



BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
BOROUGH COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 16, 2025

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	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 December 12, 2024, Caucus Meeting Minutes.
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous
2. Motion to approve the December 19, 2024, Legislative Meeting Minutes.
Moved By: Councilor Truehart
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous

V. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hepkins reported the following:

My report stands as submitted last week at Caucus with nothing new to add.

VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Motion to dispose of the tabled motion from the 12/19/24, Legislative meeting regarding Handicap Parking.
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud
Seconded By: Councilor Beaty
Motion Passed: Unanimous

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Motion to adopt Ordinance number 2024-015: Lead Inspections Established.
Moved By: Councilor Johnson
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous
2. Motion to amend agenda item 7b. to the approval of Resolution number 2025-001 the intergovernmental cooperation agreement with the Delaware County Redevelopment Authority's Land Bank.
Moved By: Councilor Beaty
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous

Motion to approve Resolution number 2025-001 the intergovernmental cooperation agreement with the Delaware County Redevelopment Authority's Land Bank.
Moved By: Councilor Johnson
Seconded By: Councilor Truehart
Motion Passed: Unanimous
3. Motion for the hiring of Elisa Wiah as a Full-time Library Youth Services Director at a starting rate of \$33,000 pending the successful completion of a background check.
Moved: Councilor Peets
Seconded By: Councilor Truehart
Motion Passed: Unanimous
4. Motion for the hiring of Tris-Ann Valentine as a Part-time Library Assistant at a starting rate of \$13.50/hour pending the successful completion of a background check.
Moved By: Councilor Truehart
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous

VIII. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Kilkenny provided the following update:

Ms. Bryant appeared in court regarding parking code violations. The team is also collaborating with Borough staff, Mr. Cave, and the William Penn School District on a zoning application. Additionally, they have been working with Borough Engineer Ms. Todaro and Pennoni on the demolition of 1219 S. Longacre.

IX. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Nichols provided the following update stating that Mr. Cave, Ms. Sapp, and he met with a potential professional firm that specializes in tax collection for other municipalities in Delaware County. The firm has provided an engagement letter for Council's review, which was received just today around 5 p.m. The firm conducted an initial assessment to ensure that the 2024 books will be closed on time and that tax bills for 2025 will be prepared as scheduled.

X. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Megan from Pennoni Engineering provided the following updates:

She mentioned three project updates, although there were no action items at this time. First, the work at Community Park is ongoing, even in the cold weather. A lot of the playground equipment has been installed, and the pavilions are also being set up. The remaining tasks include the stormwater system installation and parking lot repaving. Stormwater work will continue through the winter, as long as there isn't too much snow, and paving will be completed in the spring when weather conditions improve. Once the weather warms up, the playground will be finished.

Next, regarding the West Cobbs Creek design, Megan shared that Pennoni had their monthly meeting with PennDOT earlier this month, where they discussed permitting and projected timelines. The goal is to begin bidding the project in late summer or early fall, with an award at the end of the year. Construction is expected to start in early 2026.

Lastly, regarding the MacDade and Church project, confirmation was received from the contractor that the one-way road change will begin in early February. Letters with a diagram were sent to all affected residents. Megan confirmed that these letters should have been posted on the website as well, and she mentioned that the one-way change will go into effect next month. Exact dates will be shared as they become available.

XI. REPORTS

A. Finance

1. Motion to approve the Accounts Payable List for January 2025.
Moved By: Councilor Johnson
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous

2. Motion to approve the December 2024 Cash Balance Report.
Moved By: Councilor Johnson
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous

B. Ordinances & Zoning

The report stands as submitted at Caucus.

C. Public Works

Mr. Pozzuolo stated that his previous Caucus report remains as submitted but wanted to update everyone that the gas company has informed him they will be replacing approximately 6,000 feet of gas line along Union Avenue, Bailey Road, and Wycombe Avenue. This work will involve some detours and disruptions. A meeting is scheduled for next Thursday on the third floor to discuss the details and ensure proper notifications and detours are in place. All parties will be involved to ensure the process goes as smoothly as possible.

D. Public Safety

1. Police Department's Report

The report stands as submitted at Caucus.

E. Planning Commission

1. Motion to appoint William Mellix to the Planning Commission.
Moved By: Councilor Johnson
Seconded By: Councilor Trent
Motion Passed: Unanimous
2. Motion to approve the adjustment of lot lines at 101 A Lincoln Avenue.
Moved By: Councilor Beaty
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous

F. Recreation

Councilor Beaty Councilor Beaty provided an update, stating that the Recreation report stands as submitted. However, she will be meeting with the Nile board next Friday to discuss the Juneteenth celebration and explore the possibility of a partnership. More information will be shared after the meeting.

Mr. Hunter added to the report, noting that a rain garden workshop will be held on March 1st at the Haverford Community Environmental Center in Haverford Township. Information about the event will be shared soon, and residents interested in installing a rain garden on their property are encouraged to attend. Additionally, a rain barrel workshop will be scheduled later in the spring, with one planned to take place at the Borough. He also highlighted the new tax insert titled "When It Rains, It Drains," which features a colorful design. Efforts will be made to distribute it in schools, as he believes it will appeal to children.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by the Borough Secretary.