



BOROUGH OF YEADON  
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
BOROUGH COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 15, 2025

Meeting began at 7:05 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	Absent
Kilkenny Law, Solicitor	Present
Yolanda Hughes, Tax Collector	Absent
Joseph Viscuso, Engineer	Present
Nafis Nichols, Finance Director	Present
Rafi Cave, Borough Manager	Present

III. AGENDA AMENDMENTS

1. Motion to remove item 7c. the approval of Resolution No. 2025-007 from the agenda.  
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud  
Seconded By: Councilor Peets  
Motion Passed: Unanimous
2. Motion to add an emergency declaration for the closure of Crozer Chester Medical Center and the impact that it could have on our community.  
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud  
Seconded By: Councilor Truehart  
Motion Passed: Unanimous

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

1. Mr. Kaluma expressed concern about speeding on Rundale Avenue, particularly near the intersection of Serrill and Rundale, and suggested installing a speed bump or stop sign to improve safety for children in the area. He also inquired about a citation he received for overhanging tree branches and asked whether the Borough could coordinate with Comcast to manage tree maintenance, rather than requiring individual residents to contact the utility. Lastly, he inquired about opportunities and support for new businesses in the Borough.

2. Ms. Clara Johnson thanked the Director of Public Works for her prompt and active involvement, noting a productive meeting held at Graceland earlier in the week. She also attended a meeting at the former swim club and expressed appreciation for the opportunity. Ms. Clara introduced several individuals who work with her on the Graceland project and acknowledged Susan Peets, who was not present. She noted an upcoming meeting with the Public Works Director on the 30th and expressed optimism about the progress being made.

## V. MINUTES

1. Motion to approve the April 10, 2025, Caucus Meeting Minutes.  
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud  
Seconded By: Councilor Peets  
Motion Passed: Unanimous
2. Motion to approve the April 17, 2025, Legislative Meeting Minutes.  
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud  
Seconded By: Councilor Peets  
Motion Passed: Unanimous

## VI. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hepkins stated that his report stands as submitted at last week's caucus meeting. However, in light of the addition of the emergency declaration to the agenda, he emphasized the impact of the recent closures of Chester Crozer and Taylor Hospitals, as well as the limited functionality of Delaware County Memorial Hospital. These developments have placed significant strain on local healthcare resources, particularly at Mercy Fitzgerald, which is experiencing increased demand. In response, mayors and council members from Eastern Delaware County are working together to issue a joint emergency declaration.

1. Motion for a Declaration of Disaster Emergency.  
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud  
Seconded By: Councilor Peets  
Motion Passed: Unanimous

President Monroe presented the opening paragraph of the proposed emergency declaration, which reads:

"Whereas, on Monday, April 21, 2025, Prospect Medical Holdings and its affiliates notified the public of their intention to close the Crozer hospital system beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, including the termination of emergency medical services (EMS) provided to communities throughout Delaware County, including the Borough of Yeadon; and

Whereas, this closure poses a serious threat of harm, hardship, and suffering to individuals and property, endangering the health, safety, and welfare of Yeadon residents; and

Whereas, the scope of this issue may exceed the Borough's capacity to manage alone; and

Whereas, emergency management measures are necessary to mitigate the severity of the situation and protect affected residents.

Now, therefore, I, the undersigned Mayor of the Borough of Yeadon, pursuant to Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code (35 Pa.C.S.), hereby declare a disaster emergency in the Borough of Yeadon."

## VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Motion to approve the termination of Employee #10228 effective May 21, 2025.  
Moved By: Councilor Beaty  
Seconded By: Councilor Peets  
Motion Passed: Unanimous
  
3. Motion to approve the completion of the probationary period for Employee #10277, effective immediately.  
Moved By: Councilor Truehart  
Seconded By: Councilor Peets  
Motion Passed: Unanimous
  
4. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-004 amending 220-70: Abatement Impounding and Violations.  
Moved By: Councilor Peets  
Seconded By: Councilor Beaty  
Motion Passed: Unanimous
  
5. Motion to advertise Ordinance No. 2025-005, The Adoption of the Master Fee Schedule; Repealing Chapter 150 Article IV, Titled Fee Schedule.  
Moved By: Councilor Truehart  
Seconded By: Councilor Peets  
Motion Passed: Unanimous
  
6. Motion to advertise Ordinance No. 2025-008, Tarps on Public Streets.  
Moved By: Councilor Truehart  
Seconded By: Councilor Peets  
Motion Passed: Unanimous

## VIII. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Kilkenny announced that Borough Council met in executive session earlier this evening to discuss matters related to personnel and real estate.

Mr. Kilkenny reported that his office has been working with staff on the ordinances presented at tonight's meeting. Additionally, he and Associate Attorney Kyle Miller had a productive discussion with Mr. Cave regarding the Borough's master fee schedule. They are considering using broader language to allow future fee changes to be made by resolution, minimizing the need for repeated advertisement. Work is also underway to consolidate and streamline fee references found throughout various ordinances.

## IX. ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. Motion to approve the application for the DCED Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program for Community Park Improvements.  
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud  
Seconded By: Councilor Peets  
Motion Passed: Unanimous
2. Motion to approve the TA Set Aside Reimbursement Grant Agreement for PennDOT to authorize the Borough Manager as the signer.  
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud  
Seconded By: Councilor Beaty  
Motion Passed: Unanimous

Megan Todaro provided an update on the Church Lane and MacDade Boulevard intersection project. Construction is nearly complete and expected to be finished within the next one to two weeks. Public Works is coordinating with the engineering team to install digital signage at the West Cobbs Creek Parkway end to alert drivers of the upcoming one-way traffic change. The signage is scheduled to be installed within the next two weeks.

### A. Finance

1. Motion to approve the Accounts Payable List for May 2025.  
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud  
Seconded By: Councilor Peets  
Motion Passed: Unanimous
2. Motion to approve the Accounts Payable Additions List for May 2025.  
Moved By: Councilor Peets  
Seconded By: Councilor Trent  
Motion Passed: Unanimous
3. Motion to approve the April 2025 Cash Balance Report.  
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud  
Seconded By: Councilor Beaty  
Motion Passed: Unanimous

### B. Ordinances & Zoning

The report stands as submitted at Caucus.

### C. Public Works

1. Motion to approve Resolution 2025-006, the adoption of the Complete Streets Policy.  
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud  
Seconded By: Councilor Beaty  
Motion Passed: Unanimous

Ms. Houck reported that PECO's project is progressing on schedule, with work on Union Avenue appearing to be near completion. The department responded promptly to storm-related issues this week, including the removal of a downed tree on Rader Avenue, and will continue to assist with storm cleanup throughout the season.

Regarding Graceland Cemetery, a plan is being developed to address both immediate and long-term needs. Ms. Houck also noted that the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has opened a grant opportunity for cemetery improvements. The Borough hopes to work with state representatives to pursue this funding, with applications due in July.

Ms. Houck thanked Council for passing the Complete Streets resolution. She is currently working with Pennoni on the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Action Plan and expects to present updates at the next Public Safety and Public Works meetings.

She also addressed the former Yeadon Swim Club site, noting the department is developing a short-term safety and maintenance plan, including new locks and perimeter cleanup, as well as a longer-term redevelopment strategy in collaboration with the Planning Commission. Grant funding opportunities are being explored to support this effort.

Lastly, Ms. Houck recognized three Public Works team members celebrating work anniversaries this month:

- **Sean Murphy**, 16 years of service
- **Oscar**, 12 years of service
- **Arthur**, 7 years of service

The team celebrated these milestones earlier in the day with cake, just prior to erecting the new flagpole. Ms. Houck expressed her appreciation for their dedication and contributions to the Borough.

#### D. Public Safety

##### 1. Police Department's Report

Chief Giammarco stated his report stands as submitted at Caucus.

##### 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 thanked the residents who attended the rain barrel event, noting that over 30 people participated despite the rainy weather. He added that, along with the barrels, attendees certainly received plenty of rain and shared that it was an enjoyable and successful event.

X. ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion to adjourn.

Moved By: Councilor Truechart

Seconded By: Councilor Peets

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by the Borough Secretary