

DERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
December 27, 2016
7:00 P.M.

Derry Borough Council met in special session Tuesday, December 27, 2016 at 7:00P.M. at Derry Station Community Room, 200 W. Second Avenue, Derry PA with the following members present: Chad Fabian, Presiding, Al Checca, Barry Holden, Thomas Lipinski, David Fletcher, and Allen Skopp. Jim Ritenour was absent. Mayor Kevin Gross was absent. Solicitor Lee Demosky was not present.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

1. Karla & Barry Terney – Methodist Church Sign
2. Marty Bucci – Methodist Church Sign
3. Melody Rogowski – Planning Commission – Sign Amendment
4. Tom Tatone – Planning Commission – Sign Amendment

COMMUNICATIONS

Solicitor Lee Demosky requested council to review his draft modifying Code regarding Signs which has been presented to them. He would like them to indicate any changes that may be necessary for advertisement.

Council and the planning commission members discussed in detail who should be allowed to have digital signs and they also discussed advertising concerns.

After much discussion with the planning commission, council agreed to request the solicitor to add language allowing educational institutions, churches, and businesses for these type of signs (not allowing for residential use) and to include a clause regarding no outside advertising as recommended by the planning commission originally as follows:

[#4 The electronic message board shall display messages directly related to the on-site use. No off-site advertising is allowed on the electronic message board. (Planning Commission recommendation submitted to council last month's meeting)]

SPECIAL BUSINESS

1. **MOTION** by Allen Skopp to approve Ordinance 772-16 An Ordinance of the BOROUGH OF DERRY, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, Fixing the TAX RATES FOR THE YEAR 2017. TAX RATE FOR GENERAL BOROUGH PURPOSES AT 28.5 MILLS AND TAX RATE FOR STREET LIGHTS AT 2.5 MILLS. Motion **SECONDED** by Dave Fletcher. A roll call vote was taken. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
2. **MOTION** by Allen Skopp to approve the General Fund Budget for 2017. Motion **SECONDED** by Barry Holden. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
3. **MOTION** by Dave Fletcher to approve council meeting schedule for 2017. Motion **SECONDED** by Allen Skopp. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
4. **MOTION** by Dave Fletcher to approve Resolution 608-16 for the 2017 TAN- Documentation. Motion **SECONDED** by Barry Holden. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
5. Hoffman’s Dog Kennel Contracted Services for 2017 – Tabled
6. **MOTION** by Al Checca to approve advertising draft Ordinance 773-17 Modifying Derry Code, Article VII – Signs 425-73 through 425-87 to allow for Electronic Illuminated signs within the Borough of Derry with

discussed changes. Motion SECONDED by Dave Fletcher. A roll call vote was taken. Five members Allen Skopp, Al Checca, Dave Fletcher, Barry Holden, and Chad Fabian present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Thomas Lipinski voiced “nay” voicing the advertising clause was too restrictive. Motion passed.

Allen Skopp addressed council with code issues that have been extending for months on S. Ligonier Street and several storage trailers that are parked on our roads throughout the borough including 4th Avenue and N. Chestnut St. which are creating a hazard for driving. Council agreed the Mayor needs to address the issue. The secretary will send an email to Lee Miller, BIU Code official regarding the properties on Ligonier Street that need addressed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Al Checca to adjourn at 8:04pm. Motion SECONDED by Dave Fletcher. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Latta
Secretary