

**October 10, 2011**

Derry Borough Council met in regular session Monday, October 10, 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, Curt Robbins, John McCreary, Kelly Tatone, Kristine Melville, and Barry Smith. Mayor Susan Bortz was absent. 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 September 26, 2011. Motion **SECONDED** by Barry Smith. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

**MOTION** by Barry Smith to approve the treasurer’s report for September 30, 2011. Motion **SECONDED** by Curt Robbins. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

**VISITORS**

1. Fred Goodman- 121 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue – Boy Scouts Leader Observing
2. Daniel Sertois – 124 Richmond St.- Boy Scout Observing
3. Shawn Melville – 217 S. Chestnut St. – Observing
4. Gary Gray – 220 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Boy Scout Observing
5. Micah Ritenour – 314 S. Chestnut St. – Boy Scout Observing
6. Tom Heacox – 125 East. Street – Boy Scout Leader Observing
7. Derek Heacox – 125 East Street- Boy Scout Observing
8. Kathy Robbins – 216 S. Chestnut Street – Boy Scout Observing

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

Nothing for the public.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor’s Report was submitted for September 2011 and was reported by secretary with receipts of \$2,409.70 which included traffic receipts of \$1,027.54 and non-traffic receipts of \$924.84. There were 107 complaint calls, 25 traffic citations, and 9 non-traffic citations with no parking tickets.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Barry Smith reported that public works has prepared the trucks for the upcoming snow season and the lift truck which was recently purchased has had an overview for maintenance issues.

**REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

The Westmoreland county Borough’s Association is having their next meeting at the Scottsdale Elks Club on October 27, 2011 at 7pm. They will be choosing officers at this meeting.

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The DVFD Ladies Auxiliary will be holding a Holiday Craft and Vendor Sale on November 5, 2011 to benefit the Derry Volunteer Fire Department. Craft vendors are welcome for a table fee of \$20.

### COMMUNICATIONS

- The secretary reported that after attending a class at the Westmoreland County Community College, there is now information online with the new Census information available at [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov) and we have an information packet available at the office to use as a reference tool if needed.
- George Love submitted a letter to council regarding a rate increase of \$160 per hour or a minimum fee of \$95 per meeting for those meetings which are less than 43 minutes effective January, 1, 2012.

### ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Bob Sieminkewicz submitted a September 2011 Zoning Report for two permits for a residential fence and a residential addition in the amount of \$59.50 including an abatement form.

Bob reported there will be a continuance for the Ritenour case.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Occupancy Permits – Bob Sieminkewicz attended a seminar regarding creating rental inspections, which have brought up many topics to discuss. He would like to sit down with a representative of the Westmoreland County Courthouse to see if he can utilize their informational updates. He would like to retrieve information from the Waste Haulers if council proceeds with a contracted hauler for Derry Borough as well. He will attend the November work session to be held on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to summarize what he has completed to create and implement the process.
2. Community Sidewalks – Allen Skopp asked secretary to contact Planning Commission and request their presence for the November Work Session.
3. Agreement with YMCA for Outdoor Community Pool – Council asked Solicitor to prepare 2012 Agreement for November meeting. A request was submitted from the secretary to Jeremiah Wagner for a Profit and Loss Statement for the 2011 Outdoor Community Pool Season.
4. Zoning Hearing Board Vacancy and alternate vacancy – We have not received any letters of interest at this time. Tabled until December.  
Kelly Tatone inquired about the responsibilities of the Zoning Hearing Board. One function is to appeal a Zoning Decision. Bob Siminkewicz explained other functions of the Board are variance hearings, and/or special exceptions. Also, they would deal with a challenge of the validity of the Zoning Ordinance.

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5. **MOTION** by Kristine Melville to approve Trinity Malis for the Junior Council Vacancy. Motion **SECONDED** by Kelly Tatone. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **MOTION** by Randy McCreary to approve 2012 Hoffman Dog Contract. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Melville. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

2. **MOTION** by Randy McCreary to approve the Halloween Parade for 3pm hosted by the Business and Professional Association including a \$100 donation for the event and designates Trick or Treat Hours from 4pm-7pm on Saturday, October 29, 2011. Motion **SECONDED** by Curt Robbins. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed. Allen Skopp requested a second police officer to be on duty for that time period.

3. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to approve the Halloween Walk at the Community Park hosted by the Presbyterian Church for Friday, October 28, 2011 from 7-9pm. Motion **SECONDED** by Kelly Tatone. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

4. Solid Waste and Recycling Bids – The committee requested review from the Solicitor. Rachel Riedel will review RFP for November meeting.

5. 2012 General Fund Budget - November Work Session will be discussed in preparation for a longer meeting.

6. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to approve Resolution 525-11 Distribution of State Aide for Non-Uniform and Uniform Pensions. Motion **SECONDED** by Randy McCreary. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

7. **MOTION** by Kristine Melville to advertise vacancy on council. Motion **SECONDED** by Barry Smith. Allen requested and a Roll Call Vote was taken. Randy McCreary – No, Barry Smith – Yes, Kristine Melville – yes, Kelly Tatone – No, Curt Robbins – No. Allen Skopp abstained. Votes were three to two not to advertise vacancy on council. Motion passed.

Allen Skopp asked if the scouts had any questions regarding the council meeting. They declined.

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Allen also mentioned we will be having a long meeting at the upcoming work session with many issues to discuss.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**MOTION** by Curt Robbins to pay the bills. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Melville. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Randy McCreary asked if the Fire Chief Brock Dwire had anything he needed to address. He state he was observing.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Kelly Tatone to adjourn at 7:30 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