

January 12, 2009

Derry Borough Council met in regular session Monday, January 12, 2009 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, Todd Krehlik, Barry Smith, Curt Robbins, Kristine Snyder, and Chris Holnaider. Solicitor Rachel Riedel and Mayor Susan Bortz and Marie McCandless, reporter of the Latrobe Bulletin, were present.

MOTION by Barry Smith to approve the minutes for regular meeting of December 8, 2008. Motion **SECONDED** by Curt Robbins. All council members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION by Kristine Melville to approve the treasurer’s report for December 31, 2008. Motion **SECONDED** by Eric Tepper. All council members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed

VISITORS

1. William Weppleman - Representative from the Masonic Lodge stated their organization would like to become more involved in the community.
2. Chuck DeNunzio – Reported that the corner property on S. Chestnut and East 2nd Avenue was up for (judicial sale) sheriff’s sale and asked council if he should pursue the property on behalf of the borough. The county solicitor is going to call Chuck and he will forward the information to the Derry Borough solicitor.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT

Robert Sieminkewicz submitted a written letter to the property owner by the cemetery that has been illegally dumping. The property owner responded that they are in the process of clean up. Mr. Sieminkewicz explained a proper means of removal, and that no burning of the junk was allowed.

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2. Brock Dwire, Josh Campbell, Jason Cambell, Josh Dwire, Brian McDowell, David Bolen, Samantha Smithley, and Ron Dell from Derry Volunteer Fire Department. Brock Dwire wanted to introduce himself to council in request of appointment as Fire Chief for 2009.
3. Vince Mastrorocco – Observing.
4. Barry Dwire, 402 West 5th Avenue, Derry – Concerned about neighbors fence. Mr. Sieminkewicz explained a permit was authorized, and any civil matter would need to be pursued on his own behalf. Mr. Dwire had mentioned a shed that is improperly located in an alley way. Mr. Sieminkewicz explained to council that alley way is located between Mentor and Utopia and is no longer in use, however, is planning to take a closer look at the situation.
5. Lori Ashbaugh- 700 West 3rd Avenue – Voiced a complaint that police pulled her over for a light located on her license plate twice in short period of time, and one of the incidents the police officer required her to take a breathalyzer. The Mayor explained that the Chief is aware of the incident and the police were doing their job. The light apparently didn’t offer enough brightness for visibility for the police officer, however no tickets were given.

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Council went into executive session for personnel reasons 7:48p.m. Executive session ended at 8:15p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

Thank you from Cheryl Reinard and family for fruit basket.

Thank you from the Adams/Caldwell Memorial Library for donation and support.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Barry Smith reported that more salt has been ordered for upcoming bad weather. Signs are complete with the exception of a couple do to spelling errors. Salt Shed pricing is still in process of review. Maintenance on one of our vehicles was needed including a clutch replacement.

Barry mentioned a concern about mutual aide ambulance service response time. The original agreement included an ambulance available for Derry Borough limits. Secretary will pull latest agreement for review.

Todd Krehlik discussed burning and snow removal as a focus for the code enforcement officer. The mayor stated that she and Randy were working on a list of focus. Susan inquired about an updated code book. Recodification is in process and the planning committee will be reviewing the manuscript sent to us from General Code.

Todd Krehlik has been in communication with the Latrobe Fire Department to review the process of burnt homes and clean up and/or demolition follow up. The information could be of use as a benefit for Derry Borough.

The mayor requested reviewing our borough's options and to have Jack Brown come to a work session and discuss his program with possibilities for Derry Borough properties that are abandoned or vacant.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor's Report for December documented receipts of \$1,894.46 which included traffic receipts of \$1,690.88 and non-traffic receipts of \$288.57. There were 80 complaint calls, 76 traffic citations, and 10 non-traffic citations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Porcelain Park – Tabled
2. Ordinance #724 Establishing the Licensing and Inspection of all Rental Units – Tabled
3. Recodification – Under Planning Commission Review
4. Two letters were received for application of the Zoning Hearing Board from Chuck DeNunzio and Alfred Young.

MOTION by Curt Robbins to appoint Chuch DeNunzio to the five year term expiring December 31, 2013. Motion **SECONDED** by Eric Tepper. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

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MOTION by Curt Robbins to appoint Alfred Young to the one year vacancy term for the Zoning Hearing Board expiring December 31, 2009. Motion SECONDED by Kristine Snyder. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

There were no applicants for vacancy board chairman.

5. **MOTION** by Kristine Melville to advertise Ordinance #728 Permits for Waste Roll Offs. Motion SECONDED by Chris Holnaider. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **MOTION** by Kristine Melville to approve Brock E. Dwire as Derry Borough Fire Chief for 2009 and allowing him to make 911 call out changes. Motion SECONDED by Eric Tepper. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

2. **MOTION** by Chris Holnaider to approve Rachel S. Reidel as Derry Borough Solicitor for 2009. Motion SECONDED by Barry Smith. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

3. **MOTION** by Kristine Melville to approve Resolution No. 487-09 Eliminating contributions by police officers in the Borough for the police pension fund for 2009. Motion SECONDED by Curt Robbins. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

4. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to appoint Todd Cline as Derry Borough Code Enforcement Officer. Motion SECONDED by Chris Holnaider. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

5. **MOTION** by Barry Smith to approve Regis A. Tomsey, CPA to conduct 2008 Borough and Real Estate Tax Audits. Motion SECONDED by Kristine Melville. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

6. Advertise for part-time UCC Officer for Inspection of Rental Units (Occupancy Permits) – Tabled

7. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to approve Gibson-Thomas Engineering Co. Inc’s Proposal for 2009 Engineering services to the Borough of Derry. Motion SECONDED by Eric Tepper. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

8. **MOTION** by Kristine Melville to approve 2009 Membership to the Indiana-Westmoreland County Council of Governments. Motion SECONDED by Eric Tepper. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

9. **MOTION** by Kristine Melville to approve authorizing Borough Secretary-Treasurer to pay bills between meetings to take advantage of discounts and prevent certain bills from becoming overdue throughout 2009. Motion SECONDED by Barry Smith. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

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10. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to advertise Ordinance #726 Planning Commission Appointments. Motion SECONDED by Barry Smith. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

11. **MOTION** by Chris Holnaider to advertise Ordinance #727 Open Burning Regulations. Motion SECONDED by Curt Robbins. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

12. **MOTION** by Kristine Melville to increase Mayor’s salary to \$75 per worksession and regular council meetings. Motion SECONDED by Barry Smith. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION by Chris Holnaider to increase salary of Bob Sieminkewicz (4% of original salary). Motion SECONDED by Kristine Melville. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion Motion passed.

MOTION by Kristine Melville amending minutes from September 8, 2008 changing the word from purchase to lease of the back-hoe. Motion SECONDED by Curt Robbins. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION by Kristine Melville to pay the bills for January. Motion SECONDED by Eric Tepper Curt Robbins. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Eric Tepper to adjourn meeting at 8:46p.m. Motion SECONDED by Barry Smith. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Latta
Secretary