

BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
BOROUGH COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES

March 21, 2019

Meeting began at 7:09 pm

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call:

Latoya Monroe, President	Present
Ronald Francis, Vice President	Present
Clara Johnson	Present
Rafi Cave	Present
Dolores McCabe	Absent
Taliah Jones-Waters	Present
Sharon Council-Harris	Absent- arrived late
Rohan Hepkins, Mayor	Present
Atinuke Moss, Manager	Present
Charles Gibbs-Solicitor	Present
Tom Shepherd- Engineer	Present

3. CITIZENS FORUM (comments limited to 3 minutes)

- None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Motion to approve February 21, 2019 Legislative Meeting Minutes
Moved by: Councilor C. Johnson
Seconded by: Councilor R. Cave
Motion passed: 5-0
- Motion to approve March 14, 2019 Caucus Meeting Minutes.
Moved by: Councilor C. Johnson
Seconded by: Councilor R. Francis
Motion passed: 4-1

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor forum held March 7, 2019-discussed animal control policy, superintendent search, and the proposed Borough-wide camera system which is open for bids.

- Body cameras- reached six-month milestone. Some police fear them but it protects both the officers and the citizens. Has been working well.
- May 4, 2019 is the Yeadon clean-up day in partnership with Comcast, from 8:00am-12:00pm.
- Commented on Borough providing SEPTA transportation schedules and waiting to hear back from SEPTA regarding the repaired

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Community Day on Church Lane, May 4, 2019, sponsored by Aetna and hosted by State Rep. Joanna McClinton.
- Yeadon received a CDBG grant for sanitary sewer rehabilitation, in the amount of \$146,000, to repair the intersection of Lansdowne Ave. and Providence Road.

7. BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

- Requested that the Manager's report, which was read and submitted at Caucus be accepted.

8. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Requested that Council recess the legislative meeting to have a Public Hearing to discuss three (3) ordinances.
 - Ordinance #2019-1387 Fire/Rescue Response – Borough permitted to charge fees for Fire Department response. Responsible party's insurance company will be billed. There were no questions from the public.
 - Ordinance #2019-1388 Sewer Tapping Fee- Borough to charge \$2,500 for new construction to be able to tap into the Borough's sewer system. There were no questions from the public.
 - Ordinance #2019-1389 Pollution Reduction Plan Agreement – was adopted last year, however there have been some amendments since then. The ordinance is being reaffirmed though previously passed, and there isn't a requirement to change the ordinance number. There were no questions from the public.
 - Public Hearing was closed
- Motion to adopt Ordinance #2019-1387 Fire/Rescue Response
 - Moved by Councilor R. Cave
 - Seconded by Councilor R. Francis
 - Vote: 5-0
- Motion to adopt Ordinance #2019-1388 Sewer Tapping Fee
 - Moved by Councilor R. Cave
 - Seconded by Councilor R. Francis
 - Vote: 5-0

- Motion to adopt Ordinance #2019-1389 Pollution Reduction Plan Agreement
 - Moved by Councilor R. Cave
 - Seconded by Councilor R. Francis
 - Vote: 5-0

9. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT – Julianne James

- Borough Revenue received: \$101,598.32 from real estate; \$86,096.37 from refuse; 21,600 from sewer; and the total lockbox = 209,294.69.
- Payments online are doing well and increasing. Fourteen (14) people so far have paid their taxes online.

10. ENGINEER'S REPORT – Eileen Mulvena

- Advertisement for bids for elevator upgrades will be done from 3/25/19 to 3/29/19. The bid opening is scheduled for 4/11/19 at 9:30 am.
- CDBG grant for the West Providence Road sanitary sewer rehab.
- Update to the Redwood improvement infrastructure project, contractor expects a start date of 3/25/2019.
- 510 Orchard Ave- stucco work and remedial work will be done on the property based on the inspector's report.
- Requested update on PennVest loan- no settlement date has been set.
- Storm Water Tip
 - Spring is around the corner. Grass cutting will soon be again. Cut grass at 2 1/2 to 3 inches tall so that clippings can decompose easily in the soil. Spare your stream systems by avoiding spring fertilization and leave grass clippings on your lawn. Grass clippings supply 25% - 50% of nitrogen and phosphorus needs. Mulched beds trap and infiltrate more rainwater than lawn or bare soil. Top off your garden with a thin layer of fresh mulch, making sure mulch does not touch tree bark, which will cause decomposition to the tree.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance, Councilman Rafi Cave- Chair

- Motion to approve Accounts Payable
 Moved by: Councilor C. Johnson
 Seconded by: Councilor R. Francis
 Vote: 4-1
- Motion to approve Cash Balance Report.
 Moved by: Councilor R. Francis
 Seconded by: Councilor C. Johnson
 Vote: 4-1

- Motion to approve payment to non-profit organization, Senior Community Services, in the amount of \$7,500. It is an annual contribution. It helps to run the programming at Friendship Circle
Moved by: Councilor R. Francis
Seconded by: Councilor C. Johnson
Vote: 5-0

B. Ordinances & Zoning, Councilwoman- Clara Johnson, Chair

- Requested that the report, which was read and submitted at Caucus, be accepted.
- Motion to hire Code Officer, Curtis Robinson, as a full-time employee.
 - Moved by Councilor R. Francis
 - Seconded by Councilor R. Cave
 - Vote: 5-0
- Motion to hire Solomon White as a part-time Code Officer beginning on March 25, 2019.
 - Moved by Councilor R. Cave
 - Seconded by Councilor R. Francis
 - Vote: 4-1

C. Public Works, Councilwoman Clara Johnson - Chair

- Requested that the report, which was read and submitted at caucus, be accepted.
- Motion to authorize Council to close down a section of Church Lane on May 4, 2019 between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm for an event sponsored by State Rep Joanna McClinton's office.
 - Moved by Councilor R. Cave
 - Seconded by Councilor R. Francis
 - Vote: 6-0
- Motion to authorize hiring of two (2) seasonal workers for Public Works.
 - Moved by Councilor R. Cave
 - Seconded by Councilor R. Francis
 - Vote: 6-0
- Request that Public Works director be involved in the choosing and hiring of the two (2) new seasonal workers. Council agreed that this was procedural, not subject to vote, and that the Borough Manager is responsible for the selection of Borough employees.

D. Public Safety, Mayor Rohan Hepkins – Chair

- Requested that the report, which was read and submitted at caucus, be accepted.
- Meetings are held every second Saturday of the month. Next meeting will be held April 13, 2019.

(i) Police Department's Report – Chief Paparo

- Requested that the report, which was read and submitted at caucus, be accepted.
- a. Motion to approve police vehicle leasing application.
 - Moved by Councilor R. Cave
 - Seconded by Councilor R. Francis
 - Vote: 6-0
- (ii) Fire Department's Report
 - None
- (iii) Emergency Management
 - None
- E. Recreation, Councilman (Vice President) Ronald Francis- Chair
 - Requested that the report, which was read and submitted at Caucus, be accepted.

12. OLD BUSINESS

- None

13. NEW BUSINESS

- None

14. ADJOURNEMENT

- Moved by Councilor R. Cave
Seconded by Councilor C. Johnson
- Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.