



BOROUGH OF YEADDON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
BOROUGH COUNCIL CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 12, 2026

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	Absent
Kyle Miller, Kilkenny Law, Solicitor	Present
Erika Broadnax, Tax Collector	Absent
Joseph Viscuso, Engineer	Present
Nafis Nichols, Finance Director	Absent

III. CITIZEN'S FORUM

1. Mr. Ishmael raised concerns about ongoing parking difficulties near his home, noting he lacks a driveway and frequently receives tickets due to limited available parking, especially after late work hours. He requested a resolution, including possible changes to parking signage.
2. Ms. Angela Lee raised concerns regarding the Borough's snow response, including exploring brining methods to reduce ice. She also noted issues with communication, stating that Delco alerts and website updates were not timely. Additional concerns included unshoveled sidewalks at the Chester Avenue project, a vehicle left on a snow emergency route for an extended period, and illegal dumping near the Philadelphia border. She also reported issues with the Borough website's "report a concern" form, noting it requires selecting unrelated options before submission, and requested updates to improve usability.
3. Ms. Shannon raised concerns about a property at 708½ Church Lane, stating it appears to be operating as a banquet/event space despite a prior zoning denial. She cited ongoing issues including late-night activity, parking concerns, improper access, and safety risks related to occupancy and limited egress. She requested that the Borough investigate the current use of the property and ensure compliance with zoning and safety regulations.

4. Ms. Anna raised concerns regarding the Borough Solicitor's handling of Right-to-Know requests, specifically alleging that questions about legal residency status were used as justification for denying access to public records. She described this as inappropriate and intimidating and expressed concerns about transparency related to a severance payment to a former employee. She urged Council to review the matter and ensure transparency and proper handling of public records requests. She also thanked the Police Chief for extending parking enforcement during recent snow conditions.
5. Mr. Drayton inquired about the status of his previously submitted interest in serving on the Zoning Board and was advised to resubmit his request. He also asked that Borough reports be made available on the website. Additionally, he suggested the Borough share information on local snow removal companies to assist residents, particularly for rear driveways, and recommended better coordination of snow removal resources during severe weather events.
6. Ms. Clara Johnson requested that Council consider reinstating workshop-style meetings to encourage greater community engagement and solution-based discussions. She also raised concerns about outdated website content and asked for improved updates and proofreading. Additionally, she inquired about the lack of Fire Department representation and follow-up regarding the distribution of smoke detectors.

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hepkins reported updates on the following,

The next Public Safety Meeting will be held on February 28 via Zoom. He reported that the Yeadon Police Department received accreditation on January 22 in Harrisburg and thanked Council President Trueheart and Vice President Roadcloud for attending the ceremony. The Mayor announced that the next Mayor's Forum will be held on March 5 at Borough Hall, where the Police Department will be recognized for its accreditation and for its work in solving a cemetery theft case, and encouraged the public to attend. He also noted that the suspect's preliminary hearing is scheduled for March 13 and that the individual is currently being held on \$1 million bail at George Hill Correctional Facility. Lastly, the Mayor acknowledged the recent snowstorm, noting that a snow emergency was declared and that the Borough is currently assessing and debriefing its response, with further details to be addressed in departmental reports.

V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Trueheart reported on two recent trainings attended by Council members. The first was a two-day PSAB training for newly elected and reelected officials held in Swarthmore, which provided valuable information and opportunities to network and collaborate with neighboring municipalities. The second was a PSAB Right-to-Know Law training, where it was emphasized that personnel matters are not subject to public disclosure.

President Trueheart then reviewed proposed committee assignments, noting they will be placed on the agenda for formal approval at the next legislative meeting. Assignments include: Councilor Bey – Recreation; Councilor Peets – Public Safety; Councilor Francis – Planning Commission; Vice President Roadcloud – Personnel, Code, and Public Works; and President Trueheart – Planning Commission and Personnel.

She also introduced discussion on increasing resident engagement through committee participation, including the potential for residents to serve as vice chairs of committees. Council expressed general support, with formal action to be considered at the next meeting. Residents will be encouraged to express interest once assignments are finalized and posted publicly.

Additionally, President Trueheart opened discussion on incorporating workshop-style engagement into caucus meetings to allow for more interactive dialogue with residents. Council discussed options, including integrating workshops into existing caucus meetings rather than adding additional meetings, while ensuring meetings remain structured, respectful, and time-conscious. Further discussion and possible action will follow.

VI. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Miller reported that his firm recently hosted an informational session for Borough elected officials on January 31, covering topics including the Sunshine Act, Right-to-Know Law, meeting procedures, and general decorum. He thanked Mayor Hepkins, President Trueheart, Vice President Roadcloud, and Councilors Bey, Peets, and Francis for attending and noted that the session was well received.

He advised that four proposed ordinance updates will be introduced for discussion, including: a commercial use and occupancy ordinance; a Knox Box ordinance to provide emergency access for first responders; updates to the existing rental inspection ordinance; and revisions to the snow removal ordinance under the property maintenance code.

Mr. Miller also reported that he has been tasked with researching the legal basis for a potential resolution to withhold compensation from elected officials or staff for chronic absenteeism. He stated that additional information and draft language will be circulated to Council for review.

He further noted that draft versions of the proposed ordinances and any related resolutions will be shared with Council members, who are asked to provide feedback individually. Final versions will then be presented for Council consideration at a future meeting.

VII. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Viscuso reported that there are no items requiring Council action at the next legislative meeting. He provided an update on several recent grant awards received by the Borough.

The Borough was awarded approximately \$300,000 through LSA DCED for Phase II of community park improvements. Additional funding includes approximately \$250,000 for Darnell Avenue storm sewer improvements and \$499,642 for Bullock Avenue sanitary sewer improvements, which complements a previously awarded \$200,000 CDBG grant and will allow for completion of the full project.

He also reported a \$667,224 grant, with no Borough match, for traffic signal improvements at Church and Whitby and Church and Guenther. This funding, combined with a previously awarded \$350,000 grant, will allow for comprehensive improvements in the business district, including pedestrian enhancements and traffic upgrades.

Additionally, the Borough was awarded a \$75,400 ARLE grant, with no match required, to install battery backup systems at traffic signals. These systems will allow signals to remain operational during power outages for several hours, improving safety and reliability.

Mr. Viscuso noted that the total recent grant awards are close to \$2 million and emphasized that these funds support critical infrastructure improvements with minimal to no cost to taxpayers.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Ordinances and Zoning

Mr. Collins reported a significant increase in code enforcement activity, with a total of 156 violation notices issued, primarily related to snow removal. He clarified that corrected violations totaled approximately 120, rather than the previously reported 65. Citations and violation notices were issued concurrently to ensure proper documentation.

He noted that enforcement of snow removal requirements was challenging due to the severity of conditions, but staff worked diligently following the storm to address violations Borough-wide.

Mr. Collins also reported that updates to several ordinances are currently under review, including revisions to the snow removal ordinance and registration requirements, with the goal of improving clarity, enforcement, and overall service to the community.

B. Public Works

Mr. Pozzuolo reported that an e-waste event is scheduled for February 27 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. He noted that Public Works crews have been actively addressing potholes, and PennDOT has been notified regarding potholes on Church Lane.

He also reported that the Borough successfully completed its 5-year DEP MS4 inspection on February 5, with all facilities found to be well maintained and no violations issued.

Mr. Pozzuolo provided an overview of recent winter weather events, including two significant snowstorms in January, which included snow, ice, and extreme cold conditions. He further noted that Public Works assisted during emergency situations, including a vehicle fire on the 500 block of Holly Road and a house fire on the 500 block of Fern Street, by salting roadways to support fire department operations.

C. Public Safety

1. Police Department's Report

- For the month of January 2026 Yeadon Borough Police Department had responded to or prepared reports for 1075 calls for service.
- There were 7 Criminal Arrests in the month.
- There were 10 Non-Traffic Citations Issued for the month.
- There were 64 Traffic Citations issued for the month.
- There were 732 Parking Tickets issued for the month.

Chief Giammarco provided the following updates:

Chief Giammarco reported that the preliminary hearing for Jonathan Gerlac is scheduled for March 13. He thanked the Mayor, Council President, and Vice President for attending the Police Department accreditation ceremony, noting that Yeadon was the only municipality represented by elected officials, which was well received.

He stated that the recent decision to suspend parking enforcement was made in coordination with the Mayor and announced that the suspension will be extended for an additional week. He also reminded residents that saving parking spaces with objects is not permitted and that such items will be removed.

Chief Giammarco confirmed that the previously reported vehicle concern raised during public comment has been addressed. He further noted that the Police Department will continue to monitor activity at the Church Lane property and encouraged residents to report concerns in real time by calling 911 so officers can respond and document conditions as needed.

D. Planning Commission

President Trueheart reported that Planning Commission meetings will resume once committee assignments are finalized.

E. Library

Ms. Darlene reported that the Yeadon Public Library began the year with a Martin Luther King Jr. celebration, including a senior brunch, which marked the return of the event for the first time since 2020. The program featured poetry, dance, and guest speakers sharing reflections on Dr. King's legacy.

She announced that the Library will host its annual Black History Program on February 21 at 4:00 p.m., with registration required. Additionally, Dr. Daisy Century will present a Harriet Tubman reenactment on February 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Darlene also reported that AARP will again offer free tax preparation services at the Library on multiple dates. She encouraged residents to visit the Library or its website for more information on these and other upcoming programs.

F. Recreation

Mr. Hunter reported that several upcoming events are planned as the Borough transitions into the spring season. A rain garden workshop is scheduled for March 7 at Haverford Recreation Center. A free rain barrel workshop will be held on May 19 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Yeadon Borough Hall, with trees expected to be available for residents. Additionally, a tree planting workshop is planned for March 31 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Glenolden Park to educate residents on proper tree planting and maintenance.

Mr. Hunter also shared a recent personal incident in which he was temporarily trapped in an elevator and expressed appreciation to the Police and Fire Departments for their response and assistance.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted by Borough Secretary.