

**BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 16, 2014**

The Yeadon Borough Council met at Borough Hall on the above date with the following members present: President Sharon Council, Vice-President Nelva Wright, and councilors Clara Johnson, Learin Johnson, Rosalind Jones-Johnson, and Dr. Dolores McCabe, and Gracie Snead. Also present were Mayor Rohan Hepkins, Borough Manager Larry Healy, solicitor Raymond Santarelli, engineer Eileen Mulvena, and Police Chief Donald Molineux.

President Council called the meeting to order at 7:42 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

President Council made an announcement of Executive Session.

President Council called for a motion to amend the agenda at which there were questions from the public. A motion was made by VP Wright and seconded by Councilor McCabe. Motion carried 4-3 with Councilors Learin Johnson, Dr. McCabe, VP Wright and President Council voting yes and Councilors Clara Johnson, Jones-Johnson, and Gracie Snead voting no. Discussion about what will be changed took place and President Council stated that the changes would include the appointment of a solicitor, adoption of management plan, retaining the management firm, and appointing a borough manager, borough secretary, finance director, engineer, signatories of all bank accounts, and review and reconsideration of the 2014 budget. Councilor Jones-Johnson stated that this is not an amendment but a revision and asked that copies of the amended agenda be printed and distributed to the public. There was a recess until 8:05 in order to print and distribute copies for the public. President Council stated that the reason for changes to the agenda were the result of service of a lawsuit earlier that day. While she questioned the validity of the claim, she felt that in order to move the Borough forward it would be best to make these appointments as stated on the agenda.

The public engaged in discussion. Councilor Snead asked why someone was seated in the manager's chair and how is the solicitor acting as solicitor if he hasn't been appointed. Mr. Santarelli explained that in light of the suit, council is doing due diligence. Dr. Harris stated that the constitution establishes the governing body. A motion was made to appoint Raymond Santarelli Solicitor by VP Wright and seconded by Councilor McCabe. Councilor Jones-Johnson stated that she considered the appointment to be highly irregular and council needed options to vet and review. Councilor Snead stated unreadiness. At 8:45 a spontaneous interruption with the public shouting "no roll call" vote stopped proceeding and there was a recess until 8:50. Isaac Dotson asked to see the resumes of the solicitor and manager. President Council responded that prior to reorganization the new councilors could not have presented a package as they were not sworn officials. Followed a heated discussion over whether the

Delta report had been given to the newly elected. During roll call, Councilor Learin Johnson stated that the motion be tabled as residents need to be able to review what has been presented to council. Mr. Dotson said the borough is being sued because Learin put politics over policy. Councilor Jones-Johnson wanted to amend item 15.4 language from laid off employees to terminated. She asked President to share all information with council. Councilor Learin Johnson stated she did not understand why they say they do not have information pertaining to the Possenti firm when it was distributed at reorganization meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Jones-Johnson and seconded by Councilor Snead. It was discussed that the public still had time to speak.

Mr. Dotson: believes that all motions on 15.1 to 15.4 are illegal due to lawsuit and asked then demanded the resignations of Sharon council, Dr.McCabe, Learin Johnson, and Nelva Wright immediately.

Joan Watts, Bailey Road: said it is obvious to her that council does not want to hear residents.

Homer Haynes: appalled by council terminating residents

Linda Mapp: actions of council are appalling

Denise Stinson gives 3 minutes to Mr. Dotson: questioned agenda items

Sammie Stinson gives 3 minutes to Mr. Dotson: questioned approval of 12/19 and 12/23 minutes. Cited Delta plan for hiring manager

Dr. Carolina Harris: Pennsylvania constitution says power belongs to the people. Wants to group to abolish government. Also indicated Delta Plan.

Jacquelyn Puriefoy- Brinkley: Fellowship got petition for an injunction to stop council and criticized Sharon Council, Nelva wright, and Learin Johnson.

Cliff Brock: agrees with previous comments. Asks why Penndot doesn't fix potholes on state roads. Why is there a delay in filling vacancies to the zoning board?

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor McCabe and seconded by Councilor Learin Johnson.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence W. Healy,
Borough Secretary

