



BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
BOROUGH COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 20, 2025

Meeting began at 7:14 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	Absent
Nafis Nichols, Finance Director	Present
Rafi Cave, Borough Manager	Present

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

1. Stacy Johnson, a resident of Yeadon since 1978, thanked Mr. Cave, Carla, Jamie from Public Works, and Connie for their efforts in ensuring trash pickup occurred this week. She expressed frustration with frequent missed pickups, especially on her block of North Longacre, which she feels is a public health hazard. Ms. Johnson suggested that the Borough include a clause in the trash contract requiring pickups within 24 hours if missed, as her block and others were skipped on President's Day.
2. Clara Johnson addressed Council regarding Graceland, noting that she had spoken with Mike, the public works director, about the property. She proposed that Council consider posting signs at all Borough properties, similar to those at the public works building, which include ordinance numbers and fines. Ms. Clara also shared plans to begin upgrading Graceland in April or May and presented a picture to Council to show the envisioned improvements, though it may not be an exact representation.
3. Mr. Francis expressed concern about trash blowing down the streets despite public works' efforts, urging residents and visitors to help keep the area clean. He also thanked Clara Johnson for leading the Graceland Cemetery maintenance project in 2023 and emphasized the importance of respecting the cemetery by preventing trash. He shared photos related to both issues and thanked Council for their time.

4. Darian Hamlin addressed Council, reminding them of a previous complaint about a hole in his street between 1225 and 1241, which was discussed at a meeting last December. Despite being patient and attending several meetings, Hamlin has not seen any action or heard back. He asked for an update on the situation, noting that there's a large dip in the street causing noise throughout the day and night.

IV. MINUTES

1. Motion to approve the January 9, 2025, Caucus Meeting Minutes.
Moved By: Councilor Johnson
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous
2. Motion to approve the January 16, 2025, Legislative Meeting Minutes.
Moved By: Councilor Johnson
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous

V. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hepkins reported two items. First, the next mayor's forum has been rescheduled to next week, February 27th, at 7:00 PM in Borough Hall. The forum will cover fire prevention and include an introduction to the fire department. Additionally, if Council approves the officers he will motion for, they could be sworn in during the meeting next week.

1. Motion for the hiring of Donald Beese, Brendan McElwee, and Jason Benditt as full-time Police Officers for the Yeadon Police Department contingent upon the successful completion of a background investigation, medical physical, psychological exam, and polygraph.
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud
Seconded By: Councilor Beaty
Motion Passed: Unanimous

VI. MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Motion to extend the probationary period of Employee #10273 currently employed as a Full-time Enforcement Officer until March 20, 2025.
Moved By: Councilor Beaty
Seconded By: Councilor Truehart
Motion Passed: Unanimous
2. Motion to extend the probationary period of Employee #10274 currently employed as a Full-time Front Desk Receptionist / Hall Coordinator until March 20, 2025.
Moved By: Councilor Johnson
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous

Motion to approve Resolution 2025-002 to appoint Elisa Ford to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term of 5 years.

Moved By: Councilor Peets

Seconded By: Councilor Johnson

Motion Passed: Unanimous

Motion to amend the previous motion to approving Resolution 2025-002 to appoint Elisa Ford to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term of 5 years effective today 2/20/2025.

Moved By: Councilor Beaty

Seconded By: Councilor Peets

Motion Passed: Unanimous

VII. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Kilkenny provided the following update:

Council held an executive session before the meeting to discuss personnel matters. He also highlighted that over the past month, Ms. Bryant has been working on attending summary appeals for various code violations on behalf of the borough. She has been involved in preparing for litigation related to 1024 Church Lane, assisting the borough manager with the land bank property referrals initiative, and working on upcoming sheriff sales. Additionally, the office is handling the filing of liens for delinquent property taxes in the borough. This concluded the solicitor's report.

VIII. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Nichols gave the tax collector's report, stating that progress is steady with the 2025 bills, and residents should have received their bills by now. Starting tomorrow, online payments will be available, as the necessary files will be uploaded today, and the system will go live in the morning. Current office hours for the tax collector are on Wednesdays for in-person payments, but residents are also encouraged to use the lockbox for payments to ensure they are posted. This concluded the tax collector's report.

IX. REPORTS

A. Finance

1. Motion to approve the Accounts Payable List for February 2025.

Moved By: Councilor Peets

Seconded By: Councilor Truehart

Motion Passed: Unanimous

2. Motion to approve the Accounts Payable Additions List for February 2025.

Moved By: Councilor Peets

Seconded By: Councilor Beaty

Motion Passed: Unanimous

3. Motion to approve the January 2025 Cash Balance Report.

Moved By: Councilor Truehart

Seconded By: Vice President Roadcloud

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 with just a few updates. The gas main project from Wycombe Avenue to Fairview is progressing, starting in Darby at MacDade Boulevard and moving this way, so there should be no interruptions for about a month. Regarding passport parking, meter removal has begun, and proper signage is being installed. Work started today from Penn Street to Myra Avenue, and signs will continue going up. The chief will provide further details on the program. That concludes my report.

D. Public Safety

1. Police Department's Report

Chief Giammarco provided the following updates, expressing gratitude to Council and the Mayor for bringing in a strong group of new officers with a combined 26 years of experience. He praised their talent and familiarity with the area, comparing the selection process to drafting top-tier athletes. The existing officers are excited about the new additions, and he is confident they will enhance an already strong team. He also confirmed that the Passport parking system will be up and running by March 3rd.

E. Planning Commission

Councilor Truehart announced that the next Planning Commission meeting will be on the first Thursday in March, where they will finalize their strategic planning session. The agenda will include discussions on the Old Yeadon Swim Club and plans for a community meeting to share updates and gather input. Details of the community session will be planned and announced soon.

F. Recreation

Councilor Beaty stated that the recreation report stands as submitted. Flag Day is scheduled for June 14th, and the next committee meeting will be on Tuesday, March 4th.

Mr. Hunter added that dates for the Rain Barrel Workshops are being finalized, with one of six possible dates in May. The scheduling will be coordinated around recreation and code committee meetings, and updates will be provided soon.

X. ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion to adjourn.

Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud

Seconded By: Councilor Truehart

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by the Borough Secretary