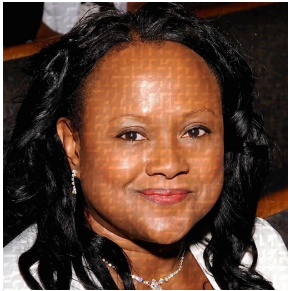


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Sharon Harris

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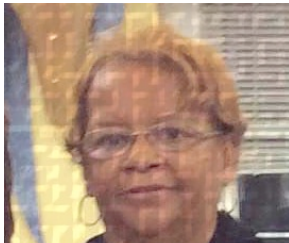
## YOUR TAX DOLLARS SQUANDERED BY INCOMPETENT LEADERS?

At the April 2016 Yeadon Borough Council meeting did Council President Sharon Harris attempt to continue to mismanage our tax dollar? You decide. Sharon Harris and her political cronies on council Edna Learin Johnson, Dolores McCabe, Renita Austin and Tomeka Jones attempted to distribute for their

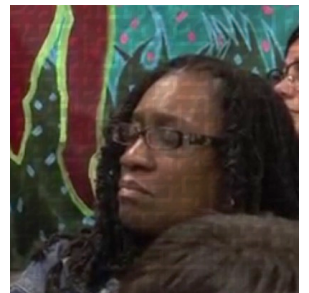
own political purposes, over \$125,000.00 of our tax dollars. Sharon Harris allowed three motions to come to the floor; \$50,000.00 for the Redevelopment Authority; \$25,000.00 for the Historical Commission; and a contract worth up to \$60,000.00 for a document management firm, ImageNet. Councilor LaToya Monroe requested details for these individual ventures. No plans were provided by any of these organizations to utilize the \$125,000.00. No details, absolutely none were provided to explain how our tax dollars would be used. There were no plans or projects identifying how the money was to be spent by the Redevelopment Authority nor the Historical Commission. Councilor Monroe also discovered that the document management company that was to receive \$60,000.00 of our hard earned money was **no longer authorized as a business partner for the software identified in the contract.**



Edna Learin Johnson



Dolores McCabe



Renita Austin

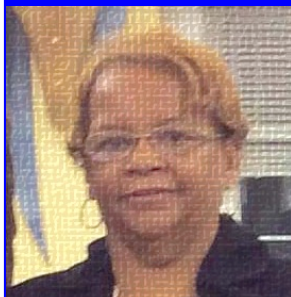


Tomeka Jones

If these items had not been questioned and tabled, our tax dollars would have been wasted with no accountability. Ask yourself, if there were no plans or projects identified, where was the \$125,000.00 tax dollars really going? Have you seen the condition of our streets? How many valid ways are there to spend



**Stop  
Sharon and  
her  
Cronies!**



\$125,000.00 of our hard earned tax dollars. If we don't monitor Sharon Harris's actions and demand a change in leadership, will more dubious proposals be brought to the floor? If you are concerned about your tax dollars come to Yeadon Borough Council meetings scheduled for the third Thursday of each month and watch your tax dollars go up in smoke.

Do you know how Yeadon Borough Council is spending your hard earned tax dollars? Are you hard earned taxes flying out of your pockets and being squandered with no accountability?



Tell Sharon's political cronies Learin Johnson, Dolores McCabe, Tomeka Jones and Renita Austin **"We Want Change!"**

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## DO YOU KNOW YOUR LEADERS?

Sharon Simmons Oglesby Council Harris

Self-appointed Finance Chair

Yeadon Council President

Troubling Personal Finance History

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Sharon Harris: Is she highly qualified to Chair Yeadon's Finance Committee? You decide. Wait, there is no committee! It's just Sharon Harris in control or should we say out of control? She eliminated all Yeadon Committees. There are no longer committees in Yeadon Borough. No citizen participation under Sharon Simmons Oglesby Council Harris.

**Sharon's Personal Bankruptcies: Total number - 5.** Yes, 5! Sharon Harris has filed bankruptcies on the following dates: 11/18/09, 3/11/03, 9/10/02, 10/21/99, and 3/11/98

**Sharon's Liens and Judgments: Total number - 22.** Yes, 22! In 2001 alone, Sharon Harris had the following judgments against her: \$108,730.00 and \$50,042.00 totaling \$158,772.00. We could go on.

Sharon's Charter School Disaster Shames Yeadon Borough

It has become increasingly evident that Sharon has a self-serving financial agenda at the Borough's expense. She recently applied to the William Penn School District to open a charter school she named "Super Kids Super Schools." Let me remind the tax payers, the state no longer reimburses the school districts like William Penn School District for charter school expenses. Every charter school in William Penn School District drains millions of dollars of your school taxes.

Rafi Cave, one of Yeadon's School Board members spoke to Sharon Harris about the exorbitant costs of adding a charter school to the District – over \$1 million dollars of your tax dollars. Nevertheless, Sharon Harris' selfish motives caused her to move forward with the application without regard for the impact her decision may have on increasing our taxes. What



happened when Sharon presented her proposal to the William Penn School District were a disgrace and an embarrassment to Yeadon Borough.

Below you will find bulleted highlights of the denial letter sent to Sharon Harris from the William Penn School District. These bullets are excerpted from a Yeadon resident on a local community website. The following is the evidence of gross incompetence and unethical behavior of our Council President, Sharon Harris. Within this application, did Sharon Harris commit blatant fraud, plagiarism and lies?

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“factual misrepresentations”

“outright falsehoods”

“total disregard for the truth”

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“raises an extremely troubling question... in fact, probably 80% or more of the application is simply “cut and pasted” from an earlier application... had not requested nor received permission”

“The Board questions whether such an action is consistent with the ethical behavior one would expect from an entity seeking to educate our children.”

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“Underestimation of \$631,000 in the first year alone, and \$4,206,000 over five years.

“Without question, the Super Kids Super Schools application is the sloppiest”

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“It is worth noting that the audience applauded when the Board voted to deny Sharon’s application.”

“Of all the various applications received by this district, this application presented the least evidence, by far, of community support.” Sharon knew that the state no longer reimburses school districts for charter school. Yeadon taxpayers would have to replace the \$1 million dollars through additional taxes.

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## YEADON POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Yeadon Police Department under the leadership of Chief Molineux has a positive relationship with our community. Are the actions of Council President Sharon Harris a misuse of tax dollars and a potential threat to undermine the positive relationship between the Yeadon Police Department and the Citizens of Yeadon Borough?

Anyone who has attended a Yeadon Borough Council meeting led by Sharon Harris would question whether or not we live in a democratic society or a dictatorship. Why has Sharon Harris directed paid employees and councilors not to answer any questions asked by residents at council meetings? When citizens fill out a Right to Know Request for information about management and finances, why are they stonewalled and refused information?

Sharon Harris ordered four (4) police officers to stand guard at the April 2016 Yeadon Borough Council Meeting. Was this a misuse of the duties left to her by our Mayor while he was out of town? Was this an abuse of power by Sharon Harris to intimidate Yeadon Residents and discourage them from speaking? Is she a dictator? There were more police officers at the council meeting than on the streets keeping our community safe. Did you know that more than 100% of our taxes dollars are spent on one Yeadon Department? Yes, all of our real estate taxes are used to support just the police department. Using our police department to stand over Yeadon residents at a public meeting will further escalate the expenses to run the police department with no end in sight. Given the increased tension between the police and the Black community in our nation, is this tactic especially despicable?

Can Yeadon spend less on public safety? Yes, the Department of Community and Economic Development gave Yeadon an \$85,000 Early Intervention Grant to help Yeadon lower taxes and improve the efficiency of all departments. Sharon Harris, Dolores McCabe and Edna Learin Johnson joined forces before being sworn into office and decided to trash the Five Year Financial Plan developed from the \$85,000 grant. A team of experts studied all borough departments including the police department and made significant recommendations to lower taxes in Yeadon.



Dolores McCabe  
Nelva Wright  
Sharon Harris  
Edna Learin Johnson

What happened to the Five Year Financial Plan with recommendations to lower our taxes? Councilors Sharon Harris, Edna Learin Johnson, Dolores McCabe

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**Renita Austin**

and former Councilor Nelva Wright decided to trash the Five Year Financial Plan that the State of Pennsylvania spent \$85,000 to develop? This plan was designed to lower our taxes. Why did four elected officials trash the plan?

Wait, this does not make sense. This could not happen. Why would elected officials trash a plan designed to save tax dollars? Sharon Harris met with Joseph Possenti Inc. before being sworn into office and agreed to turn over management of Yeadon Borough to this firm. The Five Year Financial Plan contained specific instructions for hiring a highly qualified borough manager. Five minutes after being sworn into office on January 2014, Sharon and her political cronies turned over almost \$300,000 of our hard earned tax dollars to pay this firm. Sharon Harris and her cronies fired three hard working Yeadon Borough employees. All employees terminated were African Americans. The firm could have also replaced a white borough employee too, but chose only to terminate African Americans. Two employees were residents of Yeadon Borough and the third employee was in the process of looking for a home to purchase in Yeadon. Sharon Harris also decided that these employees would never get any severance pay. They were out of jobs with no money to pay mortgages or support their Yeadon families. Who got these jobs? Sharon Harris prior to being sworn into office made a deal to bring in Joe Possenti employees. The manager provided by the firm did not meet any of the qualifications in the Borough Ordinance or those identified in the Five Year Financial Plan. Sharon Harris also eliminated the Personnel Committee and has refused to allow any evaluations for these Possenti firm employees. Sharon and her cronies gave Joseph Possenti a \$10,000 raise - paying him \$80,000 in 2014 to work less than three hours a week in Yeadon. Full time pay for part-time work.

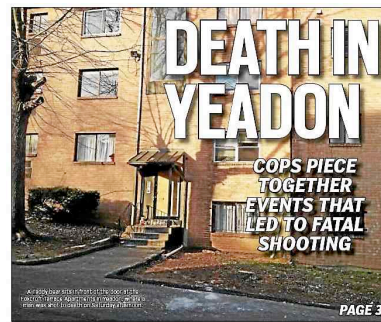
Joseph Possenti works in multiple boroughs. This leaves only one person, a bookkeeper, and working full time in our Finance Department. The Possenti employees' salaries are no longer listed on the budget. Who is getting paid and how much? You do **NOT** have the right to know under Sharon's reign. Sharon Harris made Dolores McCabe, a new council with no experience, in charge of Public Safety. In exchange for voting the way Harris dictated, McCabe got a significant increase in the Police budget driving up the cost to run the

department beyond \$100% of our real estate taxes. Are we safer as a result? Absolutely not! There was a substantial increase in murders in Yeadon since the Dolores McCabe and Sharon Council Harris took control of Public Safety.

You are change! Attend Yeadon Borough Council meetings and let Sharon Harris and her political cronies Edna Learin Johnson, Dolores McCabe, Tomeka Jones and Renita Austin **"We want quality leadership! We Want Change!"**



**Joseph Possenti, Jr.**



**Tomeka Jones**

