



BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
BOROUGH COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES
MAY 21, 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	Absent
Ronald Francis	Absent
Jessie Peets	Present
LaToya Monroe	Absent
T. Taliah Jones-Waters	Present
Mark Plachta, Solicitor	Present
Erika Broadnax, Tax Collector	Present
Joseph Viscuso, Engineer	Present
Nafis Nichols, Finance Director	Present

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

1. Ms. Jennifer Curley expressed concerns regarding vehicles blocking driveways on her street and requested consideration of permit parking. She also raised concerns about illegal trash dumping near the gateway entrance and inquired about possible solutions.
2. Ms. Clara Johnson raised questions regarding items contained in the Code Department report. She also expressed concerns about debris, wood chips, and trash accumulation along the Longacre Boulevard exit route and near the bridge area. Ms. Clara requested continued attention to the cleanup of these locations.
3. Ms. Pauline McGhie followed up on concerns she raised at a previous meeting regarding a permit issued for work performed at a neighboring property. She questioned the findings of the Borough's investigation and stated that she believes certain issues remain unresolved, including curb alterations, drainage concerns, and flooding impacting her property. Ms. McGhie also expressed ongoing concerns regarding parking conflicts with her neighbor and requested further review of the matter.

4. Ms. Anna raised concerns regarding transparency, fiscal responsibility, and community operations. She requested a public finance workshop to review budget performance and year-end projections, inquired about the status of the Borough's audits, and expressed concerns regarding the Kerr Field gate operating hours. Ms. Anna also commented on traffic safety issues, police recruitment costs, and requested additional transparency and accountability regarding the severance agreement with the former Borough Manager.
5. Ms. R. Byrd expressed concerns regarding Borough spending and requested information on Flag Day event costs, the recreation budget, and funding for Community Appreciation Day. She also questioned ongoing payments to the former Borough Manager and requested additional transparency regarding those expenditures.

IV. MINUTES

1. Motion to approve the April 9, 2026, Caucus Meeting Minutes.
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous
2. Motion to approve the April 16, 2026, 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 stood as submitted. He announced that the next Public Safety Meeting will be held on May 30, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom and encouraged residents to attend. He also advised that the next Mayor's Citizens Forum, originally scheduled for June 4, 2026, has been rescheduled to June 2, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Borough Hall.

The Mayor thanked Vice President Lianna Roadcloud and the residents who participated in the recent community cleanup effort. He further reported that the May 19, 2026, Election Day proceeded without any reported issues.

Mayor Hepkins announced that the Borough's Flag Day and Juneteenth celebrations will be combined into a single Freedom Day event on June 20, 2026. He explained that combining the events allows the Borough to celebrate both occasions while reducing duplication of costs and resources. He also highlighted Yeadon's historic connection to Flag Day through William T. Kerr and emphasized the cultural, historical, and community benefits of continuing the Borough's Flag Day tradition. The Mayor noted that event expenditures are budgeted, publicly reviewed, and supplemented through sponsorships and fundraising efforts.

VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Truehart reported on a recent meeting with Senator Anthony Williams to discuss funding opportunities and long-term planning for Borough improvements. Discussions included upgrades to the aging Borough Hall facility, future police department needs, recreational and community facilities, public safety initiatives, street improvements, and replacement of aging fire department equipment. The Senator expressed his willingness to assist the Borough in identifying resources and developing a plan to pursue available funding opportunities.

President Truehart also reported that Senator Williams' office expressed interest in partnering with the Borough on community engagement initiatives, including neighborhood meetings and a potential community resource fair. She noted the importance of building relationships with legislators and regional partners to secure funding and support for Borough projects while minimizing the financial burden on taxpayers.

Additionally, President Truehart provided an update on the former Yeadon Swim Club property. She reported that the Borough is working with the Delaware County Redevelopment Authority and the Delaware County Planning Department to ensure a transparent and structured redevelopment process. Future steps will include community engagement meetings, developer presentations, public input opportunities, and a formal review process to evaluate potential redevelopment proposals. President Truehart emphasized the Borough's commitment to transparency, due diligence, and community involvement throughout the redevelopment process.

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Nichols reported that the Manager's report stood as submitted. He added that the Borough's partnership with the Delaware County Redevelopment Authority (RDA) will be beneficial as the agency has already completed a developer qualification process through Requests for Qualifications (RFQs). This will provide the Borough with access to a pool of pre-qualified developers who have demonstrated financial capacity and development experience. Mr. Nichols noted that having qualified developers readily available will allow the Borough to present multiple redevelopment options to the community and help expedite future development projects.

VIII. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

1. Motion to authorize the advertising of Ordinance number 2026-013 to repeal and replace Article 1, Chapter 47, Mayor and Council Compensation.
Moved By: Councilor Peets
Seconded By: Vice President Roadcloud
Motion Passed: 3 – 1, Councilor Jones-Waters opposed.
2. Motion to authorize engagement of a title company for a title report of 548 W. Providence St. for purposes of litigation, not to exceed \$1,000.
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: 3 – 0, Councilor Jones-Waters abstained.

IX. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Broadnax reported that total tax collections for April 2026 amounted to \$1,332,116.78. She noted that the monthly tax collection report had been distributed to Borough officials. There being no further updates, the report concluded as submitted.

X. ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. Motion to award the 2026 Road Program to A.F. Damon in the amount of \$121,597.
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous

2. Motion to award the Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Contract to Joseph J. Danielle LLC in the amount of \$81,102.64
Moved By: Councilor Peets
Seconded By: Vice President Roadcloud
Motion Passed: Unanimous
3. Motion to award the Storm Sewer Maintenance Contract to Ernel Co., Inc. in the amount of \$81,850.00.
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous
4. Motion to approve the application for the DCED Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program for an application for Community Park Improvements Phase 3.
Moved By: Councilor Jones-Waters
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous

XI. REPORTS AND MOTIONS

A. Finance

Mr. Nichols reported that a public mid-year financial review will be scheduled. He advised that the Borough's ARPA closeout report has been completed and submitted.

Mr. Nichols further reported that the Borough's DCED financial reports are expected to be completed by the end of the month. He stated that the engagement letter for the 2025 audit has not yet been executed due to the proposed audit cost exceeding \$100,000. As a result, the Borough is soliciting proposals from additional auditing firms to obtain more competitive pricing for the 2025 audit.

He also noted that the required DCED financial reporting is being completed by the Borough's certified public accountants and will be updated and submitted to ensure all reporting requirements remain current.

Mr. Nichols additionally reported that the proposed three-year drone program contract, totaling \$150,000, is expected to be funded through grant opportunities. He advised that the Borough has already secured a \$50,000 grant to fund the first year of the program and anticipates funding for years two and three through additional grant sources. As a result, the Borough does not anticipate any direct cost associated with the program. Mr. Nichols noted that the first \$50,000 grant award is currently in the process of being received by the Borough.

1. Motion to approve the Accounts Payable List for May 2026.
Moved By: Councilor Peets
Seconded By: Vice President Roadcloud
Motion Passed: 3 – 1, Councilor Jones-Waters opposed.

2. Motion to approve the April 2026 Cash Balance Report.
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: 3 – 1, Councilor Jones-Waters opposed.

B. Ordinances & Zoning

Vice President Roadcloud thanked the residents who participated in the Earth Day community cleanup and assisted with cleaning the Borough's gateway areas. She encouraged greater community participation in future cleanup efforts and emphasized the importance of resident involvement in maintaining the appearance and quality of life within the Borough.

Vice President Roadcloud also addressed the role of the Code Enforcement Department, noting that code enforcement efforts are intended to address property maintenance violations and uphold community standards, not target individual residents. She encouraged property owners to take pride in maintaining their homes and properties and reminded residents that assistance from family members, neighbors, or community resources should be sought when needed. She emphasized that maintaining a clean and safe community is a shared responsibility and contributes to the overall quality of life in Yeadon.

C. Public Works

Mr. Pozzuolo reported that the Borough's E-Waste Collection Event will be held on May 29, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

He provided an update on ongoing utility projects, including PECO work along Rundale Avenue, Duncan Avenue, and Bell Avenue. Mr. Pozzuolo addressed concerns regarding mud accumulation on Bell Avenue, explaining that the issue is the result of clay soil encountered during excavation. The contractor has been notified and will continue efforts to clean the roadway as frequently as possible.

Mr. Pozzuolo also reported that Aqua Pennsylvania will be conducting work in the area of Cedar Avenue and Norma Road, which may result in temporary traffic disruptions and road closures. Residents will be notified through mailed notices and updates posted online.

Additional Public Works updates included the pending installation of a new flag at the former cannon site located at Chester Avenue and West Cobbs Creek Parkway, which has been delayed due to equipment availability. He reported that Flag Day banners and digital signs have been obtained and will be installed in advance of the event.

Mr. Pozzuolo further advised that pavement markings, including "Do Not Block the Box" markings at Church Lane and Bailey Road and painting near the firehouse, are expected to be completed in the coming weeks. He also reported that Public Works completed seven property abatements over the previous two weeks in coordination with the Code Department.

D. Public Safety

1. Police Department's Report

Chief Giammarco reported that during the month of April 2026, the Yeadon Police Department responded to 1,056 calls for service, made 11 criminal arrests and three non-traffic arrests, issued 89 moving violations, and issued 1,163 parking citations.

The Chief reported that he participated in a discussion with members of the Library's Youth Ambassador Program, where students engaged in conversations regarding public safety and community issues. He also attended a Friendship Circle event and addressed questions from residents regarding police officers assigned to traffic control details, noting that such assignments are funded through construction projects and are intended to ensure public safety.

Chief Giammarco further reported that Speaker Joanna McClinton recently visited the Police Department and assisted in securing grant funding for the Borough's proposed drone program. He noted that the first year of the three-year program is expected to be funded through a \$50,000 grant, with additional grant opportunities being pursued for future years.

The Chief also reported that he and Public Works Superintendent Mike Pozzuolo attended the Citizens Crime Commission Awards Ceremony at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel. During the event, media representatives Rick Williams, Detective Leah Ceznik, and Detective Carr were recognized for their work related to the Mount Moriah investigation. Chief Giammarco highlighted the importance of collaboration among agencies and departments in achieving successful public safety outcomes.

Regarding residential permit parking, Chief Giammarco reported that concerns raised by residents resulted in a public meeting attended by more than 60 residents from the Arbor and Laurel Avenue areas. Based on resident feedback, the permit parking hours were modified from 9:00 p.m.–6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.–6:00 a.m. Permit parking is now limited to Penn Street, Arbor Avenue, and Laurel Avenue. The Chief also noted that adjustments to certain parking signs were made to ensure compliance with existing ordinances, including regulations related to handicap parking.

- a. Motion to accept the three-year police drone proposal from Paladin Drones in the amount not to exceed \$150K.

Moved By: Councilor Jones-Waters

Seconded By: Councilor Peets

Motion Passed: Unanimous

E. Community Affairs

Councilor Jones-Waters stated there was nothing new to report.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion to adjourn.

Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud

Seconded By: Councilor Peets

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by the Borough Secretary.