

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

April 18, 2019

Meeting began at 7:04 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	Present
Taliah Jones-Waters	Present
Sharon Council-Harris	Present
Rohan Hepkins, Mayor	Present
Atinuke Moss, Manager	Present
Charles Gibbs-Solicitor	Present
Julianne James- Tax Collector	Present
Eileen Mulvena - Engineer	Present- after roll call

3. CITIZENS FORUM (comments limited to 3 minutes)

Mary Jacobs Gorrell- 510 Orchard Avenue.- would like status of her concerns regarding the poor stucco work done to her house to address moisture issues stemming from Borough construction in the area.

Donna Samuel- 1302 S. Longacre Blvd- would like status of Overlay Ordinance for Yeadon Borough Historical Commission to protect potential historic borough properties. Also asked about response time for a general help request sent to Borough. Lastly, it was mentioned that the Library does not provide monthly reports at the Borough meetings anymore, and asked whether this was an oversight.

Karen Moore-Lee – 1029 Callahan Avenue- requested that the large tree in front of her home be moved. Resident was told this evening that her tree would be added to the list of trees scheduled to be removed by Borough.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Motion to approve March 21, 2019 Legislative Meeting Minutes
Moved by: Councilor Ron Francis
Seconded by: Councilor Rafi Cave
Motion passed: 6-1
- Motion to approve April 11, 2019 Caucus Meeting Minutes.
Moved by: Councilor Rafi Cave
Seconded by: Councilor Clara Johnson
Motion passed: 6-1

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

- a. May 4, 2019 – Yeadon Clean-up Day in partnership with Comcast.
- b. Presentation of Citizen Police Academy graduates.
- c. Two-day Clergy program- presented the 1st graduating class to the public.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Both state representatives (McClinton and Davidson) are hosting a community health fair on May 4, 2019 on Church Lane.

7. BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

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

8. SOLICITOR'S REPORT-listen to tape at 26-minute marker

- Council met in an Executive Session today to discuss personnel, litigation and contract issues.
- Consideration of Ordinance #1386 an Ordinance to approve, adopt, and enact an ordinance codification for the Borough of Yeadon, County of Delaware, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; to provide for the repeal of certain legislation not included therein; to save from repeal certain other legislation not included therein; and to provide penalties for tampering with the Code.
 - Meeting was recessed for a public hearing on the Ordinance #1386
 - Meeting resumed following public hearing and vote was had.
- Motion to adopt Ordinance #1386 an Ordinance to approve, adopt, and enact an ordinance codification for the Borough of Yeadon, County of Delaware, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; to provide for the repeal of certain legislation not included therein; to save from repeal certain other legislation not included therein; and to provide penalties for tampering with the Code

Moved by: Councilor Sharon Council-Harris

Second by: Councilor Ron Francis

Vote: 7-0

- Council will hold a public meeting scheduled for May 2, 2019 at 7:00 pm to address ordinances and other borough matters.

9. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT – Julianne James

- Borough Revenue received: \$1,982,602.34 from real estate; \$495,900 from refuse; \$971,132.05 from sewer; and the total lockbox = \$3,449,634.39.

10. ENGINEER'S REPORT – Eileen Mulvena

- Redwood Avenue CDBG update- contractor will move sewer line away from gas line so as not to damage gas line.
- SSO- was able to clear blockage from sewer line. No longer an issue. DEP requires that we go back and televise sewer line at a later date.
- The bid opening for elevator upgrade is scheduled for 5/1/2019 at 9:30 am.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance, Councilman Rafi Cave- Chair

- Motion to approve Accounts Payable List

Moved by: Councilor Clara Johnson

Seconded by: Councilor Ron Francis

Vote: 5-2

- Motion to approve Cash Balance Report.

Moved by: Councilor Clara Johnson

Seconded by: Councilor Ron Francis

Vote: 5-2

- Motion to approve a Resolution Urging the General Assembly to Adequately Invest in Public Schools and Students.

- Has been nearly passed by all the municipalities in the area. Seeks to achieve equitable funding for schools.

Moved by: Councilor Clara Johnson

Seconded by: Councilor Ron Francis

Vote: 5-2

- Motion to approve a Resolution to authorize Council to release fire escrow money in the amount of \$19,5000 for 533 Laurel Avenue.

Moved by: Councilor Sharon Council-Harris
Seconded by: Councilor Clara Johnson
Vote: 7-0

- Motion to authorize a grant payment to Onstage Production in the amount of \$1,000.

Moved by: Councilor Sharon Council-Harris
Seconded by: Councilor Ron Francis
Vote: 6-1

- Motion to authorize a grant payment to Royal Excellence drill team in the amount of \$1,000.

Moved by: Councilor Sharon Council-Harris
Seconded by: Councilor Ron Francis
Vote: 7-0

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

- (i) Motion to appoint Rafi Cave as Yeadon Borough representative to the Darby Creek Joint Authority Board.

Moved by: Councilor Ron Francis
Second by: Councilor Clara Johnson
Vote: 5-2

- (ii) Consideration of a Shade Tree letter to Borough Residents.
-No vote needed.

- (iii) Motion to approve Yeadon business district Flea Market on June 15, 2019 with a back-up date of June 22, 2019 should Flag Day occur on June 15, 2019.

Moved by Councilor Ron Francis
Seconded by Councilor Clara Johnson
Vote: 7-0

C. Public Works, Councilwoman Clara Johnson – Chair

- Requested that the report, which was read and submitted at caucus, be accepted.
- Acknowledged Public Works department for quick response to a tree which caused a public threat.

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.
 - Updated community on deadly auto accident on Church Lane.
 - Moment of silence for Yeadon resident who passed away in the accident.
 - (ii) Fire Department's Report
 - Requested that the report, which was read and submitted at caucus, be accepted.
 - (iii) Emergency Management
 - Requested that the report, which was read and submitted at caucus, be accepted.

E. Recreation, Councilman (Vice President) Ronald Francis- Chair

- Meeting held on 3/26/19. Discussed arrangements for Flag Day.
 - May 4, 2019 Yeadon Clean-up day
 - May 4, 2019 Community Day
 - Camp Garret opening house was on April 15, 2019
 - Flag day is scheduled for June 8, 2019 with a rain date of June 15, 2019
 - Yeadon Community Day will be held in September.
 - Halloween Haunted Hall is scheduled for October 28-30, 2019.
 - Veteran's program is scheduled for November 9, 2019.
 - Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony is scheduled for December 6, 2019.
- Next meeting 4/23/19 at 7:00 pm. Request was made to the community that if anyone would like to help for Flag Day or Community Day, to please attend the meetings.

12. OLD BUSINESS

- None

13. NEW BUSINESS

- Motion to remove Action Item in Public Safety report of April 13, 2019 as it pertains to the Civil Service Commission
Moved by: Councilor Rafi Cave
Seconded by: Councilor Sharon Council-Harris
Vote: 7-0

14. ADJOURNEMENT

- Motion to Adjourn
Moved by: Councilor Rafi Cave
Seconded by: Councilor Ron Francis
Vote: 7-0
- Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.