



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

Meeting began

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

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

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

1. Ms. Clara Johnson requested an update on the property currently being demolished and the property at Guenther and Fern leading to West Cobbs Creek Parkway, which is closed off.
2. Ms. Angela Lee asked whether the Borough has a written emergency management plan that residents can access, noting her concern due to last year's gas explosion in Lansdowne. She also inquired about the status and updates of the survey forms on the website and asked if Councilors are required to be certified in NIMS.

IV. MINUTES

1. Motion to approve September 11, 2025, Caucus Meeting Minutes.
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous
2. Motion to approve the September 18, 2025, Legislative Meeting Minutes.
Moved By: Councilor Peets
Seconded By: Councilor Trent
Motion Passed: Unanimous

V. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hepkins reported that a Public Safety Committee meeting was held via Zoom on September 27, and the next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 25 at 9:30 a.m., with the link available on the Borough website. He noted that one full-time police officer retired in August, and the Civil Service Commission has been asked to provide a hiring list to fill the vacancy. The sergeant's exam has also been distributed and is currently underway. He shared that the Borough participated in the nationally recognized Faith and Blue Weekend, which strengthens partnerships between the faith-based community and law enforcement. The annual Trunk-or-Treat event will take place on Saturday, October 25 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Kerr Field. He also reported that the accreditation agency recently completed its final review of the Police Department; the process went well, and the Borough is on track to receive accreditation in the spring, making Yeadon one of the few accredited departments in Delaware County. He thanked the Chief for his leadership, ongoing reforms, and efforts to maintain a decline in crime, noting that crime is trending downward nationally and even more significantly in Yeadon. He encouraged residents to attend Public Safety Meetings and the Mayor's Forum for continued updates.

VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Truehart reported that she is working with the Vice Chair on establishing a policy for situations when council members need to be out of town, whether for work, family matters, or other reasons. The policy would outline the procedure to follow if an issue arises during their absence, including how the individual should be contacted and who would step in to handle responsibilities while they are away. She noted that this policy will be presented in the future.

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Motion to table agenda items 7c. and 7d. under the Manager's report.
Moved By: Councilor Trent
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous
2. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-012 Amending 285-19 One-Way Streets Established, formally adding MacDade Boulevard between Church Lane and West Cobbs Creek Parkway.
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous
3. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-013 Amending 285-85 Parking Prohibited on Certain Streets on Certain Days to add MacDade Boulevard, Southside between Church Lane and West Cobbs Creek Parkway, no parking between 8 am and 12 pm on Thursdays.
Moved By: Councilor Trent
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous
4. Motion to accept the resignation of Employee # 10184.
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous

VIII. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Kilkenny reported that the solicitor's office has been very busy over the past month. He noted that they held a lengthy call earlier in the day with Borough staff, the President, and the Vice President to review ongoing legal matters, including issues related to several demolition cases throughout Yeadon.

He highlighted concerns regarding 725 Fern, explaining that the Borough's professionals have determined the structure to be in imminent danger of collapse and a threat to public safety, which is why the street has been blocked off. The solicitor's office has been in contact with the bank that owns the property; however, the bank has not taken action quickly enough, given the severity of the situation.

Mr. Kilkenny advised Council to consider authorizing an emergency demolition of the property and to direct the solicitor's office to pursue recovery of associated costs through the sheriff sale process. He explained that while agenda items typically require 24-hour notice, an exception exists for emergencies such as this. He recommended that Council, if inclined, make a motion to amend the agenda due to the public safety emergency.

1. Motion to amend the agenda to include the emergency demolition of 725 Fern St.

Moved By: Councilor Peets

Seconded By: Vice President Roadcloud

Motion Passed: Unanimous

2. Motion to direct staff to commence an emergency demolition of 725 Fern St.

Moved By: Councilor Peets

Seconded By: Councilor Trent

Motion to amend the previous motion to include the directing of the solicitor's office to recoup any money owed to the borough through the sheriff's sale process.

Moved By: Councilor Peets

Seconded By: Councilor Trent

Motion Passed: Unanimous

IX. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the month of September, the Tax Collector's Office collected \$12,073.83 in real estate taxes, \$3,267.00 in Borough trash fees, and \$3,655.30 in Borough sewer fees, for a total of \$18,996.13.

It was also noted that delinquent tax notices were sent to over 500 property owners as a reminder that taxes are due no later than December 31. Since the notices were issued, some residents have begun making payments, and it is hoped that the number of outstanding accounts will continue to decrease before the end of the year.

X. REPORTS AND MOTIONS

A. Finance

1. Motion to approve the Accounts Payable List for October 2025.
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous
2. Motion to approve the September 2025 Cash Balance Report.
Moved By: Councilor Trent
Seconded By: Vice President Roadcloud
Motion Passed: Unanimous

B. Ordinances & Zoning

1. Motion for the adoption of Ordinance # 2025-014 Requiring Annual Commercial Use and Occupancy Inspections in the Borough of Yeadon.
Moved By: Councilor Trent
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous

C. Public Works

The Public Works report stands as previously submitted, with the following updates and reminders. E-waste drop-off will take place on October 31 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Public Works yard, and leaf collection has begun for the season. Barricades, detour signs, and caution tape have been installed at 725 Fern, and the list of related actions has been provided to the solicitor's office.

Following a concern raised by a resident at 816 Longacre regarding signage after an accident at the Circle, Public Works inspected the area the next day. A damaged "Do Not Enter" sign was replaced, and the streetlight issue was resolved. The department is still working to address the placement of the USPS mailbox in that area.

D. Public Safety

1. Police Department's Report

The Police Department report stands as read at caucus, with a few additional updates. The department will host its third annual Trunk-or-Treat event on Saturday, October 25, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Kerr Field Complex, and residents are encouraged to attend.

The Chief thanked President Truehart, the clergy, and all members of the public who participated in the Faith and Blue events. He noted that the weekend was a great success, beginning with activities in Media and continuing through Sunday's gathering at St. Michael's. He expressed appreciation for Father Jordan and the congregation, sharing that the warm welcome and fellowship made the event especially meaningful.

E. Recreation

The Recreation report stands as previously presented, with a few additional updates. Residents were reminded that there will be a home football game on October 24, which is Senior Day, with Chi-Chester scheduled for a 7:00 p.m. kickoff.

It was noted that the Penn Wood girls' and boys' teams won the Del Val Cross Country Championship, with several Yeadon residents on the roster. Mr. Roy one of the coaches, who is also a Yeadon resident, shared his pride in the accomplishment.

The department also experienced some difficulty obtaining vegetables for the weekly distribution, and appreciation was extended to Catherine for assisting with transportation to the farm. Finally, residents were reminded about the upcoming Veterans Day program on November 8. Registration is currently open, and everyone is encouraged to spread the word to local veterans so they can participate.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by the Borough Secretary.