

May 11, 2009

Derry Borough Council met in regular session Monday, May 11, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the Derry Station Community Room, 200 West Second Avenue, Derry, with the following members present: Allen Skopp presiding, Curt Robbins, Kristine Melville, Barry Smith, Chris Holnaider, Todd Krehlik, and Eric Tepper. Mayor Susan E. Bortz and Solicitor Rachel Riedel were present. Reporters present: Marie McCandless, Latrobe Bulletin.

MOTION by Barry Smith to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 13, 2009. Motion **SECONDED** by Curt Robbins. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION by Curt Robbins to approve the Treasurer's report for April 30, 2009. Motion **SECONDED** by Eric Tepper. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

Report presented by Mayor Bortz with receipts of \$4,368.22 for the month of April 2009 including traffic receipts of \$1,400.50 and non-traffic receipts of \$1,124.65. There were 123 reported incidents.

Mr. Skopp reports that there is a demolition of a property located on 117 Reed Street taking place.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Eric Tepper attended the Wage Tax Board meeting and collections are sufficient even with the economic predicament.

Eric also attended a meeting regarding Lake Ethel. There are some maintenance issues to be discussed.

DARC COMMITTEE REPORT

None

A discussion took place regarding the clean up project on the railroad property.

COMMUNICATIONS

- The Great Garage Sale will be on August 7th and 8th.

- Westmoreland County Borough's Association will be held May 28th, at Donohoe Center (The Barn) at 7p.m. A representative from PLIGIT will be speaking.

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MOTION by Curt Robbins to donate \$1,000 to Derry Railroad Days. Motion SECONDED by Eric Tepper. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

- Westmoreland PA Cleanways will be holding their household hazardous waste program at the Westmoreland County Fairgrounds on Saturday, October 3rd, 2009.
- Trash Can estimates have been distributed to council.

MOTION by Curt Robbins to purchase 10 trash cans from Max.R at \$349 a piece in the total amount with shipping of \$3,671.00. Motion SECONDED by Eric Tepper. Six (6) members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Kristine Snyder was against. Motion passed.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Zoning Officer presented report for April 2009 which was distributed to council, submitting fees of \$99.20 for two residential fences, a deck, and demolition of a house and garage.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Solicitor Riedel reports that she spoke with Mr. Raymond Pepe discussing the possibility of the property to be given to the County as a solution. DEP has not responded as of yet to a clean up plan. Council discussed the possibility of options with the Solicitor. Council requested Sol Riedel to continue with frequent follow up with DEP and the Marlboro Holdings Solicitor.

2. Recodification- Under review.

3. Occupancy Permits – Tabled.

4. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to advertise the public sale of Derry Borough's property located by Ameri Serve Drive-Thru. Motion SECONDED by Eric Tepper. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

5. New Housing through County Programs (Chad Ruffner & Jack Brown Development Programs) - Allen requested all council members to forward a list of choice of locations for potential newly developed areas in Derry Borough by the end of this week. Allen will compile a list and then redistribute the list to council.

MOTION by Curt Robbins to compile a list based on councils input and forward to the development program directors. Motion SECONDED by Chris Holnaider. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to approve placement of Paper Recycling Bins by Abitibi. Motion SECONDED by Chris Holnaider. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Mayor Bortz recommended hiring Cory Bridge as part-time police officer.

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2. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to hire Cory Bridge as a part-time Derry Borough policeman. Motion **SECONDED** by Chris Holnaider. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

3. **MOTION** by Eric Tepper to approve secretary to attend Shippensburg Conference scheduled for September 30, 2009 through October 2, 2009. Motion **SECONDED** by Curt Robbins. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

4. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to approve requisition #21 for Fourth Ward Project in the amount of \$42,833.69. Motion **SECONDED** by Barry Smith. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Chris Holnaider mentioned that Derry Borough needs to be proactive and communicate to residents that they are not allowed to be dumping anything into the storm sewers. Marie McCandless has information for the Bulletin. We may be able to place literature in the tax bills in the fall.

Kristine Melville asked council if they could remove one of the blocked entrances on the old tennis courts down by the pool for DAYAA. They need additional parking for the baseball games. Council agreed to remove the blockade on the baseball side entrance. Barry mentioned that they can put millings in the potholes for a temporary fix. Council agreed.

MOTION by Curt Robbins to have parcels 29 & 30 (Pool/Recreation Area) surveyed by Gibson Thomas. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Melville. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION by Curt Robbins to pay the bills. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Melville. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Kristine Melville to adjourn meeting at 7:49p.m. Motion **SECONDED** by Eric Tepper. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Latta
Secretary