



BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
BOROUGH COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 17, 2025

Meeting began at 7:06 pm.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

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

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

NO COMMENTS

IV. MINUTES

1. Motion to approve the March 13, 2025, Caucus Meeting Minutes.
Moved By: Councilor Beaty
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous
2. Motion to approve the March 20, 2025, Legislative Meeting Minutes.
Moved By: Councilor Peets
Seconded By: Councilor Johnson
Motion Passed: Unanimous

V. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mr. Cave read Mayor Hepkins' report in his absence.

The Mayor held the first quarterly Citizen's Forum of the year on Thursday, February 27, in the Borough's Social Hall. Three (3) Full-time Officers were sworn in, and we also had a building update from Mr. Deans of the WPSD. The next Mayor's Forum will be held on Thursday, June 5, 2025.

Police Staffing Update

Three (3) new Police Officers were sworn in at the Mayor's Forum on February 27th and started active duty on Monday, March 11. This will bring the Yeadon Police Department up to full staffing with 20 Full-time Officers, along with one (1) Part-Time, Officer Norman Rowland. We will incur another vacancy when an officer is due to retire in August.

Special thanks to the Civil Service Commission for successfully spearheading the hiring process for full-time officers, as well as a special thank you to Borough Council for approving these hires.

Special Earth Day Yeadon Spring Clean-up Saturday, April 19

On Saturday, April 19, from 8:00 am to Noon, Yeadon will host a Clean-up and Tree Planting event coinciding with Earth Day. We will meet at West Cobbs Creek Parkway and Parmley Avenue, which will be the focus area. Residents are asked to volunteer and pitch in with the Mayor and other Councilors. Many supplies for the clean-up will be on-hand, but feel free to bring your own as well. Special thanks to Borough Council Vice-Chair Liana Roadcloud for spearheading the event. For more information, please visit our Borough website at yeadonborough.com or email info@yeadonborough.com to volunteer.

VI. MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Motion for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2025-003 amending 285-32 Special Purpose and Special Permit Parking Zones.
Moved By: Councilor Johnson
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous
2. Motion to advertise Ordinance No. 2025-004 amending 220-70: Abatement Impounding and Violations.
Moved By: Councilor Beaty
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous

VII. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Kilkenny announced that Council met in executive session this evening at 6:30 p.m. to discuss matters related to litigation and personnel. These discussions were held in accordance with the Pennsylvania Sunshine Law.

For this month's solicitor's report, Mr. Kilkenny stated that his office drafted an amended ordinance updating the penalties for abandoned vehicles and impoundment.

The solicitor's office is also involved in ongoing litigation concerning properties at 1024 Church Lane and 548 West Providence Road. In addition, Ms. Bryant has been in contact with Mr. Scott regarding a land bank referral, as well as exploring additional options in collaboration with Delaware County under the Blighted Properties and Conservation Act.

Finally, Mr. Kilkenny noted that his office holds monthly meetings with Mr. Cave and the borough engineer to review joint matters and ensure Council remains informed on legal and development issues.

VIII. ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. Motion to approve a Resolution for the submission of a Small Water and Sewer Grant for Stormwater Improvements on Darnell Ave.
Moved By: Councilor Beaty
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous
2. Motion to approve a Resolution for the submission of a Small Water and Sewer grant for sanitary improvements on the 800 block of Bullock Ave.
Moved By: Councilor Beaty
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous
3. Motion for approval to proceed with bidding of the Road Program.
Moved By: Councilor Johnson
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous

Mr. Viscuso reported a few key updates for Council's attention:

First, regarding 1219 Longacre, the demolition contracts are currently being executed by the contractor. As a reminder, bids were received several months ago, but the project was delayed due to legal issues. Those matters have now been resolved, and the project is moving forward. Demolition is expected to occur within the next 60 days.

Second, the Borough has received a grant for a borough-wide Infiltration and Inflow (I&I) Study, which will help address ongoing sanitary sewer concerns. That study is now underway.

Lastly, Mr. Viscuso shared that PennDOT is conducting a countywide curb ramp replacement program. While the Borough completed its own ADA curb ramp replacements at several intersections last year, PennDOT crews will soon be working at the following intersections within Yeadon:

- Church & Gunther
- Church & Parmley
- Church & Darnell
- Church & Rader
- MacDade & Serrell

He clarified that this work is entirely a PennDOT project and not related to current Borough capital improvements.

IX. REPORTS

A. Finance

1. Motion to approve the Accounts Payable List for April 2025.
Moved By: Councilor Johnson
Seconded By: Councilor Beaty
Motion Passed: Unanimous
2. Motion to approve the March 2025 Cash Balance Report.
Moved By: Councilor Peets
Seconded By: Councilor Trent
Motion Passed: Unanimous

B. Ordinances & Zoning

The report stands as submitted at Caucus.

C. Public Works

Mr. Pozzuolo began by introducing Catherine Houck, the new Public Works Director. Ms. Houck addressed Council and expressed her appreciation for the warm welcome, noting that it has been a great first four days getting to know the team. She praised Michael and the rest of the Public Works crew for their strong work ethic and dedication, and shared her excitement about the infrastructure projects ahead. She also welcomed feedback from both Council and the public, emphasizing her openness to collaboration and community input. Mr. Pozzuolo then provided an update on the upcoming Earth Day event, encouraging everyone to come out and participate this Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Volunteers will help with tree planting and cleanup efforts, including work from Parmley Avenue to 65th Street and planting along the West Cobbs Creek Parkway Island through Longacre Boulevard. Light refreshments will be available in the morning, with lunch provided after the event. Anyone interested in volunteering can email info@yeardonborough.com. Mr. Pozzuolo concluded by stating that other project updates remain consistent with last week's report and that additional updates will be shared as progress continues.

D. Public Safety

1. Police Department's Report

Chief Giammarco reported: My reports from last week's caucus meeting will stand as read. I do have one important update. The individual allegedly responsible for the shooting incident on Norma Road has turned himself in. Although the bail interviewers recommended a \$1 million cash bail, the judge set bail at \$500,000 with a 10% option, meaning \$50,000 would be required for release. As of now, the individual remains incarcerated.

2. Emergency Management

Chief Giammarco stated his report stands as submitted at Caucus.

E. Recreation

Councilor Beaty stated that the recreation report stands as submitted.

Mr. Hunter added I have one addition to the recreation report. The Yeadon Community Love Garden will be holding its spring cleaning and planting event on Saturday, May 3rd, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the community garden, weather permitting. We encourage everyone to bring gloves, and if you have seeds, plants, water, or any other gardening supplies, please bring those along as well. We'd love to have your help in preparing the garden for the season. It will be a great complement to the activities happening in the park. That concludes my report.

X. ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion to adjourn.

Moved By: Councilor Johnson

Seconded By: Councilor Beaty

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by the Borough Secretary