



BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
BOROUGH COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 15, 2026

Meeting began at 7:01 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
Ronald Francis	Present
Jessie Peets	Present
LaToya Monroe	Absent
T. Taliah Jones-Waters	Present
Kilkenny Law, Solicitor	Present
Erika Broadnax, 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. Anna expressed concerns about transparency and fiscal responsibility, requesting that Council revisit the 2026 budget to avoid increasing taxes. She spoke in opposition to the proposed severance agreement for former Borough Manager Rafi Cave, questioning the justification for a one-year severance following his resignation. She urged Council to consider the financial impact on residents and vote against the agreement.
2. Ms. Clara Johnson requested that Council consider returning to the former “Workshop” meeting format, stating it allowed for greater community engagement with Council and department heads. She also encouraged improved proofreading of materials posted online and on the Borough calendar to ensure dates and times are accurate prior to publication.
3. Ms. Leslie Dix stated she had questions regarding the proposed severance agreement. She asked for clarification on how the agreement was reached following Mr. Cave’s resignation and expressed concern about the Borough being referenced as the “employer” in the document. She also questioned the language and structure of the agreement, describing it as general in nature, and raised concerns about the differing signature and witness dates. She requested clarification from Council regarding the process and execution of the agreement.

4. Mr. Brock thanked the Yeadon Police Department for its diligent work regarding the Mount Moriah Cemetery investigation and commended the department for its response. He also expressed agreement with previous speakers concerning the proposed severance agreement, requesting clarification on how a one-year severance following a resignation is legally and ethically justified. He asked Council to provide further explanation on the matter.

IV. MINUTES

1. Motion to approve the December 11, 2025, Caucus Meeting Minutes.
Moved By: Councilor Francis
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: 5 – 0, Councilor Jones-Waters abstained.
2. Motion to approve the December 22, 2025, Legislative Meeting Minutes.
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: 5 – 0, Councilor Jones-Waters abstained.

V. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hepkins reported that his written report stands as submitted and highlighted several key updates. He announced that the next Public Safety Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 24, via Zoom, and the next Mayor's Citizens Forum will take place on Thursday, March 5, in the Borough Hall auditorium.

The Mayor noted that the Police Department is currently down one full-time officer. He stated that the Civil Service Commission will begin the hiring process once the new police contract is ratified. He further reported that on January 22, the Police Department will travel to Harrisburg for the final phase of the accreditation process.

Mayor Hepkins provided an update on the Mount Moriah Cemetery investigation, commending the Yeadon Police Department for its work in apprehending a suspect involved in grave desecration and thefts occurring on both the Philadelphia and Yeadon sides of the cemetery. He stated that Yeadon Police, in coordination with the Delaware County District Attorney's Criminal Investigation Division and the Ephrata Police Department, conducted a sting operation that resulted in the suspect's arrest on January 7. A search warrant executed at the suspect's residence in Ephrata led to the discovery of numerous human remains. The suspect is currently being held at George W. Hill Correctional Facility on \$1 million bail, with a preliminary hearing expected within the month.

The Mayor noted the case has received significant local and national media coverage and expressed his appreciation to Chief Henry Giammarco, Detective Leah Ceznak, and the entire Police Department for their professionalism and diligence. He concluded by stating he could not be more proud of the Department's efforts and representation of the Borough.

VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The swearing in of Mr. Joseph Providence as the Chair of the Vacancy Board.

President Truehart reported that the training previously shared with everyone at the last meeting has been scheduled and will be held at Borough Hall on January 31.

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Motion to terminate employee number 10282 effective December 23, 2025.
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud
Seconded By: Councilor Beaty
Motion Passed: 4 – 0, Councilors Jones-Waters and Francis abstained.
2. Motion to advertise Ordinance number 2026-001, an amendment to Article IV of the Borough Code entitled Historical Commission.
Moved By: Councilor Francis
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous
3. Motion for the approval of the Yeadon Mobile Device Policy for Council Members and Borough Employees.
Moved By: Councilor Francis
Seconded By: Councilor Beaty
Motion Passed: Unanimous
4. Motion to approve the handicap application submitted for 156 Fairview Ave, Yeadon, PA 19050.
Moved By: Councilor Peets
Seconded By: Vice President Roadcloud
Motion Failed: Unanimous
5. Motion to approve the handicap application submitted for 976 MacDade Blvd, Yeadon, PA 19050.
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: 4 – 2, President Truehart and Vice President Roadcloud opposed.

VIII. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

1. Motion for the approval of the separation agreement for employee number 10184 with the Borough of Yeadon.

Motion to table the approval of the separation agreement.
Moved By: Councilor Jones-Waters
Seconded By: Vice President Roadcloud
Motion Passed: Unanimous

IX. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the month of December, total tax collections for Yeadon Borough were \$160,904.70. This amount includes \$105,735.30 in real estate taxes, \$22,869 in trash collections, and \$32,300.40 in sewer collections.

Mr. Nichols reported that 2026 tax bills are expected to be mailed on the first Monday of February, with bills anticipated to go out on February 3. The office has been in the process of onboarding and transitioning responsibilities back to the Tax Collection Office, and all bills have been approved for mailing.

It was also noted that updated tax office hours are now posted on the Borough website. The office will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to address tax-related matters.

X. REPORTS AND MOTIONS

A. Finance

1. Motion to approve the Accounts Payable List for December 2026.

Moved By: Councilor Beaty

Seconded By: Councilor Peets

Motion Passed: 5 – 0, Councilor Jones-Waters abstained.

Motion to amend the January 2026 Accounts Payable List to exclude the payment of \$750 reimbursement to Anthony Patterson.

Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud

Seconded By: Councilor Peets

Motion Passed: 5 – 0, Councilor Jones-Waters abstained.

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

Moved By: Councilor Beaty

Seconded By: Councilor Peets

Motion Passed: 5 – 0, Councilor Jones-Waters abstained.

3. Motion to table the consideration to add Antoinette Truehart, Joy Taylor, and Crystal Sapp as bank signers.

Moved By: Councilor Jones-Waters

Seconded By: Councilor Francis

Motion Passed: Unanimous

4. Motion to remove Rafi Cave and LaToya Monroe from all Borough bank accounts effective immediately.

Moved By: Councilor Francis

Seconded By: Councilor Jones-Waters

Motion Passed: Unanimous

B. Ordinances & Zoning

Mr. Collins reported that for the month of December 2025, the Code Department issued 69 violation notices, conducted 11 resale inspections and 14 rental inspections, and issued five citations.

He also noted an increase in complaints regarding trash being placed at the curb too early, resulting in debris blowing throughout the neighborhood. Residents were reminded not to place trash at the curb until the evening prior to their scheduled collection day and to ensure all containers have securely fitted lids.

Mr. Collins further reminded residents that vehicles deemed abandoned under the Borough ordinance may not be parked or stored on private property. Commercial vehicles are not permitted to be parked overnight in residential districts, including on private property. Residents were also advised not to park vehicles on unsuitable or unapproved surfaces.

C. Public Works

Mr. Pozzuolo reported that an e-waste collection event is scheduled for January 30 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

He provided an update on the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday trash schedule, noting that trash will not be collected on Monday. Monday's collection will occur on Tuesday, Tuesday's collection will occur on Wednesday, and there will be no recycling that week.

Pothole repairs are continuing on a weekly basis and are expected to continue until warmer weather permits more permanent repairs.

Mr. Pozzuolo reported that the PECO gas project has slowed during the winter due to production issues, but is resuming along Wycombe Avenue and progressing toward Golf Road over the next two months, with anticipated impacts in the spring.

He clarified that the Yeadon Avenue sewer upgrade project funded through the CDBG grant will extend from Redwood Avenue to Bailey Road and will not impact the recently repaved section of Yeadon Avenue.

Regarding the LSA grant, he clarified that the vehicle referenced is a Class B dump truck with plow capability, which will replace a 1994 International truck previously used as a street sweeper. He also noted that the current street sweeper, approximately six years old, is experiencing increasing maintenance costs and is due for replacement.

Finally, Mr. Pozzuolo reported that through the Workforce Development Grant, Oscar Lawrence has completed his CDL training, and three additional Public Works employees are scheduled to complete CDL training over the next three months.

D. Public Safety

1. Police Department's Report

Chief Giammarco reported that during the month of December, the Police Department responded to 1,105 calls for service, made 10 criminal arrests, issued six non-traffic citations, 42 moving violations, and 754 parking tickets.

He highlighted several community engagements, including attendance at an event with Speaker Joanna McClinton honoring Officer Matt O'Donnell and Corporal Joe O'Donnell, as well as participation in a holiday gift bag giveaway hosted by the Borough President and Chaplain.

Chief Giammarco provided an update on the Mount Moriah Cemetery investigation, commending Detective Leah Ceznak and the entire department for their coordinated efforts with partnering agencies. He noted the investigation began in November and required extensive outreach to affected families, both locally and out of state. He clarified that the incidents involved mausoleums and underground crypts. The Chief expressed pride in the professionalism and dedication of the department.

He also reported that on Thursday, January 22, the department will appear before the accreditation board for the final phase of the accreditation process. He stated that, if successful, the department will receive its accreditation plaque. Chief Giammarco noted that out of more than 1,200 law enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth, approximately 194 are accredited, underscoring the significance of the achievement. He thanked the Mayor, Council, Speaker Joanna McClinton, and District Attorney Jack Stollsteimer for their support throughout the process.

1. Motion to adopt 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 Francis
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous

2. Motion to adopt 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 Francis
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous

E. Recreation

Mr. Hunter reported that the annual stormwater education insert has been provided to the Tax Collector for inclusion with 2026 tax bills. The insert highlights stormwater pollution prevention, commission members, and initiatives supporting greener communities.

He advised that rain barrel workshops and a tree planting workshop are being planned for the upcoming year, with the tree planting workshop tentatively scheduled for March 31 at Glenolden Park. Through participation in the Growing Greener program, additional trees will be made available to residents for planting on their properties.

Mr. Hunter noted that the Borough is exploring additional locations for rain gardens on municipal properties and encouraging residents to consider installing rain gardens on private property. He also shared plans to reintroduce discounted amusement park ticket sales for residents this summer.

Mr. Hunter thanked Ms. Leslie Dix for her partnership in distributing holiday food baskets to residents in need.

Finally, he reported that the Community Vegetable Garden Program will begin its sixth season in July. The program continues to grow, serving approximately 70–90 participants annually. Plans are underway to schedule earlier visits to Urban Roots Farm this year to further engage residents in the program.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion to adjourn.
Moved By: Councilor Jones-Waters
Seconded By: Councilor Francis

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by the Borough Secretary.