

July 13, 2009

Derry Borough Council met in regular session Monday, July 13, 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, Curtis Robbins, Todd Krehlik, Kristine Melville, Barry Smith, and Chris Holnaider. Mayor Susan Bortz and Solicitor Rachel Riedel were present. Marie McCandless of the Latrobe Bulletin was reporting.

MOTION by Barry Smith to approve the minutes for regular council meeting of June 8, 2009. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Melville. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION by Kristine Melville to approve the treasurer’s report for June 30, 2009. Motion **SECONDED** by Barry Smith. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

VISITORS

1. Fred Goodman – East Third Avenue – Wanted to thank the mayor and the police for a matter that took place earlier in the week.
2. Ed Schmitt – Gibson Thomas Engineering – They will be paving the area by bridge this week.

Council discussed the issue of tar and chipping of Rt. 217 by Penn Dot. A call was placed to Rep. Joe Petrarca’s office requesting Penn Dot come back to Derry Borough and remove stone out of storm drains and sweep streets again removing excess stone. They responded they will be coming back to take care of the issue.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Nothing for the public.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor’s Report for June 2009 with receipts of \$3,349.01 which included traffic receipts of \$1,603.13 and non-traffic receipts of \$464.83. There were 106 complaint calls, 72 traffic citations, and 2 non-traffic citations.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT

Bob Sieminkewicz submitted June 2009 report to council including fees collected in the amount of \$240.60 for six (6) zoning permits issued for a fence, pools, deck, porch, and sheds. He is following up with a few violation letters as well.

REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT

Barry Smith reports that the additional help for the public works department has been a benefit. They repaired the garage floor recently. Public works may need a new lawn mower in the future.

Allen Skopp reports that something needs to be done with the trucks utilizing the alley way between East 1st and 2nd Avenue.

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Sol. Riedel stated our Ordinance already covers the issue, we can post signs immediately. A letter to the post office would be a good form of communication explaining an ordinance is in place and it will be enforced in the future.

Barry Smith reports that he is in the process of getting estimates for a salt shed for the Borough, he will have an estimate for next months meeting.

Mayor Susan reported approximately 177,000 lbs of garbage was hauled from the Revitalization clean up project that took place along the railroad property. There were 72 volunteers in total equaling 483 hours of work time. It was estimated to be a \$7,000 project in total.

COMMUNICATIONS

- PLGSA conference will be August 19th through August 22, 2009. The secretary will be taking a Certified Government Secretary exam upon receiving over 120 hours of education. The cost is \$240 for the conference and additional cost of travel. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to approve Lori Latta's attendance to the PLGSA conference. Motion **SECONDED** by Chris Holnaider. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed
- The survey for the properties including the pool area have been forwarded to Colleen and the copy of the survey for the property near the Borough garage for the salt shed will be forwarded to Barry and Pat.
- Abitibi paper recycling bins are now available behind the Dollar General store. Flyers have been posted at local banks and business.

Kristine Melville is forwarding a representative from CFI to contact the borough secretary regarding LED street lighting. Kristine has spoken with them regarding grant information and the possibility of a program for Derry Borough.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Porcelain Park – DEP has not forwarded any information to Sol. Riedel regarding the site clean up. There was letter submitted by them stating they will be in communication with the clean up process with Marlboro Holdings and will follow up with the borough regarding the plan.
2. Recodification – **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to submit recommendations of manuscript questions for recodification to General Code prepared by Sol. Riedel and Lori Latta. Motion **SECONDED** by Barry Smith. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
3. Occupancy Permits – Tabled
4. Housing redevelopment – A summary and booklet of property locations have been submitted to the county. They are reviewing our information at this time.
5. Ordinance Officer/Temporary Enforcement – Mayor Bortz has submitted a grant application in support of this position. A response has not been received at this time.

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NEW BUSINESS

1. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to approve Requisition No. 23 for the Fourth Ward Project in the amount of \$93,330.59. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Melville. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
2. Amend Truck Ordinance not allowing large trucks to travel through alley ways. Send a letter to the post office regarding traveling the alleys and post new signs.
3. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to advertise a revised lawn maintenance ordinance developed by Sol Riedel increasing fine amount to \$600 and lowering height of grass requirement to 8 inches. Motion seconded by Barry Smith. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
Kristine Melville mentioned utilizing juveniles for community service to help the borough with cutting the residential lawns in violation. Allen Skopp asked Kristine to research the idea.
4. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to advertise for Civil Service Vacancy. Motion **SECONDED** by Barry Smith. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION by Chris Holnaider 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 at 7:52 p.m. Motion **SECONDED** by Chris Holnaider. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Latta
Secretary