



BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
BOROUGH COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 12, 2025

Meeting began at 7:08 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	Absent
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. CITIZEN'S FORUM (agenda items only – comments limited to 3 minutes)

1. Ms. Joe Moore Richard expressed concerns about traffic safety at Rundale and MacDade, noting multiple accidents and requesting speed bumps due to frequent speeding. She also suggested installing pole-mounted trash cans in neighborhoods to reduce litter, especially near schools, and asked whether funding for these improvements is included in the Borough's budget.
2. Mr. JT emphasized the importance of staying within budget and raised concerns about a former council member who allegedly owes money to the Borough. He asked whether steps could be taken to require repayment from individuals returning to Council and submitted documentation for review. He stressed that taxpayers should not bear the burden of unpaid obligations.
3. Ms. Anna emphasized the importance of staying on budget and requested that the Borough share mid-year financial forecasts with residents, possibly via the website. She also encouraged a public presentation from the Finance Director and raised concerns about rising expenses, infrastructure needs, and the potential impact of tax increases on residents.
4. Mr. Francis inquired about the Borough's policy on issuing equipment such as laptops and cell phones to officials, emphasizing the need for accountability and enforcement. He stressed that taxpayer-funded items should be used strictly for Borough business and called for clear procedures to ensure responsible use.

IV. MINUTES

1. Motion to approve the May 8, 2025, Caucus Meeting Minutes.
Moved By: Councilor Beaty
Seconded By: Councilor Trent
Motion Passed: Unanimous
2. Motion to approve the May 15, 2025, Legislative Meeting Minutes.
Moved By: Councilor Trent
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous

V. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hepkins reported that his written report stands as submitted and highlighted several key updates. He announced that the second Mayor's Forum was held on June 5th at Borough Hall, during which the Borough received recognition from the Pennsylvania Lead-Free Promise Project, Children First, and the Delaware County Health Department for being one of the first municipalities in the area to ban lead paint in homes and schools. He noted that a public safety meeting was held via Zoom on May 31st, with the next scheduled for June 21st, and encouraged residents to attend. The recently completed PennDOT renovations at Church Lane and MacDade Boulevard appear to be improving traffic flow, though continued observation is needed. The May 20th election proceeded smoothly with no public safety incidents. Mayor Hepkins addressed concerns about speeding throughout the Borough and explained that speed humps require engineering studies and must comply with PennDOT guidelines, which could affect liquid fuels funding. He also commented on a resident's suggestion about adding trash cans, stating that past installations had only limited success in curbing litter due to persistent behavioral habits. The police department is currently fully staffed with 20 officers, and a replacement is being sought through the civil service list for an officer set to retire in August. Lastly, he confirmed that all necessary safety preparations are in place for the upcoming Flag Day event and assured residents that no disruptions are expected despite regional rallies scheduled elsewhere.

VI. MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Motion for the hiring of Veronica Redden to the role of Receptionist / Code Clerk / Hall Coordinator at the annual salary of \$42,500, effective June 23, 2025, pending the successful completion of a background check.
Moved By: Councilor Trent
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous
2. Motion for the hiring of Lamont Collins Jr to the role of Code Director at the annual salary of \$70,000, effective June 23rd, 2025, pending the successful completion of a background check.
Moved By: Councilor Peets
Seconded By: Councilor Trent
Motion Passed: Unanimous

3. Motion to approve agreement with Civic Plus for Code Enforcement Permitting software, effective immediately.
Moved By: Councilor Beaty
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous
4. Motion for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2025-008, Limitation on Vehicles Parked under tarp or Other Coverings.
Moved By: Councilor Beaty
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous
5. Motion for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2025-005, The Adoption of the Fee Schedule; Repealing Chapter 150 Article IV, Titled Fee Schedule.
Moved By: Councilor Trent
Seconded By: Councilor Beaty
Motion Passed: Unanimous
6. Motion to approve the block party application for 400 Cypress on Saturday, June 21st, with a rain date of Sunday, June 22nd.
Moved By: Councilor Peets
Seconded By: Councilor Trent
Motion Passed: Unanimous
7. Motion for the denial of the handicap parking application at 1032 Stetser Ave.
Moved By: Councilor Beaty
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous

VII. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Kyle Miller of Kilkenny Law reported that he continues to work with the Borough Manager and Code Department on abatement claims, ensuring proper documentation and notification procedures are maintained in case further action is necessary. He expressed confidence in the Civic Plus platform, noting its cloud-based system will improve efficiency, reduce paperwork, and enhance accessibility for all parties involved. Mr. Miller is also monitoring ongoing litigation, with one case expected to be heard before the end of the month, and will keep Council updated on any developments. He recently represented the Borough in MDJ summary appeals at the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas and will attend additional hearings next week, coordinating with staff and officers to prepare necessary testimony and documentation. These matters are generally routine and manageable. He also stated that he is maintaining open communication with the Borough Manager to address Council's questions and concerns and will be reviewing the Borough's policy on issued electronic devices, with recommendations to follow soon. Lastly, he noted that Council met in executive session earlier that evening to discuss personnel matters.

VIII. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Nichols reported the following:

May 2025 Collections:

- 121 Parcels Paid
- Real Estate: \$169,256.93
- Trash: \$37,620.00
- Sewer: \$55,242.00
- Total: \$262,118.93

IX. ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. Motion to award the Road Program project to A.F. Damon in the amount of \$100,369.50.

Moved By: Councilor Peets

Seconded By: Councilor Beaty

Motion Passed: Unanimous

Megan Todaro of Pennoni Engineering provided two grant-related updates. She noted that although these items do not require Council resolutions and are therefore not listed as action items on the agenda, both are important ongoing initiatives. The first is the Growing Greener Grant, due June 20th, which aims to supplement existing funding for the Blunston Run Stream Restoration project. The second is the ARLE Grant Application, due June 30th, which would support the installation of signal battery backups throughout the Borough to enhance traffic safety during power outages.

X. REPORTS AND MOTIONS

A. Finance

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

Moved By: Councilor Peets

Seconded By: Councilor Trent

Motion Passed: Unanimous

2. Motion to approve the May 2025 Cash Balance Report.

Moved By: Councilor Beaty

Seconded By: Councilor Peets

Motion Passed: Unanimous

B. Ordinances & Zoning

Mr. Cave reported that following Council's approval in January of an intergovernmental agreement, the Borough is now working directly with the county and the Redevelopment Authority (RDA) to address blighted and abandoned properties using county funds. He and Councilwoman Roadcloud met with county officials to begin the redevelopment process for two specific properties through the conservatorship model, a legal process in which a judge oversees property rehabilitation. Once redeveloped, these homes will be sold to primary homeowners, not investors, to help increase Yeadon's owner-occupied housing stock. The full redevelopment process is expected to take approximately nine months to a year per property. This initiative aims to relieve the burden on the Code and Public Works Departments and reduce the long-term costs to taxpayers while revitalizing neglected properties.

C. Public Works

Ms. Houck provided an update on several ongoing Public Works initiatives. She began by highlighting the Borough's Safe Streets and Roads for All grant application, noting that high-injury areas have been identified using PennDOT crash data. Residents are encouraged to complete the survey available on the Borough's website to ensure equitable input and to help strengthen the grant submission. She announced upcoming yard waste and e-waste drop-off events, and noted that the department is assisting the Police Department with preparations for Flag Day, including barricades and general support. A digital speed detection sign has been installed on MacDade Boulevard between Bell and Church to encourage safer driving. PECO work continues, including road restoration on the 900 block of MacDade and progress on Union and Fairview. The new one-way traffic pattern is improving as drivers adjust, and Public Works will continue coordinating with the Borough Engineer to monitor the area. Abatement efforts are being enforced, with proper documentation shared with the solicitor. Lastly, painting and exterior improvements at Borough Hall are underway in anticipation of Flag Day.

D. Public Safety

1. Police Department's Report

- For the month of May 2025, Yeadon Borough Police Department had responded to or prepared reports for 1,201 calls for service.
- There were 12 Criminal Arrests in the month.
- There were 7 Non-Traffic Citations Issued for the month.
- There were 1,240 Parking Tickets issued for the month.
- There were 80 Traffic Citations issued for the month.

Chief Giammarco reported that the department participated in several community events in May, including Police Week at Rose Tree Park and Career Day at Bell School, which helped strengthen community engagement. He is working to build partnerships with the Philadelphia Police Department due to increased criminal crossover from neighboring areas, citing a recent incident where limited notice was received about a potential threat during a funeral. The department responded swiftly, ensuring public safety. He also addressed concerns related to upcoming national protests, stating that while none are currently expected to impact Yeadon directly, the department is staying informed and prepared to protect peaceful demonstrations. Regarding Flag Day, Chief Giammarco assured Council and residents that comprehensive safety measures are in place in collaboration with Public Works, and the event will be well-secured regardless of weather.

2. Emergency Management Report

Chief Giammarco reported that a meeting is scheduled for June 23rd with Trinity Health and Dr. Monica Taylor to address ongoing challenges related to emergency mental health commitments (302s). He noted that individuals committed under 302 orders are often released or go missing, requiring police to track them down, which is creating a strain on resources. The discussion will focus on developing a clear policy, including the use of restraints or designated spaces to ensure individuals remain in care. The hospital is also experiencing issues with trespassing, which is further contributing to the burden on both hospital staff and law enforcement.

E. Recreation

Councilor Beaty reported that all plans for Flag Day are moving forward as scheduled, with the event set to begin at 11:00 a.m. The parade will start at Commerce and Bailey Roads (555 Bailey Road), and participants are asked to arrive by 10:45 a.m. The parade route will proceed along Bailey, turn onto Church Lane, and conclude at Longacre. With only a 24 percent chance of rain, significantly lower than earlier forecasts, no changes to the schedule are necessary. Councilor Beaty expressed gratitude to Borough staff, management, Public Works, Chief Giammarco, and fire personnel for their support in preparing for the event. The full event schedule is posted on the Borough website. Attendees can look forward to local and regional officials, live music, guest speakers, and a drone show at Kerr Field at 9:00 p.m. She encouraged everyone to invite family and friends and noted that temperatures will be cooler than last year's event. T-shirts are available on the second floor of Borough Hall. Councilor Beaty also extended thanks to event sponsors and wished everyone a happy Juneteenth.

Mr. Roy Hunter announced:

- The Vegetable Program returns Wednesday, July 9, 2025! The program will run weekly through November. Small bags of fresh produce will be distributed each week to ensure all registered participants are served. As in previous years, distribution will take place at Yeadon Borough Hall, 2nd Floor, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Please register in advance by emailing recreation@yeadonborough.com.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by the Borough Secretary.