

**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**March 17, 2009**

Derry Borough Council met in special session Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 7:00P.M. in the Derry Borough Municipal Building, 114 East Second Avenue, Derry, with the following members present: Allen Skopp, presiding, Curtis Robbins, Eric Tepper, Chris Holnaider, and Kristine Melville. Absent: Barry Smith, and Todd Krehlik. Mayor Susan Bortz present. Reporter present: Marie McCandless.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

1. Donna Mitchell, 1597 Keystone Park Rd, New Alexandria – Observing presentation by John Turack – Penn State Extension and Alex Graziani, Executive Director.
2. John Turack, Penn State Extension and Alex Graziani, Executive Director of Smart Growth.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Borough Secretary reported on application for Penn Prime Grant requesting safety equipment for both DVFD (traffic vests) and Public Works Department (Street Work Signs).

**MOTION** by Curt Robbins to approve applying for 50/50 Penn Prime grant. Motion **SECONDED** by Chris Holnaider. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Allen Skopp, president reported that the property located on the corner of Rt. 217 and Mentor Street where the old lumbar yard was located, has back taxes owed from 2006, 2007, and 2008. He spoke with an attorney affiliated with the company listed as the property owner to gather more information. He would like to see if the property could be acquired for possible use for a new fire house. He forwarded information for our solicitor to review.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **MOTION** by Kristine Melville to approve the resignation of William Nicols effective March 12, 2009. Motion **SECONDED** by Curt Robbins. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

2. Approve Clean-Up Derry Days Event organized by Derry Area Revitalization Corporation. Some council members were concerned about liability of the project and property of the projects location. They were concerned the organization has yet to become official with non-profit status. Mayor Susan Bortz explained they were in the proper process of receiving non-profit status and incorporation. Council was not willing to sponsor the event at this time.

**Presentation given by Alex Graziani and John Turack regarding Smart Growth Projects**  
**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Chris Holnaider to adjourn meeting at 8:25 P.M. Motion **SECONDED** by Eric Tepper. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Latta, Secretary