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Derry Borough Council met in regular session Monday, April 11, 2011 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, Barry Smith, John McCreary, Todd Krehlik, Kelly Tatone, and Kristine Melville. Curt Robbins was absent. Mayor Susan Bortz was present. Marie McCandless, Latrobe Bulletin and Jeff Himler, Tribune Review were reporting.

MOTION by Barry Smith to approve the minutes for the regular council meeting of March 14, 2011. Motion **SECONDED** by Todd Krehlik. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION by Barry Smith to approve the treasurer’s report for March 31, 2011. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Melville. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

VISITORS

1. Alex Skopp- 125 West 3rd Avenue, Derry – Boy Scout Merit Badge
2. Trinity Malis – Civics Derry Area High School
3. Tom Tatone – Civics Teacher - Civics Derry Area High School
4. Sydnee Shrum - Civics Derry Area High School

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Nothing for the public.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor’s Report for March 2011 was reported with receipts of \$2,855.23 which included traffic receipts of \$1,690.21 and non-traffic receipts of \$175.32. There were 117 complaint calls, 27 traffic citations, and 5 non-traffic citations.

- Latrobe Chamber of Commerce will have the Economic Exchange Day on Thursday, April 14, 2011 with the Derry Area and Latrobe students. They will be reviewing the Marcellus Shale project and the pros and cons of natural gas drilling.
- The mayor reported that someone came forward in her shop interested in volunteering at the playground to prevent vandalism and inappropriate behavior. She suggested a background check be completed for anyone who would like to volunteer for safety reasons costing a total of \$53 including a child abuse history for \$10, a state police background check for \$10, and a FBI fingerprint check for \$33. Barry mentioned that it wouldn’t be appropriate for volunteers to ask someone to leave the playground. Allen asked if there are any liability issues for the volunteers. Susan stated that the volunteers would contact the police if any issues would come up at the playground which need addressed. Allen requested council to give their opinions. A discussion took place. The secretary stated that she would discuss liability with the insurance carriers and report back.

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Bob Sieminkewicz suggested that a job description be put in place with training for such volunteers and that they are aware that they need to contact the police for issues which need addressed. Allen suggested it is good to see community residents want to step forward and help with their community.

- Derry Area Historical Society will be holding an event on May 1, 2011 and include community leaders for a newly formed youth group for ecological studies.
- Marcellus Shale is forwarding a quarterly newsletter to our municipality regarding gas drilling, which Susan and Allen received.
- Ligonier had a citizens group meeting regarding gas drillings and problems that have come to surface for some land owners. They showed a movie called Gas Lands regarding the drilling process which displayed some of the environmental problems that have surfaced. It was suggested that Derry Borough, Derry Township, and New Alexandria could have a public meeting regarding drillings and protective measures that can be taken for the property owners. There are problems arising including water pollution, air pollution, and possible decline in property values. St. Vincent is having a public viewing of the documentary with a commentary afterwards on April 20th from 6pm-8pm. Kelly Tatone will email the information to council.
- Susan forwarded a memo to the police department to walk the downtown area more. She also discussed the idea of bike patrol with the Chief; however, it is not suitable when one policeman is on duty since it is more difficult to reach the police vehicle in case of an emergency. She also asked them not to leave police vehicles idle for more than five minutes at a time.
- MDIA is an outsourcing agency for code enforcement that we may be able to utilize in the future as a combined effort with New Alexandria, Derry Township, and Derry Borough. Susan suggested there may be grants available by DCNR.
- Susan asked if Ellen Keefe would come to a council work session in May regarding individual recycling and discuss the possibilities for Derry Borough.
- The Census Bureau will be conducting 2010 question resolution program from June 1, 2011 to June 1, 2013 providing elected officials to challenge the 2010 census counts. She suggested council could write a letter if they felt there was an inaccuracy and it could be investigated.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Barry Smith reported that the public works department is in need of the commercial tractor to replace the non-commercial one that currently is in operation due to the age of the equipment.
- Barry Smith mentioned that the funds he receives for his time on council is donated back into the community with DARCEE and Railroad Days and prefers to see that money go back into the community.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Bob Sieminkewicz reported one permit for March for a residential fence for \$10.00 in March 2011.

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REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- Lori Latta reported the Derry Area Business and Professional Association is having their Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at 1p.m. at the Community Parks and registration is available at all banks in Derry Borough.

COMMUNICATIONS

Lori Latta read the following:

- The Derry Borough Police received one AED from Mutual Aid by support of the Richard King Mellon foundation for the police vehicles.
- The Adelphoi students will be coming for a community service project weather permitting on Saturday from 9am-12pm to clean up the landscaped area and the playground.
- The GirlScout Troop 20259 will be coming to plant flowers at Mossback Park in May and the Cub Scout Pack 351 will be doing their annual clean up project at the Community Park on April 30, 2011 weather permitting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **MOTION** by Todd Krehlik to advertise Ordinance 740 to approve and enact an ordinance codification and revision of Ordinances. Motion **SECONDED** by Barry Smith. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
2. Occupancy Permits – Currently in review process by Bob Sieminkewicz. He is purchasing a few more pieces of the code and working on the legal aspects with Rachel Riedel.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **MOTION** by Todd Krehlik to approve Resolution 521-11 Memorandum of Understanding By and Between Derry Borough Police and Derry Area High School District for police services. Motion **SECONDED** by Barry Smith. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
2. **MOTION** by Barry Smith to approve purchase of Lawn Tractor from Andrews Sales & service for \$5,395.00 Cub Cadet Tank L48 Commercial 25 HP Kohler Command Twin 48” deck and to advertise to sale the old lawn tractor. Motion **SECONDED** by Todd Krehlik. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
3. **MOTION** by Todd Krehlik to approve applying for PHEAA off campus community service federal work study program with St. Vincent for part-time administrative and recreation/playground internships. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Melville. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

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4. Blighted and Abandoned Properties – Communication received by Rachel Riedel for information regarding codes has been distributed to council. Randy McCreary upon attending a conference for Abandoned and Blighted Properties mentioned that due to the state budget, funds may not be available in the future to support this issue.

5. **MOTION** by Todd Krehlik upon review of liability insurance to approve back ground checks and acceptance of playground volunteers at a cost of \$53 per volunteer. Motion **SECONDED** by Barry Smith. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

6. Young Lungs at Play Resolution – Table for Solicitors review and preparation of Resolution.

Kristine Melville asked if the public works department could take some millings down to the parking area by the baseball fields and the pool to fill in some of the holes for parking.

Executive session was held at 7:40p.m.for personnel reasons. Executive session ended at 8:02.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION by Todd Krehlik to pay the bills. Motion **SECONDED** by Barry Smith. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Kristine Melville to adjourn at 8:03p.m. Motion **SECONDED** by Barry Smith. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Latta
Secretary