



BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
BOROUGH COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES
MAY 16, 2024

Meeting began at 7:00 pm.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

Rohan K. Hepkins, Mayor	Present
LaToya Monroe, President	Present
Liana Roadcloud, Vice President	Present
Nicole Beaty	Present
Michael Trent	Present
Jessie Peets	Present
Antoinette Truehart	Present
Learin Johnson	Present
Kilkenny Law, Solicitor	Present
Yolanda Hughes, Tax Collector	Present
Joseph Viscuso, Engineer	Absent
Nafis Nichols, Finance Director	Present

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

1. Liz Alecknavage raised concerns about fiscal responsibility, questioning the \$12,500 payment for an accreditation manual that was supposed to be covered by a grant. She also highlighted that \$11,138 was spent on police uniforms this month, including \$3,324 just for shirts. She suggested this spending was unnecessary and speculated it might be motivated by Chief Giammarco's desire to replace existing police patches, calling it wasteful and fiscally irresponsible.
2. Ms. Anna raised several questions regarding the accounts payable list. She noted a bulk purchase of shirts totaling over \$3,300 and questioned if this was to replace shirts with a new patch. She also asked for clarity on whether the engineering costs listed are covered by grant money and suggested a way to clearly indicate grant coverage on the AP list. Additionally, she inquired about an expense for the zoning solicitor, Rudolph Clark, despite no recent zoning hearings, seeking an explanation for this cost.

IV. MINUTES

1. Motion to approve the April 11, 2024, Caucus Meeting Minutes.
Moved By: Councilor Beaty
Seconded By: Vice President Roadcloud
Motion Passed: Unanimous

2. Motion to approve the April 18, 2024, Legislative Meeting Minutes.
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud
Seconded By: Councilor Truehart
Motion Passed: Unanimous

V. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hepkins asked that his report stand as submitted during last week's Caucus meeting with the addition that Flag Day is on June 15, 2014.

VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Monroe stated she was going to discuss Flag Day, but since Councilor Beaty is present, she'll let her handle that. Just a quick reminder about Flag Day.

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Nichols stated that his report stands as submitted at Caucus.

VIII. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Kilkenny provided Council with updates on the following:

The litigation authorized by Council regarding the Frankie Francis case has been filed and accepted in Delaware County. It is now with the Delaware County Sheriff's Office for service and will subsequently be transferred to the Philadelphia Sheriff's Office. Efforts are underway to ensure prompt service due to the contentious nature of the case.

Additionally, Ms. Marsini drafted a letter to Judge Cartisano, president judge of the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas, addressing scheduling and service issues in the district court. Despite prior discussions with solicitor Mr. Musi yielding no resolution, the letter aims to schedule a meeting directly with Judge Cartisano.

Lastly, Mr. Kilkenny's office collaborated closely with the police on amending the towing ordinance, an item scheduled for discussion and advancement during tonight's meeting.

IX. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Hughes reported the following:

I'd like to remind residents that May 31st, a Saturday, is the deadline for paying taxes at face value. Starting June 1st, there will be a 10% penalty applied. We're currently processing deposits sent directly to Republic Bank, and the system appears to be functioning smoothly; we're in the process of catching up with them. I expect this process to be completed no later than the first Monday in June, coinciding with the start of the penalty phase for collections.

For the period from April 1st to April 30th, the total taxes collected amounted to \$80,499.84, with a discount of \$110.57 and no penalties, totaling \$80,389.27. Of this amount, the real estate portion was \$50,299.87. That concludes my report.

X. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Nichols informed everyone that the engineer has completed responses to the Delaware County Planning Department regarding two demolition applications. Additionally, attention is now focused on the \$500,000 LSA grant originally designated for a new recreation center. Given current constraints, there's a plan to request repurposing these funds. A meeting is scheduled for Monday, where Council's input will be sought to explore alternative uses aligned with recreational or outdoor space projects, as recommended by the state. Mr. Nichols emphasized ongoing preparations for submitting revised plans following a forthcoming meeting involving himself, the engineer, and Crystal.

XI. REPORTS AND MOTIONS

A. Finance

1. Motion to approve the Accounts Payable List for May 2024.
Moved By: Councilor Johnson
Seconded By: Councilor Trent
Motion Passed: Unanimous
2. Motion to approve the Accounts Payable Addition List for May 2024.
Moved By: Councilor Johnson
Seconded By: Councilor Trent
Motion Passed: Unanimous
3. Motion to approve the Cash Balance Report.
Moved By: Councilor Trent
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous

B. Ordinances & Zoning

Mr. Stokes asked that the report stand as submitted at Caucus.

C. Public Works

Mr. Pozzuolo asked that his report stand as submitted at the Caucus meeting.

D. Public Safety

1. Police Department's Report

The report stands as submitted at the Caucus meeting.

1. Motion for the advertisement of Ordinance #2024-003 Immobilization of Vehicles.
Moved By: Councilor Johnson
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous

2. Motion to advertise and solicit RFPs for Police and Borough towing services.
Moved By: Councilor Johnson
Seconded By: Councilor Truehart
Motion Passed: Unanimous

E. Recreation

Mr. Hunter's report remains unchanged, except for his gratitude to everyone who attended the composting workshop. He mentioned that more workshops will follow. Additionally, there will be another free rain barrel workshop at Morton Borough on June 10th.

Councilor Beaty announced that Flag Day will be on the 15th of next month, starting at 10 a.m. The parade will begin at the island near Tri Star and proceed to Church Lane. Veterans will be included in the parade, with Councilor Peets organizing their participation. A committee meeting was planned for June 4th, but this conflicts with the mayor's forum, so a new date will be scheduled. Volunteers for the committee are welcome. The availability of shirts will be announced by Mr. Hunter. Lawn signs are available, and door knockers will be distributed next week in the Borough. For any questions, please contact Councilor Beaty or Mr. Hunter. Councilor Beaty thanked everyone for their help so far and expressed excitement for the event.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion to adjourn.
Moved By: Councilor Truehart
Seconded By: Councilor Peets

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by the Borough Secretary.