

February 8, 2010

Derry Borough Council met in regular session Monday, February 8, 2010 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, John R. McCreary, Kristine Melville, and Chris Holnaider. Mayor Susan Bortz and Solicitor Rachel Riedel were present. Marie McCandless, Latrobe Bulletin and Jeff Himler, Dispatch Tribune-Review were reporting.

MOTION by Chris Holnaider to approve the minutes for reorganization and regular council meeting of January 4, 2010. Motion **SECONDED** by Eric Tepper. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION by Barry Smith to approve the special meeting minutes for February 4, 2010. Motion **SECONDED** by Chris Holnaider. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION by Barry Smith to approve the treasurer’s report for January 31, 2010. Motion **SECONDED** by Chris Holnaider. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

VISITORS

1. Shawn Melville – 217 S. Chestnut St., Derry – Observing.
2. Chuck DeRito – 604 W. Second Avenue, Derry – Expressed that it may be beneficial to post some signs while the public works department is plowing snow for safety. Also, it would be helpful if the residents could remove their vehicles off the streets while the plowing takes place.

MAYOR’S REPORT

The Mayor presented Chief Randy Glick with a certificate of accommodation for his outstanding performance of the train incident with Sheila Singer and her two year old son John Smart on October 30, 2009. She also presented him with a letter for his personnel file stating her performed his job with professionalism, dignity, and confidence.

Mayor’s Report for December 2009 with receipts of \$1724.60 which included traffic receipts of \$763.75 and non-traffic receipts of \$638.70. There were 99 complaint calls with; 16 traffic citations, 1 non-traffic citation, and 8 parking violations.

Mayor’s Report for January 2010 with receipts of \$3,658.27 which included traffic receipts of \$1,605.15 and non-traffic receipts of \$1047.13. There were 100 complaint calls; with 37 traffic citations, 2 non-traffic citations, and 1 parking violation.

The Mayor will provide a report on the Neighborhood Revitalization Coordinator in March. Richard Greece, who has started his new position, has many great ideas, is full of initiative, and is quite energetic performing a great job.

A representative of QED is interested in doing an interview with the Mayor regarding the opportunity of obtaining fresh fruits and vegetables in Derry Borough from Mastrococco’s.

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March 30, 2010 there will be a student economic exchange day at Derry High School starting at 7:30am. The students will be working on the parks and trails project.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Bob Sieminkewicz reported \$62.80 in zoning fees were collected for January 2010 including one permit.

Mr. Sieminkewicz wanted to clarify if he is to submit another violation letter to April Kopas. The Zoning violations have not been abated.

After discussion, Council with the Solicitor's opinion requested he hold off at this time so not to interfere with the upcoming transfer of property to the county.

Bob Sieminkewicz wanted to proceed with purchase of a laptop as the Zoning Officer.

MOTION by Chris Holnaider for approval to purchase a laptop for the Zoning Officer. Motion **SECONDED** by Barry Smith. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Allen Skopp is sympathetic to the residents needs for roads and alleyways to be clear, but asks the public for their understanding and explained that we have limited resources in working with two feet of snow and more snow upcoming. The public works department is working diligently to clear main roads first then alley ways.

The Mayor requested that the Bulletin provide an article about how important it is for residents not to shovel snow into the streets. President Skopp added that citations will be given to residents who are caught putting snow into the streets.

REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Eric Tepper reported the Wage Tax Board meeting was held last Tuesday. They discussed the organization of the Westmoreland County Tax Collection System and their upcoming meetings. Eric was re-elected President of the Board and Margaret Graham from New Alexandria was elected as Secretary. The next TCC meeting at the Westmoreland County Courthouse will be held on February 23, 2010, which he and Secretary Lori Latta will be attending.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Chuck DeNunzio requested verbally reappointment for Vacancy Board Chairman as well as a letter received by Chuck DeRito requesting appointment.
- Lori Latta, Secretary contacted Terri Selembo, Secretary of Rep. Joseph Petrarca and Rick Skovensky, Penn Dot Representative to see if any financial aid will be available for the winter storm since it was declared a state of emergency. They informed the office that our Emergency Management Coordinator, Steve Kozar will be forwarded any information regarding such matters.
- A letter was received by Witheral & Associates to retain Sol. Rachel Riedel as our Solicitor for 2010.

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Dave Bollinger came to discuss the fencing that is to be donated along the railroad tracks. They need to acquire release forms signed by property owners, clear trees, and wait for good weather conditions in order to proceed with erecting the fence.

Chris Holnaider is going to contact April Kopas to see if she can help with a release for the Porcelain Park area where the fence is to be installed.

Mr. Bollinger also mentioned that the bridge sidewalks need to be cleared for safe pedestrian transportation, and requested Thank you letters be sent to the companies that donated the previous fence which has been installed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Porcelain Park – An agreement was reached and voted on at the February 4, 2010 Special Council meeting to help proceed with the transfer of property to Westmoreland County Redevelopment Authority.
2. Recodification – General Code should have a final manuscript for council review in the spring.
3. Housing Redevelopment – Tabled
4. Occupancy Permits- Solicitor Riedel stated that Kristine Melville, councilmember brought to her attention there was a loophole with some of the new businesses in the borough and they needed to file for occupancy permits through UCC. Sol. Riedel recommended submitting these business owners a letter including an Occupancy Permit application waiving the permit fees. **MOTION** by Chris Holnaider to waive the Occupancy Permit Fees for these business owners already established and submit letters with applications and Merle Musick’s Third Party information to them. Motion **SECONDED** by Eric Tepper. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
5. **MOTION** by Eric Tepper to appoint Sol. Rachel Riedel as Solicitor for 2010 effective January 1, 2010. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Melville. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
6. **MOTION** by Barry Smith to appoint Vacancy Board Chairman for 2010. Motion **SECONDED** by Chris Holnaider.
Chuck DeRito addressed council if Chuck DeNunzio submitted a letter of request. A discussion took place regarding the requirements to be appointed to the position.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **MOTION** by Chris Holnaider to approve the 3rd and Final Request from Donegal Construction for the West 2nd Avenue Culvert Replacement Project. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Melville. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

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2. **MOTION** by Chris Holnaider to appoint Barry Smith to the Recreation Board. Motion SECONDED by Todd Krehlik. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

3. **MOTION** by Kristine Melville to approve Resolution #500-10 Signature Cards for First Commonwealth Bank. Motion SECONDED by Eric Tepper. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

4. **MOTION** by Kristine Melville to approve Resolution #501-10 Signature Cards for S & T Bank. Motion SECONDED by Barry Smith. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

5. **MOTION** by Kristine Melville to approve Resolution #502-10 Signature Cards for Ameri Serv Bank. Motion SECONDED by Eric Tepper. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Allen Skopp passed out a financial summary for the Sewer Fund, explaining some of the revenues and expenses. He would like to discuss this issue of the Sewer Fund’s financial status at the March Council work session.

Mr. McCreary requested Lori Latta to summarize the deficit of the Sewer Fund Revenue Expense Report for 2009.

Mr. McCreary suggested using quick books instead of our current software to make it easier for people to understand. Allen Skopp asked Lori to review this matter with our accountant.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Todd Krehlik to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Motion SECONDED by Kristine Melville. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Latta
Secretary