

January 23, 2012

Derry Borough Council met in special session Monday, January 23, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. at Derry Station Community Room, W. Second Avenue, Derry, PA with the following members present: John R. McCreary, presiding, Kristine Melville, Charles DeRito, and James Byers. Three councilmember vacancies. Mayor David Bolen was present. Marie McCandless, Latrobe Bulletin and Jeff Himler, Tribune Review were reporting.

VISITORS

1. Barry Smith – 502 S. Chestnut St – Observing
2. Curt Robbins – 216 S. Chestnut St.- Observing
3. James Ritenour – 314 S. Chestnut St. – Observing
4. John Patrick – 116 Cecilton St. – Observing
5. Alice Melville – Observing
6. Joan Luff - 200 W. Second Ave. – Observing
7. Chris Gerhard – W. Sixth Avenue – Observing

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

None present.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Thank you from the Bolen family for the meat and cheese tray sent in sympathy for the family.
- Regis Tomsey has introduced a new CPA to his firm named Thomas Rennie
- The Westmorland County TCC meeting will be held Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 6:30 at the county courthouse. Council will need to appoint at least two voting delegates for attendance.
- We have previously read six letters of interest for the council seats from Curt Robbins, Allen Skopp, Barry Smith, James Ritenour, John Patrick, and Chris Gerhard.
- Derry Borough received a check from the DARB for the remaining funds that were in a playground fund account for the project of 2nd Ward Playground. The check received was in the amount of \$835.45 which was to be used towards a small area of paving at the back entrance of the 2nd Ward playground on Broad St., which council agreed to proceed with.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **MOTION** by Jim Byer to advertise to adopt an amended budget prepared by new council members. Motion **SECONDED** by Chuck DeRito. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

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Randy McCreary asked for a motion to advertise to reduce the millage from 27.75 mills to 26 mills in alignment with the amended budget. **MOTION** by James Byers to advertise to reduce the millage to 26 mills. Motion died due to a lack of a second.

2. Randy McCreary asked for nominations for council vacancies by motion. **MOTION** by James Byers to appoint James Ritenour to a two-year term council vacancy. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Melville. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION by Charles DeRito to appoint Chris Gerhard to a two-year term council vacancy. Motion **SECONDED** by James Byers. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION by Kristine Melville to appoint John E. Patrick to a two-year term council vacancy. Motion **SECONDED** by James Byers. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Chuck DeRito asked if the secretary received his letter of interest for the planning commission, and she explained that she has that listed for the February regular council meeting.

Mayor Dave Bolen swore in the three new council members John E. Patrick, Chris Gerhard, and James Ritenour. The new members took their seats on council. Randy McCreary congratulated the new councilmembers asking them to be proactive in their duties with positive ideas and practice micromanagement when considering our limited budget in which we work with.

3. Kristine Melville volunteered to attend the next meeting for the TCC meeting. The Resolution for permanent delegates will be on the next meeting agenda to approve for the year.

4. Wage Tax Board – Not discussed.

5. Randy McCreary announced that we received two quotes from Bronder Technical Services, Inc and Schultheis Electric. However, there was a minor infraction of paperwork naming the Bid Bond issued to Derry Township instead of Derry Borough. They were the lowest bidder. This item will be on the February agenda for approval once Gibson Thomas has time to review.

6. Randy McCreary summarized the Memorandum of Understanding for council and explained the sewer transfer to the Municipal Authority. He explained that Keith Hodgkiss is an employee of the Sewer Authority and this memo of understanding had to deal with his benefits, union affiliation, and pension. This has been approved previously by our former council, but there were some language changes needed prior to executing the agreement.

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He asked for a motion to approve the memo which had already been approved by the Municipal Authority, the Laborers Union, and Keith Hodgkiss. Charles DeRito inquired about his wages and which fund they are being paid out of. The secretary explained that his salary is paid out of the sewer fund and the Municipal Authority reimburses the Borough for his portion of payroll. 2011 was a transition year for Keith Hodgkiss' transfer to the Municipal Authority due to negotiations with both unions. **MOTION** by Charles DeRito to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Keith Hodgkiss. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Melville. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION by Chuck DeRito to open the position for the planning commission that he held until December 31, 2011. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Melville. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION by James Byers to approve payment of bills. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Melville. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Randy McCreary called an executive session for personnel reasons at 7:23pm. Executive session ended at 8:26p.m.

MOTION by Chuck DeRito to advertise to reduce the millage to 26 mills with the amended budget. Motion **SECONDED** by James Byers. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Randy McCreary asked for any opposition, none opposed. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Chuck DeRito to adjourn at 8:34p.m. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Melville. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Latta
Secretary