



BOROUGH OF YEADON  
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
BOROUGH COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 22, 2025

Meeting began at 7:00 pm.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

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

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

1. Mrs. Byard addressed Council regarding her request for a residential handicap parking space, stating that despite submitting required medical documentation and reapplying, the request was denied. She explained that her husband's medical condition significantly limits mobility and that off-street parking is not safely accessible due to narrow walkways and steps. She also noted confusion regarding the denial process and the absence of written notice, and asked Council to consider the matter based on accessibility concerns.
2. Ms. Clara Johnson addressed Council regarding several maintenance and communication concerns, including a non-functioning lantern at the police building entrance, an inoperable electronic marquee, and the deteriorated appearance of Borough entranceways near Chester Avenue and 65th Street. She also requested that Public Works reports be made available at meetings to allow for proper review and discussion.
3. Mr. Jeffrey Harmon addressed Council as Executive Director of the Community Integration Program to request reinstatement of a community tennis program previously operated at the former Yeadon Swim Club. He provided background on the program's past success, including youth participation across multiple school districts and competitive achievements, and stated that the program ended in 2013 despite continued community interest. Mr. Harmon requested permission to use the site to reestablish the program as a full-time offering serving youth, adults, and seniors, and asked for the Borough's cooperation in developing the program in partnership with the Borough.

#### IV. MINUTES

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

#### V. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hepkins reported that his written report stands as submitted and provided several highlights. He announced a Public Safety Meeting scheduled for December 27, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom. He also reported on the final Mayor's Forum of the year held on December 4, 2025, which included community engagement activities, recognitions, and the installation of a new police chaplain and Officer of the Year.

The Mayor provided an update on police staffing, noting the Borough remains one full-time officer short and that the Civil Service Commission is preparing to advertise pending the ratification of the FOP contract. He highlighted the Borough's annual Christmas Tree Lighting held on December 12, 2025, noting strong attendance and a successful event.

Additionally, the Mayor reported that he and the Council President attended a ceremony where Speaker of the House Joanna McClinton presented Meritorious Awards to Officer Matt O'Donnell and his brother, Officer Joe O'Donnell, for life-saving actions involving a child. He also noted recent community initiatives, including a turkey giveaway hosted by Restore Dispensary, the Yeadon Fire Company's annual Santa Claus parade, and ongoing programs and recognition involving the Yeadon Public Library. Lastly, he reported on vandalism concerns in the Mount Moriah area and stated that the Borough is exploring the use of cameras and drones to assist with enforcement.

#### VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Truehart reported and thanked Council members, staff, and the public for their flexibility in rescheduling the Legislative Meeting due to agenda posting requirements, noting that the issue has been addressed to prevent future occurrences. She also acknowledged those attending both in person and virtually.

President Truehart advised that Council held an Executive Session on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. to discuss legal and personnel matters.

She then recognized outgoing officials whose service concluded with this meeting. Councilwoman Learn Johnson was acknowledged for her four years of service to Yeadon Borough Council. Councilman Michael Trent was recognized for his two years of service, having been appointed to fill a vacancy, and for his continued commitment to the community. Tax Collector Yolonda Hughes was also recognized for her four years of service to the Borough. President Truehart thanked each individual for their dedication and service, noting that they will continue to support the Borough in various capacities.

## VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Nichols reported that his written report stands as submitted. He introduced Mrs. Joy Taylor of the NJN team, who has been assisting the Borough on multiple projects and is present at the meeting. Mr. Nichols noted that Mrs. Taylor has quickly become an asset to the Borough and thanked her for her support, allowing Council and staff to put a name to the individual referenced in recent correspondence.

1. Motion to advertise the 2026 Public Meeting Schedule for the Yeadon Borough Council.  
Moved By: Councilor Trent  
Seconded By: Councilor Peets  
Motion Passed: Unanimous
2. Motion for the suspension of overnight parking permit requirements for the 800 block of Laurel and Arbor Road from Wednesday December 24, 2025, until Friday, January 2, 2026, during the holiday.  
Moved By: Councilor Trent  
Seconded By: Councilor Beaty  
Motion Passed: Unanimous
3. Motion to approve the grant application for the Friendship Circle Senior Center donation request of \$7,500.  
Moved By: Councilor Beaty  
Seconded By: Councilor Peets  
Motion Passed: Unanimous
4. Motion to approve the of handicap application submitted for 1032 Stetser Ave, Yeadon, PA 19050.  
Moved By: Councilor Trent  
Seconded By: Councilor Beaty  
Motion Passed: Unanimous

## VIII. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Kyle Miller of Kilkenny Law reported that he recently circulated an updated Borough issued electronic device policy and is continuing to refine the document to ensure it meets the needs of the Borough. He stated that the policy will be presented to Council, including incoming Council members, in conjunction with the issuance of mobile devices, with the goal of finalizing it early in the new year.

Mr. Miller also reported that he has been working with the Borough Manager and Code Enforcement on updated and amended rental registration and commercial U and O ordinances, which are anticipated to be presented in early 2026. Due to the holiday schedule and other pending agenda items, these matters will be deferred for consideration by the incoming Council.

Additionally, Mr. Miller requested Council's consideration of an item not listed on the agenda for approval of a severance agreement for the former Borough Manager. He explained that final figures were received over the weekend and that time constraints related to the upcoming pay period warranted exemption under the Sunshine Act.

1. Motion for the approval of the severance agreement for the former Borough Manager.

Moved By: Councilor Peets

Seconded By: Councilor Trent

Motion Passed: 5 – 0, Councilor Beaty abstained.

#### IX. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the month of November, the Tax Collector's Office collected \$59,103.88 in real estate taxes, \$13,431.00 in borough trash fees, and \$19,396.30 in borough sewer fees, for a total of \$92,011.18.

#### X. ENGINEER'S REPORT

CDBG Public Hearing: Prior to the beginning of the Legislative Meeting, Council held the required Community Development Block Grant public hearing.

Mr. Viscuso of Pennoni Engineering opened the public hearing by explaining that the 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications are due in early January. As part of the application requirements, the Borough is required to hold a public hearing prior to the adoption of a resolution.

Mr. Viscuso stated that, after discussions with Catherine and Mike from the Public Works Department, the project selected for the CDBG application is the sanitary sewer replacement on Yeadon Avenue, located between Baily Road and Redwood Avenue.

He explained that during significant rain events, the existing sanitary sewer frequently backs up, and the manhole at the intersection has been known to surcharge. He noted that Borough staff have, at times, parked police or Public Works vehicles over the manhole to help keep it in place during these events.

The proposed project involves replacing the existing eight-inch sanitary sewer main with a ten-inch main. Mr. Viscuso explained that multiple sewer lines converge at this location before flowing down Yeadon Avenue, and upsizing the main is intended to alleviate the surcharging and backup issues.

Mr. Viscuso then asked whether there were any questions from members of the public regarding the project. There were none.

He subsequently asked if there were any questions from Council.

Vice President Roadcloud asked whether Yeadon Avenue had recently been paved, noting that the section in question had just been resurfaced.

Mr. Viscuso confirmed that the roadway had recently been resurfaced and explained that, while lining the sewer may be explored as an option, the project will likely require the roadway to be resurfaced again upon completion of the sewer work. He noted that the sewer project was identified after the roadway resurfacing had already taken place.

President Truehart stated that as long as the roadway is properly repaved following completion of the project, the Borough should be satisfied, recalling prior discussions on the matter.

Mr. Viscuso explained that the prior paving was funded through Liquid Fuels funds, whereas the proposed sewer project would be funded through a grant. Vice President Roadcloud acknowledged the distinction but expressed concern that residents waited a significant amount of time for the roadway improvements and that the street would now be disrupted again.

Mr. Viscuso acknowledged the concern.

With no further questions, the public hearing was closed.

1. Consideration to approve Resolution #2025-019 for the CDBG grant application.

Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud

Seconded By: Councilor Peets

Motion Passed: Unanimous

Mr. Viscuso reported that grant activity has been limited due to state budget issues; however, he announced that the 2024 Local Share Account (LSA) grants and DCED Act 13 grants were awarded. Yeadon Borough received \$274,681 in LSA funding for Phase II of the park project, along with an additional \$125,000 through the DCED Act 13 grant. He noted that while the LSA grant requires a 15 percent match, the DCED grant will fully cover the Borough's matching requirement, resulting in no additional Borough funds needed for Phase II of the park project.

## XI. REPORTS AND MOTIONS

### A. Finance

Mr. Nichols reported that his written report stands as submitted. He advised that year-end financial activities are being finalized and that internal auditing is underway. He further reported that the auditing firm is scheduled to be on site the following day to review materials and begin the audit process. Mr. Nichols stated that he will provide an update to the full Council following that meeting.

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

Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud

Seconded By: Councilor Peets

Motion Passed: Unanimous

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

Moved By: Councilor Peets

Seconded By: Councilor Beaty

Motion Passed: Unanimous

3. Motion to approve the 2026 Final Budget.

Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud

Seconded By: Councilor Peets

Motion Passed: Unanimous

4. Motion for the approval of the 2026 Tax Levy Ordinance number 2025-1499.

Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud

Seconded By: Councilor Peets

Motion Passed: Unanimous

## B. Ordinances & Zoning

Mr. Collins reported that his report stands as presented at Caucus. He provided an update regarding ongoing icing issues on Lincoln Avenue, noting that the problem is not solely related to a previously corrected sump pump discharge, but also to water pooling at the end of the roadway. He stated that Code Enforcement is working with Public Works to address the issue.

## C. Public Works

Ms. Houck reported that her written report stands as submitted. She reminded everyone that an E-waste collection event is scheduled for Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Public Works yard. She also explained that, following guidance from the grant administrator, the previously discussed joint resolution with the Police Department for Local Share Account funding must be separated. As a result, a revised and separate resolution was submitted for Council's consideration. Mrs. Houck requested approval of Resolution No. 2025 018 authorizing the Public Works Department to apply for \$435,030 in grant funding for the purchase of one street sweeper and one Class 8 plow truck.

1. Motion for the approval of Resolution #2025-018 for the Public Works Department application for the LSA grant for \$435,030.00 for one street sweeper and one Class 8 plow truck.

Moved By: Councilor Beaty

Seconded By: Councilor Peets

Motion Passed: Unanimous

## D. Public Safety

1. Police Department's Report

Chief Giammarco reported that his written report stood as submitted.

1. Motion to advertise the amendment of Ordinance 285-32 Special Purpose and Special Permit Parking Zones to include 1st street, 800 Laurel, and 800 Arbor Road for overnight permit parking from 2 AM to 6 AM only.

Moved By: Councilor Peets

Seconded By: Councilor Beaty

Motion Passed: Unanimous

2. Motion to advertise the amendment to Ordinance 285-30 Parking Prohibited at All Times to include Elder Avenue South side from Paul Street to South Union Avenue.

Moved By: Councilor Beaty

Seconded By: Councilor Peets

Motion Passed: Unanimous

3. Motion for the approval of Resolution #2025-017 for the Yeadon Police Department application for the statewide LSA grant for \$279,688.83 to purchase 4 police vehicles.

Moved By: Councilor Beaty

Seconded By: Councilor Peets

Motion Passed: Unanimous

Chief Giammarco reported several positive updates. He publicly thanked Sheriff Elect Siddiq Kamara for appointing him to the Sheriff's transition team, where he served as Chair of the Policing Committee, noting the collaborative approach and positive working relationship anticipated with the Sheriff's Office. He also reported that Speaker of the House Joanna McClinton recently visited the Police Department to deliver holiday treats and acknowledged her continued support of the Department.

Chief Giammarco further reported that the Police Department was awarded a Local Share Account grant totaling around \$251,000. He noted that since his appointment nearly three years ago, the Department has secured approximately \$457,000 in grant funding. He thanked Borough leadership, staff, and the community for their continued support and expressed optimism for the year ahead.

#### E. Recreation

Councilor Beaty reported on the Recreation Committee's activities for 2025 and thanked the community for its continued support throughout the year. She highlighted several successful events, including Flag Day, the Veterans Brunch, and the Holiday Jingle and Mingle event. Councilor Beaty expressed appreciation for Recreation Director Roy Hunter for his dedication and service, as well as Public Works for their support with event setup and logistics.

She also announced an upcoming Kwanzaa event scheduled for December 29, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the Yeadon Public Library, noting that the event will be educational in nature and held in partnership with the Library. Councilor Beaty thanked the event planner and caterer for their contributions and stated that the Recreation Committee looks forward to planning additional programs and events in 2026.

## XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by the Borough Secretary.