

**BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
MINUTES OF BOROUGH COUNCIL CAUCUS WORKSHOP MEETING
MARCH 12, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The Yeadon Borough Council held a Caucus Workshop on the above date. The Meeting was called to order by President Sharon Council-Harris at 7:00 P.M.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Councilors Learin Johnson, Dolores McCabe and President Sharon Council-Harris. Absent were Councilors Clara Johnson, Rosalind Jones-Johnson and Vice President Nelva Wright. Also absent Mayor Rohan Hepkins. Also present were Borough Manager/Secretary Larry Healy, Finance Director Joseph Possenti, Jr., Police Chief Donald Molineux, Public Works Superintendent Daniel Wright, Code Director Judson Sumbler and Roy Hunter, Recreation. Vice President Wright arrived at 7:15 P.M.

3. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Franz Desrouleaux – *Ruskin Lane* – spoke about the trees behind his back are that are on Borough property. He has two small children and fears falling branches may injure his children. Also cleanup of leaves is a lot of work. He requests the trees be cut down. Council will take his request under advisement.

Anthony Cavaliere of Republic Bank was present to answer any questions regarding his bank's proposal. He presented Council with information on Republic Bank.

4. COMMITTEE REPORT

4.1 Public Safety – Dolores McCabe – Chair

Dr. McCabe thanked those who attended the previous night's event at the library which commemorated her husband's first birthday after his death and the donation of his collection of books to the library.

Chief Molineux presented his monthly report, highlighting his department's efforts to clean out old evidence including handguns and rifles. A company has been found that will melt the guns in the presence of our officers.

4.2 Ordinance/Code/Zoning – Learin Johnson – Chair

Judson Sumbler presented his report. He spoke about a property on Orchard Road that has been falling apart and neglected for years. The Code Department has declared it unfit for habitation and hopes to get the matter before the Court. Previously, the owner has been paying the fines for citations which prevented a court hearing. He also informed Council of the recent zoning board hearing at which the board denied the applicant's application to open a daycare on Lansdowne Avenue in a residential area where such a use is prohibited.

Councilwoman Learin Johnson spoke about the confusion that residents encounter as to what are the common names of borough shopping centers and plazas, such as the property at 200 MacDade Boulevard which has been referred to as Yeadon Plaza but there is no sign saying so. She expressed a need for an ordinance requiring shopping centers to erect signs displaying the center's name.

4.3 Municipal Services – Nelva Wright – Chair

Public works superintendent Dan Wright gave his report including how much salt was used and that the street sweeper is back in use providing that temperatures are above freezing.

4.4 Community Relations – Learin Johnson – Chair

Roy Hunter spoke about Camp Garrett. There are 37 families who attended their first meeting showing great interest in the program. The cost is \$270 per week, however with scholarships most families pay \$75.00. Also he is working on a golf program and tennis which may move to Kerr Field. The next rain barrel workshop is on May 16 at 9:00 A.M. in Collingdale. Last year's workshop at Bell Avenue School was very successful. Also he is working with Robert Wright to organize a Flag Day related basketball tournament for June 6.

Councilwoman Learin Johnson said that the Yeadon Stars of Excellence drill team/dance team had won their first competition placing third and awarded a trophy.

(Dr. McCabe left the meeting at 8:30 P.M.)

Vice President Nelva Wright announced some job opportunities with the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission for summer internships and there are also opportunities with the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a special agent.

Learin Johnson asked if three chandeliers could be installed in the auditorium and recommended lowering rental fees.

4.5 Finance - Nelva Wright – Chair

Nelva Wright read the report.

5. Citizen's Forum

Donna Samuel said that with poor public turnout at the Caucus Meeting she suggested that the Caucus be videotaped and placed on the Borough TV Station as there is a lot of good information presented. She believes there is too much dissention at the Legislative Meeting and those meetings last too long for television.

Learin Johnson said there is a brunch on April 25 to raise funds for the Yeadon Stars. She also asked that the Borough find a better website designer.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence Healy
Borough Secretary