

## November 14, 2016

Derry Borough Council met in regular session Monday, November 14, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Derry Station Community Room, 200 West Second Avenue, Derry, PA with the following members present: Chad Fabian, Presiding, Al Checca, Dave Fletcher, Thomas Lipinski were present. Allen Skopp, Barry Holden, and Jim Ritenour were absent. Mayor Kevin Gross was present. Nick Cammuso was reporting.

**MOTION** by Thomas Lipinski to approve the minutes for the regular council meeting of October 17, 2016. Motion **SECONDED** by Dave Fletcher. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

**MOTION** by Thomas Lipinski to approve the treasurer’s report with a General Fund Balance Sheet totaling \$194,534.99 for October 31, 2016. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

### RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

1. Lois Lazarchik – Sixth Avenue – Voiced her opinion that she didn’t understand why chickens weren’t allowed in the Borough, and didn’t feel that the community should ban them completely.
2. Don Ritenour – Owens Avenue – Observing and wanted to find out status of Owens Avenue Project.
3. Marty Bucci, Barry Terney, and Karla Terney – Methodist Church Board Members, N. Ligonier Street – They want to know the time frame they need to wait to have approval for a digital sign to be erected on the church grounds and the current status of the review process. Council explained they are in favor of the updated Ordinance changes to allow the sign, unfortunately it takes time to amend the Ordinance. The planning commission is reviewing the Ordinance currently. The Borough office will keep them posted on the Ordinance amendment. Chad Fabian explained the process to them and explained it will take approximately 2 months from receipt of the planning commission’s recommendation. If they wanted to they could apply for a variance, however it would probably be best for them to wait for the Ordinance amendment to save themselves \$350.
4. George Tragos – S. Chestnut Street - Observing

### SOLICITOR’S REPORT

The Solicitor provided a written report to Borough Council relating to public and attorney client privileged issues and attended the regular meeting to discuss legal issues in executive session as reported above.

**Derry Borough Council went into executive session at the Borough of Derry Work Session held on November 7, 2016 at 8:18pm for police personnel matters and legal discussion. Executive session ended at 8:55 pm.**

### MAYOR’S REPORT

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Mayor Kevin Gross submitted the Mayor’s report for October 2016 with receipts of \$938.67 which included traffic receipts of \$618.83 and non-traffic receipts of \$68.15. There were 110 complaint calls, 15 traffic citations, 1 non-traffic citations, and 4 parking tickets.

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**BUILDING INSPECTIONS UNDERWRITERS, INC. MONTHLY REPORT**

BIU reported for the month of October 2016 one (1) Code Violations.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

***Municipal Authority Review Committee*** – Barry Holden, Tom Lipinski, and Al Checca  
***Jim Ritenour*** – Public Works –Maintenance to Ramsey Way has been completed. Leaf collections will begin November 1<sup>st</sup> through December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

***Allen Skopp*** – Grants

***Al Checca***- Police Department

***Lori Latta*** – Safety Committee

Chad Fabian – Pat Byers has received two quotes regarding getting the street sweeper repaired. Council is concerned we are putting money into something that has reached the end of it's life.

**REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

***Railroad Days- Lori Latta*** – Meetings are held the second Thursday monthly at 6:30pm at Derry Station Community Room.

***DARCEE –Lori Latta***- Meeting November, 16, 2016, 2016 at Derry Township Building at 7pm.

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

No report on review received for digital signs.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- Derry Veterans Memorial Bridge Dedication will be held on Friday, November 11, 2016 at 11am. There will be a small parade and the dedication will be held in the Rite Aid Parking Lot. There will be a veteran's luncheon at 12 noon for all veterans and special attendees.
- Derry First United Methodist Church, the Derry Lions Club and the Derry Ministerial Association is providing a Free Community Thanksgiving Feast on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> from 12pm – 2 pm.
- Letter of resignation from Christopher Ramsden

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Board and Commission Vacancies
  - One (1) vacancy and one (1) alternate vacancy for the Zoning Hearing Board
  - Civil Service Commission Vacancies
  - Vacancy Board Chairman
2. Owens Avenue N. Ligonier St. Bridge Removal Project – Communication with Gibson Thomas – Waiting for paperwork from Penn Dot
3. Zoning – Signs Section Amendment – Under Planning Commission Review

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4. Code Enforcement and Zoning- Position Advertised
5. **MOTION** by Al Checca to approve advertising General Fund Budget 2017 pending committee balances budget with review. Council will review at work session to confirm no objections of the committee review. Motion **SECONDED** by Tom Lipinski. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed. The committee will meet by the end of November to make some cuts to balance the budget.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **MOTION** by Thomas Lipinski to reject the offer by Hoffman’s for a \$90 monthly fee. Motion **SECONDED** by Dave Fletcher. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.  
**MOTION** by Dave Fletcher to approve Hoffman’s Dog Service Contract at the same price as this year’s contract with no increase - \$85 per month for retrieval service (Emergency calls after 4pm and weekends an additional \$75 per incident) Jan 1, 2017-Dec 31, 2017. Motion **SECONDED** by Thomas Lipinski. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
2. Police Chief Contract – Council met in executive session and will discuss their summary with the Borough Solicitor.
3. **MOTION** by Al Checca to advertise for 2017 Tax Anticipation Notes. Motion **SECONDED** by Dave Fletcher. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
4. **MOTION** by Al Checca to approve the 18 month rates for electricity at .05193 (cost savings of .008 per KWH) information provided by our energy broker Keytex beginning in 2017. Motion **SECONDED** by Dave Fletcher. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
5. Blocking of Roadways or Alley Ways – Tabled Mr. Lipinski suggested that the planning commission review other areas of the Borough which may have the same issue as 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue with street parking.
6. Parking Fines - Tabled
7. **MOTION** by Dave Fletcher to approve Resolution 607-16 -Approve agreement for the Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program for the Derry Community Park and Pedestrian Trails Project. Motion **SECONDED** by Tom Lipinski. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
8. Letter of resignation was received from Mr. Ramsden and read. **MOTION** by Al Checca to accept the resignation of Christopher Ramsden as a part-time police officer. Motion

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SECONDED by Dave Fletcher. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

**Derry Borough Council went into executive session at 7:50pm for personnel reasons for discussion of Chief of Police contract. Executive session ended at 8:03pm.**

PAYMENT OF BILLS

**MOTION** by Tom Lipinski to approve payment of bills totaling \$61,358.48 and all outstanding legitimate bills through the end of the month. Motion SECONDED by Dave Fletcher. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION** by Al Checca to adjourn at 8:04p.m. Motion SECONDED by Thomas Lipinski. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Latta  
Secretary