



BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
BOROUGH COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 18, 2026

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
Ronald Francis	Present
Jessie Peets	Present
LaToya Monroe	Absent
T. Taliah Jones-Waters	Present
Deanna Williams, Solicitor	Present
Erika Broadnax, 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. Ms. Ramona addressed Council regarding the removal of the designated handicap parking space in front of her residence. She explained that due to her own mobility limitations and her son's permanent disability, the rear parking area is not safely accessible. Ms. Ramona requested that the handicap parking space be reinstated and expressed concerns about the lack of communication regarding the status of her request.
2. Ms. Clara Johnson requested Council's assistance in selecting a Saturday in July for volunteers to install military headstones at Graceland Cemetery. She also requested clarification regarding the purpose and responsibilities of the Community Affairs Committee and asked how Council is able to accept departmental reports that are not read aloud or posted publicly prior to Borough meetings.
3. Ms. Leslie Dix addressed Council regarding roadway conditions at the intersection of Rundale and Bell Avenue following PECO's gas line replacement project. She expressed concerns about the quality of the temporary road repairs, damage to nearby sidewalks, and the impact of heavy traffic on surrounding properties. Ms. Dix requested that the Borough work with PECO to improve the temporary roadway repairs and provide an update on the long-term maintenance plan for the intersection.

4. Ms. Anna addressed Council regarding several fiscal and administrative matters. She requested updates on the status and public posting of the 2023 and 2024 audits, questioned the projected cost of the 2025 audit, and expressed concerns regarding legal expenses related to Right-to-Know requests. She also inquired about the continued vacancy on Borough Council, the status of residency and attendance concerns involving a council member, and requested information on measures being implemented to strengthen future Borough Manager employment agreements and severance practices.
5. Ms. T. Johnson addressed Council regarding employment-related issues affecting Delaware County and Pennsylvania. She discussed hiring practices, promotions, workplace accountability, union representation, wages, and the rising cost of living. Ms. Johnson also shared employment and income statistics and encouraged officials to continue advocating for policies that support workforce development, fair employment opportunities, and greater economic stability for residents.
6. Ms. Harris addressed Council regarding an incident at her property on 708½ Church Lane involving a neighbor dispute. She alleged that her family was subjected to harassment and intimidation while moving personal belongings and expressed concerns regarding the handling of the incident, the protection of her family's rights, and the possible disclosure of confidential Borough information. She requested that the matter be investigated and that appropriate action be taken.
7. Ms. Carol Stockton addressed Council regarding ongoing concerns with a shade tree adjacent to her property at 1215 South Longacre Boulevard. She stated that tree roots have caused damage to her sewer line and sidewalk, while overhanging branches have impacted her property. Ms. Stockton expressed frustration that the matter has remained unresolved for several years despite repeated requests for assistance and asked the Borough to take corrective action before additional property damage or liability issues occur.
8. Ms. Curley requested an update on the status of the proposed residential permit parking program for the Laurel Avenue area. She also expressed concerns regarding abandoned and unregistered vehicles in the neighborhood, a shared driveway dispute with a neighboring property, and traffic safety due to children playing in the area. Ms. Curley requested improved communication regarding her previous inquiries and asked the Borough to consider installing "Children at Play" signage to help improve neighborhood safety.

IV. MINUTES

1. Motion to approve the May 21, 2026, Legislative Meeting Minutes.
Moved By: Councilor Francis
Seconded By: Councilor Beaty
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 Saturday, June 27, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom, and encouraged residents to participate. He also noted that the second quarterly Mayor's Citizens Forum was held on June 3, 2026, and announced that the next forum is scheduled for Thursday, September 3, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Borough Hall.

The Mayor provided an update on the Borough's upcoming Freedom Day Celebration, noting that this year marks the first time the Borough has combined its Flag Day and Juneteenth celebrations into a single event. He also reported that the Police Department is continuing the hiring process to fill one vacant full-time officer position, with background investigations currently underway following the completion of the oral and physical agility examinations.

Mayor Hepkins concluded his report by announcing the passing of former Mayor Jacqueline Mosley on June 11, 2026. He shared funeral arrangements, advised that Borough flags would remain at half-staff through June 30 in her honor, and recognized her many contributions to the Borough as Yeadon's first female and first African American Mayor. He also acknowledged her years of service to the Yeadon Public Library and Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital. Council observed a moment of silence in memory of former Mayor Mosley.

VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Truehart acknowledged the passing of former Mayor Jacqueline Mosley and echoed the Mayor's remarks honoring her legacy of public service. She recognized Mayor Mosley as a trailblazer who helped open doors for others through her leadership and commitment to the Borough.

President Truehart also addressed the Borough's upcoming Freedom Day Celebration, noting that this year marks the first time the Borough has combined its traditional Flag Day celebration with the Juneteenth observance. She explained that the decision was made not only to be more fiscally responsible but also because the two celebrations share common values of unity, freedom, and patriotism. While recognizing that some residents have expressed differing opinions regarding the combined event, she emphasized that both observances complement one another and reflect the principles of liberty and justice for all.

President Truehart encouraged residents to attend the celebration and join the Borough in recognizing the significance of both occasions. She noted that additional details regarding the event would be shared during the Recreation Committee report.

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Motion to table the approval of handicap application submitted for 943 Bullock Ave, Yeadon, PA 19050.
Moved By: Councilor Beaty
Seconded By: Councilor Francis
Motion Passed: Unanimous
2. Motion to approve the block party application for the 500 Block of Fern on Saturday, June 20, 2026.
Moved By: Councilor Peets
Seconded By: Councilor Francis
Motion Failed: 1 – 5, President Truehart, Vice President Roadcloud, and Councilors Beaty, Peets and Francis opposed.

3. Motion to approve the block party application for the 600 Block of Parkview on Saturday, July 4, 2026, with a rain date of August 29, 2026, and Saturday, July 11, 2026, with a rain date of September 5, 2026.
Moved By: Councilor Peets
Seconded By: Councilor Bea
Motion Failed: 1 – 5, President Truehart, Vice President Roadcloud, and Councilors Beaty, Peets and Francis opposed.

VIII. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Deanna Williams reported that Council met in Executive Session prior to the Legislative Meeting to discuss personnel matters and pending litigation, including Delaware County Court of Common Pleas Case No. CV-2023-008300, as well as other ongoing litigation matters involving the Borough.

Ms. Williams presented Ordinance No. 2026-013, which repeals and replaces Article I, Chapter 47 of the Borough Code regarding Mayor and Council compensation. She explained that the ordinance changes the compensation structure from a fixed annual stipend to a per-meeting compensation model, under which the Mayor and Council members will be compensated based on their attendance at official meetings.

1. Motion to adopt Ordinance number 2026-013 to repeal and replace Article 1, Chapter 47, Mayor and Council Compensation.
Moved By: Councilor Francis
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: 5 – 1, Councilor Jones-Waters opposed.

IX. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

The Tax Collector's Report for May 2026 was presented. Total deposits for the month of May were \$4,074,260.53. The report was accepted as submitted.

X. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Megan Todaro of Pennoni Engineering presented two items for Council's consideration related to the West Cobbs Creek Parkway Improvement Project.

Ms. Todaro reported that bids for the project were received following Council's authorization to advertise the project, with Marino Corporation submitting the lowest responsible bid in the amount of \$978,924.40. She explained that the project is funded through PennDOT's Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program.

Ms. Todaro further reported that, after reviewing the bids, PennDOT agreed to increase the project's grant funding from \$955,000 to \$1,112,000, allowing the grant to cover the construction contract, required construction inspection services, PennDOT administrative costs, and the Borough's required local match.

1. Motion to award the West Cobbs Creek Parkway project to Marino Corporation in the bid amount of \$978,924.40.
Moved By: Councilor Francis
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous
2. Motion to approve the revised reimbursement agreement for the West Cobbs Creek Parkway project.
Moved By: Councilor Francis
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous

XI. REPORTS AND MOTIONS

A. Finance

1. Motion for the approval of the June 2026 Accounts Payable and Accounts Payable Additions List.
Moved By: Councilor Beaty
Seconded By: Councilor Francis

Motion for the approval of the amended June 2026 Accounts Payable and Accounts Payable Additions List.

Moved By: Councilor Beaty
Seconded By: Councilor Peets

Motion Passed: 5 – 1, Councilor Jones-Waters opposed.

2. Motion to approve the May 2026 Cash Balance Report.
Moved By: Councilor Francis
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: 5 – 1, Councilor Jones-Waters opposed.

Finance Director Nichols reported that he is preparing the Borough's Mid-Year Financial Review and noted that Council will determine whether to hold a separate Zoom meeting, as done in previous years, or present the review during the July Legislative Meeting.

Mr. Nichols also responded to questions raised during public comment regarding the Borough's audits. He reported that the 2023 and 2024 audits are complete and awaiting certification from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). Once certified, the audits will be posted on the Borough's website.

Regarding the 2025 audit, Mr. Nichols explained that the Borough is currently soliciting additional proposals after receiving a quote significantly higher than previous years. He noted that the Borough had historically paid approximately \$40,000 for its annual audit; however, following the acquisition of the Borough's previous auditing firm by a larger national firm, the proposed cost increased substantially. As a result, the Borough is moving forward with the Request for Proposals (RFP) process to obtain more competitive pricing.

B. Ordinances & Zoning

Code Director Lamont Collins reported that, with the arrival of warmer weather, Code Enforcement has seen an increase in overgrown vegetation throughout the Borough. He reminded residents that grass and weeds exceeding 10 inches in height, overgrown hedges obstructing sidewalks, vegetation interfering with utilities, and hazardous sidewalks or common driveways are subject to enforcement action, including violations and citations.

Mr. Collins also reminded residents that property owners are responsible for maintaining sidewalks and common driveways. Sidewalks with missing, uneven, or damaged sections that create tripping hazards will be marked for repair, and property owners will receive a violation notice outlining the required timeframe for corrective action. Failure to make the necessary repairs may result in citations.

Mr. Collins also provided the following property updates:

- The owner of 700 West Cobbs Creek Parkway continues cleanup efforts but has not yet submitted the required engineering plans to move forward with redevelopment.
- The owner of 948 Church Lane has submitted engineered demolition plans and is preparing to begin demolition after installing the required safety fencing.

C. Public Works

Public Works Superintendent Mike Pozzuolo reported that the Borough's E-Waste Collection Event will be held on June 26, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Pozzuolo provided an update on the ongoing PECO gas main replacement project along MacDade Boulevard, Duncan Avenue, and Rundale Avenue, noting that Public Works will continue to monitor the contractor's work to ensure the project progresses appropriately.

He reported that preparations for the Borough's Freedom Day Celebration have been completed and that weekly property abatements continue in coordination with the Code Department.

Mr. Pozzuolo also announced that a new flag has been installed at the Cannon site located at Chester Avenue and West Cobbs Creek Parkway.

Additionally, he advised that PennDOT will begin resurfacing and repaving Church Lane from MacDade Boulevard to Baltimore Avenue. Milling is scheduled to begin on July 23 during evening hours, with paving anticipated to begin on July 27. The project is expected to be completed by the end of July.

Lastly, Mr. Pozzuolo reported that the "Do Not Block the Box" pavement markings at the intersection of Bailey Road and Church Lane have been completed. PennDOT will replace the markings with thermoplastic pavement markings during the upcoming roadway resurfacing project, and the intersection improvements associated with the West Cobbs Creek Parkway project will also be completed as part of the overall work.

D. Public Safety

1. Police Department's Report

Chief Henry Giammarco reported that during the month of May 2026, the Yeadon Police Department:

- Responded to 1,013 calls for service;
- Made 9 criminal arrests;
- Issued 14 non-traffic citations;
- Issued 74 traffic citations; and
- Issued 97 parking citations.

Chief Giammarco highlighted the actions of Officer Beese and Officer Nizza, who safely de-escalated an armed encounter on Cypress and Guenther Avenues without the use of force. The officers successfully convinced the individual to surrender a stolen firearm and took the suspect into custody without injury. Chief Giammarco commended both officers for their professionalism and sound judgment.

Chief Giammarco also discussed the Department's partnership with the Delaware County Domestic Abuse Project (DAP), noting that officers have received lethality assessment training to better assist victims of domestic violence and connect them with available support services.

E. Community Affairs

Councilor Jones-Waters reported that there were no new committee updates at this time. She announced that the Community Affairs Committee will recess for the summer and reconvene on September 16, 2026.

Councilor Jones-Waters also reminded residents that the Borough's annual Community Appreciation Day is scheduled for September 19, 2026, and stated that committee members will continue planning the event throughout the summer months.

F. Recreation

Councilor Beaty reported that final preparations have been completed for the Borough's inaugural Freedom Day Celebration, to be held on Saturday, June 20, 2026. She outlined the day's schedule, which will begin with the traditional Flag Raising Ceremony at the Circle, followed by activities at Yeadon Community Park, including a Juneteenth flag raising, cultural performances, live entertainment, children's activities, food vendors, and community programming. The celebration will conclude with a fireworks display at Kerr Field.

Councilor Beaty addressed public comments regarding the inclusion of Frederick Douglass in the Flag Raising Ceremony, emphasizing that the Borough's goal is to celebrate both Flag Day and Juneteenth by recognizing the contributions of all Americans to the nation's history. She stated that the combined event reflects the shared values of patriotism, freedom, and unity and encouraged all residents to attend and participate in the celebration.

Councilor Beaty concluded her report by thanking Borough staff, volunteers, sponsors, and committee members for their assistance in planning the event and invited the entire community to attend.

Mr. Roy Hunter reported that the Borough's Urban Reach Farms Vegetable Program will begin on Wednesday, July 8, 2026, marking its sixth year. The program is expected to run for approximately 20 weeks, through late fall, and residents were encouraged to register. Information has been posted on the Borough website and other community platforms.

Mr. Hunter also thanked residents who participated in the recent Rain Barrel Workshop and Pollinator Garden Workshop, noting that both programs were well attended and successful.

Additionally, he reported that the Borough is working to provide residential trees to Yeadon residents later this summer through a tree distribution program anticipated for August or September. Mr. Hunter also discussed the importance of reestablishing the Borough's Shade Tree Commission in preparation for opportunities associated with the Growing Greener Grant through the Stormwater Coalition, which will help expand tree planting and environmental initiatives within the community.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by the Borough Secretary.