 2024 Delaware County Community Development Block Grant application for the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation on Myra Avenue.
Moved By: Councilor Monroe
Seconded By: Vice President Roadcloud
Motion Passed: Unanimous
4. Motion to authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare the CDBG application.
Moved By: Councilor Beaty
Seconded By: Vice President Roadcloud
Motion Passed: Unanimous

IX. REPORTS AND MOTIONS

A. Finance Report

1. Motion to approve the Accounts Payable List.
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud
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
3. Motion to approve the Final Budget for the Borough of Yeadon Fiscal Year 2024.
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud
Seconded By: Councilor Beaty
Motion Passed: Unanimous
4. Motion to adopt the 2024 Tax Levy, Ordinance #2023-1406.
Moved By: Councilor Beaty
Seconded By: Councilor Monroe
Motion Passed: Unanimous

5. Motion to approve the grant application for the Senior Community Services (SCS) donation request of \$7,500.
 Moved By: Councilor Monroe
 Seconded By: Vice President Monroe
 Motion Passed: Unanimous

6. Motion to approve the grant application for the Yeadon Education Athletic Association (YEAA) donation request of \$10,000.
 Moved By: Councilor Monroe
 Seconded By: Vice President Roadcloud
 Motion Passed: Unanimous

B. Ordinances and Zoning

Code Director Stokes reported,

Zoning Use Application:

- None

Zoning Hearing Application:

- None

Hot Spots:

- 1100 Chester Ave – illegal dumping in trash container in the rear- Inspector White handled it.
- 1219 S Longacre Blvd.- Cleared away most of all debris in the yard and side of the 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 -the property was evacuated due to structural issues.
- 727 Fern St. was evacuated for safety issues due to structural issues.

Action Items:

- Working on the home Improvement grants-
- 14 W Providence Rd. explosion and collapse issue is still being investigated by multiple agencies
- 725 Fern St waiting on the report of the public adjustor and insurance company.
- 727 Fern St insurance company sent out an engineer and stated her home was unsafe for her to stay at due to the connection to 725 Fern St.

Fire Related Issues:

- small electrical fire on 1000 Bullock Ave- the owner was advised to correct the issue.

Closed Items:

- Kerr Field - construction is completed.
- 400 S Lansdowne Ave apartments yearly inspections completed.

Upcoming Items:

- 414 Industrial Park Drive submitted demo permit- being reviewed by a commercial inspector.
- Demo application submitted for Fitz 1500 S Lansdowne Ave 2nd floor ER building for new dentistry lab.

IMPORTANT ISSUES:

- I was requested to present a plaque to the administrator of Grace Mrs. Arlisha Fields by her employer Human Good Corporation on her dedication to the residence and her employer.
- Need to appoint several Zoning Officers
- Need to appoint members to the Planning Commission

- Ordinance changed/new ordinance for a street permit for dumpster pods and storage containers.

Property Abatements total to date \$9,142.37

Code Department Revenue for November 2023 \$42,257.69

C. Emergency Management

The Yeadon Borough Emergency Management works with all Yeadon Borough Departments and other agencies to keep advised of any emergencies that may impact Yeadon Borough.

There is another FEMA class coming up: December 14, at 8:30

G0402 Incident Command System Overview for Senior Officials (Executives, Elected, & Appointed) – EMSI. Home Training Incident Command System FEMA All-Hazards Training
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All courses are free of charge. Feel free to add any additional courses if you so desire. Upon completion of each course, take the exam. You must score 75% or better to pass. Upon passing, download the certificate and forward a copy to the Emergency Management Director.

D. Public Works

Announcements/events for November:

- E-Waste: 1/26/24 (Friday) 8am to 2:30 pm
- Yard-Waste: Suspended till Spring.

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

All Snowplows and Salt spreaders are ready for the winter season.

E. Public Safety

1. Police Department's Report

- Motion to approve the disposition of public records in the Yeadon Borough Police Department as attached in Exhibit A.
Moved By: Councilor Monroe
Seconded By: Councilor Beaty
Motion Passed: Unanimous

X. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Johnson reported that due to family business and upcoming travel, that she will be stepping down from the roles of Public Works, Recreation, President of the Yeadon Borough Council, and liaison to the Yeadon Economic Development Corporation. Councilor Beaty is appointed to take on the role of Recreation Chair. The resignations are effective January 2, 2024, providing time for President Johnson to attend to family matters.

President Johnson proceeded to provide the recreation report stating,

- The 108th Pennsylvania Farm Show is scheduled to take place from January 6th to January 13 at the Farm Show Arena in Harrisburg. This year's theme is "CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES," highlighting the interdependence between the URBAN and RURAL sectors of our state. The event offers excellent opportunities to explore this connection. Attendees can engage in workshops covering various topics such as canning and preserving food, culinary arts, winemaking, baking, and even entomology (BUGS).The show promises not only educational experiences but also the chance to indulge in delicious food. If you're interested in attending, please reach out to Roy Hunter at 610-284-1606 or 215-813-1597.
- The 2024 Philadelphia Flower Show is set to be hosted at the Pennsylvania Convention Center from March 2 to March 10. For those interested in attending, please contact Roy Hunter at 215-813-1597.
- The Penn State Master Gardeners are hosting a series of workshops, and the public is encouraged to attend. Topics include Native Trees for your yard, Landscaping with Native Plants, Landscaping for Water Quality, Building an Insect Garden, Container Gardening with limited space, and more. For additional information, please refer to the Borough website.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by the Borough Secretary.