



BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
BOROUGH COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES
JULY 16, 2026

Meeting began 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	Absent
Mark Plachta, Solicitor	Present
Erika Broadnax, Tax Collector	Present
Joseph Viscuso, Engineer	Absent
Nafis Nichols, Finance Director	Present

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

1. Mr. Daudier addressed council regarding the debris and vegetation present in the creek located at Baltimore Avenue. Due to recent storms a tree has fallen in the creek resulting in the accumulation of debris- Mr. Daudier is requesting borough action to resolve the issue before the next storm.
2. Ms. Curley addressed Council regarding ongoing neighbor disputes and concerns with Police and Code Enforcement responses. She requested information on applicable nuisance ordinances, crime prevention and community policing resources, an update on permit parking for Laurel Road, and assistance with mediation of the neighborhood disputes.
3. Ms. Anna commended the Public Works Department for its response following the recent storm. She also raised concerns regarding engineering and legal expenses on the Accounts Payable List and requested clarification regarding documentation and the deliberation process related to former Borough Manager Rafi Cave's severance agreement.

4. Mrs. Peace-Gordon raised concerns regarding the condition of the Baltimore Avenue creek and drainage issues contributing to flooding during heavy rain. She requested clarification regarding responsibility for maintaining the drain, when it was last serviced, and Borough assistance with repaving the rear driveway.
5. Ms. Amartey addressed Council regarding ongoing parking disputes involving neighboring properties near her business. She expressed concerns regarding parking citations issued to her commercial vehicles and requested Borough assistance in addressing the matter.
6. Ms. Scruggs addressed Council regarding ongoing concerns involving a shared driveway with a neighboring property. She requested guidance from the Borough on available options for separating the shared driveway to help prevent further disputes.
7. Mr. Wilson addressed Council regarding safety concerns along Longacre Boulevard following storm-related damage caused by fallen Borough trees. He also raised traffic safety concerns regarding speeding and vehicles failing to stop at stop signs and requested consideration of speed bumps in the area.

IV. MINUTES

1. Motion to approve the June 18, 2026, Legislative Meeting Minutes.
Moved By: Councilor Francis
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous

V. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hopkins reported that his written report stood as submitted.

He recognized the passing of former Mayor Jacqueline Mosley and acknowledged her service to the Borough, including her historic tenure as Yeadon's first African American and first African American female Mayor. Borough flags were lowered to half-staff in her honor.

Mayor Hopkins reported that an arrest had been made in connection with the May 14, 2026, motor vehicle homicide investigation and recognized Detective Sergeant Nicholas Tokonitz for his work on the investigation.

The Mayor announced that the annual National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in partnership with Lansdowne. He also announced that the next Mayor's Citizens Forum is scheduled for Thursday, September 3, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Borough Hall and encouraged residents to participate in the Borough's monthly Public Safety meetings.

Mayor Hopkins concluded by addressing the increase in neighborhood and shared driveway disputes. He encouraged residents to work together to resolve neighbor-related matters when possible and noted that the Police Chaplain Unit is available to assist with mediation when appropriate.

1. Motion to approve the hiring of Gabriel Reifer as a full-time Police Officer for the Yeadon Police Department with a start date of July 19, 2026, contingent upon the successful completion of a background investigation, medical physical, psychological exam, and polygraph.

Moved By: Councilor Peets

Seconded By: Councilor Francis

Motion Passed: Unanimous

VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Truehart addressed the Borough's response to the recent severe storm and the damage experienced throughout the community. She emphasized the importance of ensuring that all members of Council are informed of the Borough's emergency response protocols and receive timely updates during emergency situations.

President Truehart also encouraged residents to report storm-related damage or concerns that may have been missed during Borough assessments by contacting Borough Administration at info@yeadonborough.com.

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Motion to approve the handicap application submitted for 943 Bullock Ave, Yeadon, PA 19050.

Moved By: Councilor Francis

Seconded By: Councilor Peets

Motion to table the approval of handicap application submitted for 943 Bullock Ave, Yeadon, PA 19050.

Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud

Seconded By: Councilor Peets

Motion Passed: Unanimous

2. Motion to reappoint Patricia Shannon to the Yeadon Borough Planning Commission effective immediately, with a term to end December 31, 2030.

Moved By: Councilor Francis

Seconded By: Vice President Roadcloud

Motion Passed: Unanimous

3. Motion to appoint Donna Samuel to the Yeadon Borough Planning Commission effective immediately, with a term to end December 31, 2031.

Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud

Seconded By: Councilor Peets

Motion Passed: Unanimous

4. Motion to appoint Leslie Dix to the Yeadon Borough Planning Commission effective immediately, with a term to end December 31, 2031.

Moved By: Councilor Francis

Seconded By: Vice President Roadcloud

Motion Passed: Unanimous

5. Motion to authorize the disposal of Borough records in accordance with the Pennsylvania Borough Code and the applicable Municipal Records Manual and Records Retention and Disposition Schedule, as approved by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC), for records that have met the required retention periods and are eligible for destruction.
Moved By: Councilor Francis
Seconded by: Vice President Roadcloud
Motion Passed: Unanimous

VIII. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Plachta reported that there were no new matters to report.

IX. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

The Tax Collector reported that for June 2026 the total collections for the month were \$889,895.19. It was also reported that the Borough's real estate tax collection rate was approximately 99 percent as of June.

X. ENGINEER'S REPORT

The Engineer was not present. The Engineer's Report had been submitted, distributed to Council, and posted to the Borough website.

XI. REPORTS AND MOTIONS

A. Finance

1. Motion for the approval of the July 2026 Accounts Payable List.
Moved By: Councilor Peets
Seconded By: Councilor Francis

Motion for the approval of the amended July 2026 Accounts Payable List, excluding GL Account 427.450 in the amount of \$49,354.16 pending adjustment and GL Account 410.452 in the amount of \$890 pending receipt of an itemized invoice.

Moved By: Councilor Peets
Seconded By: Councilor Francis
Motion Passed: Unanimous

2. Motion to approve the June 2026 Cash Balance Report.
Moved By: Councilor Peets
Seconded By: Councilor Francis
Motion Passed: Unanimous

Finance Director Nichols reported that the Borough's Mid-Year Financial Review will be scheduled before the end of July and that an email will be circulated to Council to confirm the meeting date.

B. Ordinances & Zoning

Code Director Lamont Collins reported that the Code Department issued 27 violation notices during the previous month and experienced an increase in rental inspections. He provided an update on the Commercial Use and Occupancy Program, noting that additional notices are being mailed to businesses that have not responded or were not included in previous mailings.

Mr. Collins also reported that construction has begun at 948 Church Lane following the issuance of the required permits and securing of the property.

The Code Department continues to address vegetation violations and common driveway concerns throughout the Borough, including re-marking areas affected by recent weather.

C. Public Works

Public Works Superintendent Mike Pozzuolo reported that Public Works continues to respond to resident calls and inquiries within 12 to 24 hours.

He provided an update on the Borough's response to the recent storm, noting that crews addressed fallen trees, downed wires, blocked streets, and other storm-related hazards in coordination with PECO and tree contractors. No injuries were reported, although some damage occurred to utility poles, homes, and streets.

Mr. Pozzuolo announced that the E-Waste Collection Event will be held on Friday, July 24, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Public Works facility. He also reported that PennDOT's milling and paving project has been delayed until late August due to weather conditions.

Twice-weekly trash collection began July 6 and will continue through September 4. Public Works also continues to address property abatements referred by the Code Department on a weekly basis.

D. Public Safety

1. Police Department's Report

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

- Responded to 1,089 calls for service;
- Made 10 criminal arrests;
- Issued 4 non-traffic citations;
- Issued 54 traffic citations; and
- Issued 1,147 parking citations.

Chief Giammarco reported that the combined Freedom Day, Flag Day, and Juneteenth celebration was successful from a public-safety standpoint and thanked Public Works and the other departments involved in preparing and securing the event.

The Chief also discussed the upcoming National Night Out event and the collaborative investigative work that resulted in the arrest associated with the May motor vehicle homicide.

- a. Motion to ratify the Borough's participation in the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association Crime Scene Camera Kit and Training Grant application for the Yeadon Police Department.
Moved By: Councilor Francis
Seconded By: Councilor Beaty
Motion Passed: Unanimous

E. Recreation

Councilor Beaty reported on the success of the Borough's combined Freedom Day, Flag Day, and Juneteenth celebration. She thanked Borough staff, Public Works, Police, Recreation, volunteers, committee members, and residents for their participation and assistance.

The celebration included the Flag Raising Ceremony at the Circle, activities and cultural programming at Yeadon Community Park, and fireworks at Kerr Field. Councilor Beaty noted that the Recreation Committee will recess for the remainder of the summer and is scheduled to reconvene on September 1, 2026. Fall and holiday programming, including the annual tree-lighting event, will be discussed when the committee reconvenes.

Mr. Roy Hunter reported that the Urban Roots Farms Vegetable Program has begun and encouraged residents to participate. He also invited residents to assist at the Love Garden on Saturday mornings from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Hunter reported that funding has been received through the Stormwater Coalition for another rain barrel workshop, which is anticipated to be held in the fall. He also encouraged Council to move forward with reestablishing the Shade Tree Commission to assist with identifying and addressing hazardous trees throughout the Borough.

Mr. Hunter also acknowledged the passing of Yeadon resident and former track athlete Javon Battle and extended condolences to his family.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by the Borough Secretary.