

BOROUGH OF YEADON DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA BOROUGH COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

Meeting began at 7: 00pm.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

Rohan K. Hepkins, Mayor Present via telecommunication

LaToya Monroe, President Present
Liana Roadcloud, Vice President Present
Nicole Beaty Present
Michael Trent Present
Jessie Peets Present
Antoinette Truehart Absent

Learin Johnson Present arrived at 7:05 pm

Kilkenny Law, Solicitor Present
Yolanda Hughes, Tax Collector Absent
Joseph Viscuso, Engineer Present
Nafis Nichols, Finance Director Present
Rafi Cave, Borough Manager Present

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

No Public Comment

IV. MINUTES

1. Motion to approve the August 15, 2024, Legislative Meeting Minutes.

Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud

Seconded By: Councilor Trent Motion Passed: Unanimous

V. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hepkins asked that his report stand as submitted at Caucus.

VI. MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Motion for the advertisement of Ordinance #2024-004 Regulating Smoke Shops and Tobacco Stores.

Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud

Seconded By: Councilor Peets Motion Passed: Unanimous

2. Motion for the adoption of Ordinance #2024-005 amending 285-51 Metered Parking Lots

Established.

Moved By: Councilor Beaty

Seconded By: Vice President Roadcloud

Motion Passed: Unanimous

3. Motion for the advertisement of Ordinance #2024-007 amending 285-34 Parking of Commercial,

Heavy, and Recreational Vehicles Prohibited on Certain Streets.

Moved By: Councilor Peets Seconded By: Councilor Trent Motion Passed: Unanimous

4. Motion to award the Yeadon Borough Towing Contract to Seiple's Towing.

Moved By: Councilor Johnson Seconded By: Councilor Beaty Motion Passed: Unanimous

5. Motion to approve the hiring of Katherine Gallagher to the position of Part-time Library Assistant at the rate of \$13.50/hr. with an effective date of August 26, 2024.

Moved By: Councilor Peets Seconded By: Councilor Beaty Motion Passed: Unanimous

6. Motion to approve the hiring of Niphon Temple to the position of Code Enforcement Officer at the salary of \$42,500 with an effective date of October 7, 2024, pending a completed and approved background check and Motor Vehicle Report.

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

7. Motion to approve the resignation of Employee #10202 effective August 31, 2024.

Moved By: Councilor Beaty

Seconded By: Vice President Roadcloud

Motion Passed: Unanimous

8. Motion to approve the resignation of Employee #9608 effective September 27, 2024.

Moved By: Councilor Johnson Seconded By: Councilor Peets Motion Passed: Unanimous 9. Motion to approve the termination of Employee #10256 effective August 19, 2024.

Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud

Seconded By: Councilor Beaty Motion Passed: Unanimous

VII. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

1. Motion to approve the Agreement of Sale between the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Delaware and the Borough of Yeadon for the property located at 0 Church Lane for \$1.

Moved By: Councilor Johnson

Seconded By: Vice President Roadcloud

Motion Passed: Unanimous

Mr. Kilkenny provided the following updates:

Our office has been busy. We've been working on developer stormwater and financial security agreements for 404 Industrial Park Drive, which was previously approved by the Council. We are also collaborating with Mr. Womack and the code enforcement team to create a streamlined plan for lien and abatement processes, in conjunction with the Borough Fire Marshal.

Additionally, we've assisted Borough staff with the commercial truck parking ordinance, which was discussed for advertising tonight. Regarding the smoke shops ordinance, because it is a zoning ordinance, it involves a more complex process than a regular ordinance. It will be submitted to our planning commission and the Delaware County Planning Department, followed by a public hearing before it can be adopted.

VIII. ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. Motion to award the Community Park Improvement Project to Ernel Construction Inc.

Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud

Seconded By: Councilor Peets

Motion to amend the previous motion to include the project alternates.

Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud

Seconded By: Councilor Beaty Motion Passed: Unanimous

2. Motion to proceed with General Recreation Inc. COSTAR's purchase of play equipment and park

furnishings for Community Park.

Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud

Seconded By: Councilor Peets Motion Passed: Unanimous

Megan from Pennoni Engineering updated the Council on the following:

We have spoken with the contractor for the road program, and their goal is to start in mid-October. We are currently working with PennDOT to get all necessary approvals, which we anticipate will be secured by mid-October. We will keep you informed and provide an exact start date as soon as it is confirmed.

IX. REPORTS AND MOTIONS

A. Finance

1. Motion to approve the Accounts Payable List for September 2024.

Moved By: Councilor Johnson Seconded By: Councilor Peets Motion Passed: Unanimous

2. Motion to amend the agenda to reflect the consideration of the August Cash Balance Report.

Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud

Seconded By: Councilor Peets Motion Passed: Unanimous

3. Motion to approve the August Cash Balance Report.

Moved By: Councilor Peets Seconded By: Councilor Beaty Motion Passed: Unanimous

B. Ordinances & Zoning

Mr. Womack stated that his report stands as submitted at the Caucus meeting.

C. Public Safety

1. Police Department's Report

Chief Giammarco provided the following update:

My report stands as read at Caucus. I would like to add that today, members of the Yeadon Borough Police Department, along with FOP Lodge 27, attended Officer Roman's funeral in Philadelphia. We were well represented.

Additionally, regarding the Borough Manager's discussion, we are looking forward to the upcoming blood drive. As a note, the fire department isn't present again, but the police department is. If you donate blood that day, please ensure you mark it as a donation for the police.

2. Emergency Management

Chief Giammarco stated that his report stands as submitted at Caucus.

D. Recreation

Councilor Beaty provided the following update:

I want to remind everyone about our Veterans Day brunch on November 9th. Please help spread the word. If you are a veteran, a relative of a veteran, or the spouse of a veteran, please register for the event. It's completely free, and we're looking forward to a great time.

Mr. Hunter reported the following:

My report stands as submitted, but I have one addition. The Yeadon Community Garden at Yeadon Community Park has now completed its fourth season. This year, we harvested various vegetables, including tomatoes, corn, and eggplant. Unfortunately, some of the vegetables were stolen, but we plan to build a higher fence next year. We want to thank the volunteers for their dedication, time, energy, and financial support.

The vegetable program is halfway through, and there are vegetables available downstairs tonight, including red, orange, and green tomatoes, as well as some eggplant. Feel free to take some on your way out.

Additionally, the Eastern Delaware County Stormwater Collaborative is hosting its annual MCM6 training on Thursday, October 10th, from 8:30 to 10:30 AM via Zoom. The training is open to public works employees, borough administrators, council members, and the public, focusing on stormwater runoff.

X. ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion to adjourn.

Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud Seconded By: Councilor Beaty

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by the Borough Secretary.