

**May 12, 2008**

Derry Borough Council met in regular session Monday, May 12, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the Derry Station Community Room, 200 West Second Avenue, Derry, PA with the following members present: Allen Skopp presiding, Eric Tepper, Kristine Snyder, and Todd Krehlik. Barry Smith, Curt Robbins, and Chris Holnaider were absent. Solicitor Rachel Riedel was absent. Marie McCandless reporter of the Latrobe Bulletin was present.

1. Ed Schmitt – Gibson Thomas Engineering, Latrobe – 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Culvert Tedesco's have started the work on the change order and will be installing the new waters lines probably within a week. Paving should take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Project in approximately six weeks.

4<sup>th</sup> Ward Project is in continuance. There has been one resident complaint that the contractors have dealt with accordingly. The waterline placement should be started soon in coordination with the sewer project very soon.

The Manhole Project will be underway in approximately two weeks.

Ed met with Jesse regarding the sludge press. He has some recommendations and options regarding the sludge process and the possibility of acquiring a sludge press.

Pump Station has been completed.

There are stumps that need to come out on Keeling Avenue from the trees that were removed last month. Borbonus Construction is acquiring a quote for their removal.

2. Jim – Community Resident – Inquired about the property on the corner of Rt. 217 and East Second Avenue regarding the siding falling off of the house. He is concerned of the safety of the residents walking. The Zoning Officer, Bob Sieminkewicz Jr. will be issuing a zoning violation very shortly regarding the problem. He requested knowledge of the burn days of Derry Borough, which are the first and third Wednesday and second and fourth Saturday of every month.

**MOTION** by Krisine Snyder to approve the minutes for regular meeting of April 14, 2008. Motion **SECONDED** by Eric Tepper. All council members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

**MOTION** by Krisine Snyder to approve the minutes for the special meeting of April 16, 2008. Motion **SECONDED** by Eric Tepper. All council members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

**MOTION** by Kristine Snyder to approve the treasurer's report for April 30, 2008. Motion **SECONDED** by Eric Tepper. All council members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

**SOLICITORS REPORT**

Solicitor absent.

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#### ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Presented report for April 2008 including \$50.00 in receipts for two demolition permits.

Discussion of some other properties in need of clean up in the Borough took place.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Committee - Kristine Snyder made a **MOTION** to approve the Addendum to the Derry Borough Police Contract creating a scale including % of rate of pay during probationary period for newly hired police officers. Motion **SECONDED** by Todd Krehlik. All council members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Wage Tax Board Committee – Eric Tepper Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup> a Wage Tax Board Meeting was held with no business to transact. The next meeting will be in August.

The Zoning Planning Committee has reached the very end stages of the new Zoning Ordinance. Revisions were still to be added according to Bob Sieminkewicz.

#### REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Secretary attended the Derry Area Business Professional Association. She reported the school picnic will be held on June 11, 2008. Derry's Great Garage Sale will be August 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>.

DARB – Eric Tepper – Work is underway to repair the community pool from a leak to prepare for the 2008 summer season.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor's Report for April 2008 with receipts of \$2,267.11 which included traffic receipts of \$2,130.63 and non-traffic receipts of \$89.58. There were 71 complaint calls, 39 traffic citations, 2 parking tickets, and 12 non-traffic citations.

Police Chief is requesting some information regarding the upcoming Fireman's Convention.

Secretary mentioned that the Convention is to be held on June 12, 13, and 14<sup>th</sup>, and she posted some application forms for booth rental and parade participation on the Borough Web Site.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

The next Westmoreland County Boroughs Association meeting is being held on May 22, 2008 at 7PM at University of Pitt at Greensburg.

The Memorial Day Parade will take place at 11AM on Monday, May 26, 2008. The parade will start forming at 10:30AM on Fifth Avenue.

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#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Porcelain Park – More resources (steel piles) have been taken from the Porcelain Park Property. The gate has been unlocked and or compromised. The Zoning Officer stated that you need to get a court order to prevent people from trespassing on the property if the building has been condemned.

President Skopp will follow up with Rachel regarding this topic, she is supposed to contact him in the morning

A bond must be issued and permits approved for this property before the clean up of this property is to take place. The courts must be involved to create time constraints against the owners of the property.

2. Abandoned Properties – Slaughterback house on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street has been approved for a demolition permit.

The Mayor asked if the house on West 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Hannastown Road is considered abandoned. It was thought by the police chief and the zoning officer someone lives in there.

3. Truck Signs – Tabled due to Sol. Riedel absence.

4. Occupancy Permits – Kristine is working on.

5. Code Enforcement Officer – Officer Peters is interested in the position for code enforcement officer. **MOTION** from Kristine Snyder to approve hiring Lisa Peters as a Code Enforcement Officer for 8 hours a week at \$10 per hour. Motion **SECONDED** by Todd A. Krehlik. All council members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Mayor Bortz asked if there was money in the budget to pay for her salary. Kristine Snyder stated yes. Several other questions were directed to Kristine Snyder regarding the position regarding uniform, transportation, job description, scheduling, and other topics. The position needs to be reviewed and developed. Todd Krehlik mentioned that someone should confer with our Magistrate Mark Bilik and discuss our plan as well so his office is prepared for our efforts. President Skopp stated he would contact Mark Bilik in the morning.

6. Derry Station Pilot Program - Tabled

#### NEW BUSINESS

**MOTION** by Eric Tepper to approve Requisition #14 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Project in the amount of \$11,759.29. Motion **SECONDED** by Todd Krehlik. All council members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

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**MOTION** by Kristine Snyder to approve Requisition #9 for the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Project in the amount of \$135,722.38. Motion **SECONDED** by Eric Tepper. All council members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

1. Junk Vehicle Ordinance and Garbage in the Borough. Sgt. Friscarella has confirmed that an estimated 20 vehicles have been tagged. Chief Glick reports some of those have been registered or inspected, as well as some have been moved since tagged.

2. Discuss Safe Routes to School. An informational piece of literature was distributed in council mail regarding this issue. There are grants available for this purpose and President Skopp is hopeful we can come up with a project to promote safe walkways to the school. President Skopp is going to do some further research online to bring more information to the next meeting.

A discussion took place about recodification. Recodification was delayed due to the Zoning Ordinance to be updated. The recodification process should be brought back to the agenda so that council can begin to review the manuscript in preparation of the completion of the Zoning Ordinance.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**MOTION** by Kristine Snyder to pay the bills. Motion **SECONDED** by Eric Tepper. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Kristine Snyder to adjourn at 8:32p.m. Motion **SECONDED** by Eric Tepper. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Latta  
Secretary