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Derry Borough Council met in regular session Monday, June 14, 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, Chris Holnaider, Barry Smith Todd Krehlik, John R. McCreary, and Kristine Melville. Mayor Susan Bortz and Solicitor Rachel Riedel were present. Marie McCandless, Latrobe Bulletin and Jeff Himler, Tribune Review were reporting.

MOTION by Kristine Melville to approve the minutes for the regular council meeting of May 10, 2010. Motion **SECONDED** by Eric Tepper. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION by Chris Holnaider to approve the minutes for the special council meeting of May 27, 2010. Motion **SECONDED** by Barry Smith. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed

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

VISITORS

1. James Castellano – 413 Charles St., Derry – There are rats in the neighborhood. They have a neighbor who is storing garbage in their garage located at 410 Ridge Avenue. Rick Greece, Neighborhood Revitalization will be informed to review the property.

There is a pedophile moving into their area of the community and they have not been communicated to by anyone. They understood that if a pedophile moves into a neighborhood that they would be informed. Solicitor Riedel explained that the State Police will inform the Municipal Police that there is one in the community and the crimes committed. She mentioned that anyone can review on the Megan’s Law Website any pedophile who resides in their community.

He also requested if there could be a speed sign replaced on Ridge Avenue as well as a dog waste sign posted, due to ongoing issues with speeding and dog waste not being picked up.

2. Warren Yanderman – 503 Charles St., Derry – Observing
3. Wayne Wissuzi – 233 Ridge Ave., Derry - Observing

MAYOR’S REPORT

- The Mayor attended the Faith in Action luncheon which provided a Senior Resource Directory which is available on line www.laurelfia.org or www.bethlen.com The links will be added to the Borough Website.
- Smart Growth Partnership and Penn State University, National Park Service, Pennsylvania Environmental Council, and the Conservation Landscape Initiative are supporting the parks and trails initiative in our area. John Foley gave her the list of items needed for the survey for the park along W. 1st Avenue. This project is supposed to bring positive economics into the area.

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Mayor's Report for May 2010 with receipts of \$2,348.90 which included traffic receipts of \$1,848.31 and non-traffic receipts of \$279.43. There were 160 complaint calls, 51 traffic citations, and 2 non-traffic citations. There were 1 parking tickets.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing for the public.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Bob Sieminkewicz reported \$61.40 in zoning fees were collected for May 2010 including one shed permit.

The car port was removed on West 1st Avenue.

Allen asked if Bob could look at 322 East 1st Avenue property regarding a back porch.

The Mayor mentioned a resident concern report which is regarding a property located at 502 East 4th Street which has bushes surrounding property at the intersection of Huston and Rt. 217 making it difficult to see stop sign for vehicle traffic. Rick Greece received concern report and Lori will give a copy to Pat Byers for review as well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

None

COMMUNICATIONS

- The Comprehensive Plan on the Borough website is being updated so that it can be accessed. A resident reported that the file was unattainable.
- We received a memo stating we will be receiving our Holdback payment for the 4th Ward project within the next ten days.
- The Borough is in need of a new street map for the public including delivery persons. At the PSAB Conference there was a company named Print who will create maps for municipalities and the cost is supported by local community businesses purchasing advertisements on the map.

COMMUNICATIONS

Shirley Dankesreiter sent a letter to council requesting to place a security camera at the Community Park to protect their DAHS Class monument. She is willing to pay for the service. There was a discussion that she could not be the person who would monitor the camera and further discussion needs to take place regarding possible solutions. Mayor Susan Bortz will contact her to discuss further.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Porcelain Park – No report
2. Recodification – Under Planning Commission Review.
3. Housing Redevelopment – Tabled

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4. Occupancy Permits for Residential Rental Units- Allen asked council and the mayor to please review the Ordinance for the next work session.
5. Destroyed homes by Fire in Derry Borough – Randy McCreary inquired with Latrobe to see if the City of Latrobe has a special way to deal with this type of situation. He found that they have created an Ordinance as the Borough of Derry has requesting a percentage of insurance proceeds to go into a Borough escrow account until a property is demolished post fire. There are also county demolition funds available for some situations when the owner does not have insurance to cover costs. Lori will contact Robert Gamble to see if there has been any further progress with the Gamble property.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **MOTION** by Eric Tepper to approve Hazardous Waste Collection submission fee of \$100 to Westmoreland PA Cleanways. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Melville. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
2. **MOTION** by Chris Holnaider to approve submission of street changes to updated Flood Plain Map of Derry Borough to FEMA. Motion **SECONDED** by Barry Smith. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
3. **MOTION** by Eric Tepper to approve Subdivision of Derry Borough Parcel in R-SH District from Saturday Family Limited Partnership – Edward F. Sobota and Diane G. Sobata to the Municipal Authority of Derry. Motion **SECONDED** by Chris Holnaider. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
4. Approve ARRA Funds to be used for Derry Trails Initiative. Council approved at prior meeting with contingency. No motion needed.
5. **MOTION** by Chris Holnaider to approve survey by Art Kromel for Cowan Way Area requested by Bob Sieminkewicz at an estimated cost of \$550. Motion **SECONDED** by Eric Tepper. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
6. Storm Sewer Maintenance Programs MS-4. The Public Works Department is going to purchase placards for the storm drains in the Borough, to remind residents they are not to dump anything in storm drains. This will support our maintenance program in place.
7. Finance Budget Discussion – Allen Skopp reviewed the importance of maintaining our 2010 Budget Expenses. Currently the police budget is showing an excess of 5% in expenditures. He is requesting all departments to monitor their budgets closely. Randy McCreary noticed we have had some surplus in the past few years that has been carried over from year to year to help balance the next years budget. He was wondering if council should take the surplus at the end of the year and put it into the reserve account vs. putting the funds into the next year’s budget.

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Lori Latta explained that there are funds that weren't budgeted for received such as ARRA funding, Police Reimbursement, Transfer Taxes for Porcelain Park, and other items which will show an inflation of expenses in the Revenue/Expense Report making the percentages higher, but the figures should balance between revenues and expenditures. Currently the Borough has received approximately \$24,000 in unanticipated revenues which should create a gain in revenue at the end of the year. Council will review and discuss further in September.

Allen Skopp is concerned about the property located at the corner of Rt. 217 and W. Second Avenue, it seems there is a business being run out of the resident's home. There are large vehicles sometimes blocking the alley way in that area.

Another concern is at the Derry Manor Apartment Building tenants are not removing or cleaning up their dog waste which is against the Dog Waste Ordinance. The Mayor will have Rick Greece, Neighborhood Revitalization Coordinator to review both concerns.

A discussion regarding playground vandalism in the Second Ward Playground was held. Kids have damaged the water fountain at the playground. Older kids are loitering in the playground at night. Council decided they should lock the gates at dark. **MOTION** by Kristine Melville to start locking gates at the Second Ward Playground from dusk to dawn. The police are to lock and unlock the gates daily. Motion **SECONDED** by Eric Tepper. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Kristine Melville discussed that the intersection at S. Chestnut and 3rd Avenue people are speeding through the intersection. He is concerned that an accident is going to happen with the children who play in the area. She was wondering if we could put a speed limit sign in that immediate area. Todd Krehlik explained that a 4-Way Stop is not the solution because in the winter time the traffic needs to proceed through due to road conditions. Allen suggested that the police monitor that area. The Mayor will review with the police department.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Kristine Melville to adjourn at 8:05 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