

July 16, 2012

Derry Borough Council met in special session Monday, July 16, 2012 at 6:30P.M. at Derry Station Community Room, W. Second Avenue, Derry, PA with the following members present: John R. MCreary, presiding, Kristine Melville, James Byers, and John Patrick. Chuck DeRito and Jim Ritenour were absent. Mayor Dave Bolen was absent.. Marie McCandless, Latrobe Bulletin was reporting.

VISITORS

1. Jim and Patricia Clark – 119 Park Street, Derry – Voiced their opinion on Waste Management and contracted services for the Borough of Derry. They are concerned about the Borough getting involved with contracted services because it takes away individual resident's choice. They also have received service from Waste Management in the past and are concerned about their billing practices. In their personal history, they watched their bill with Waste Management continue to escalate year after year, and they chose to switch to another service provider.
2. Kelly Tatone – 309 W. Keeling Avenue, Derry – Observe. She was on the RFP for Recycling and Refuse Committee last year, and provided much of the research and preparation of the RFP to be advertised. She welcomes the contracted services and feels there will be added benefits of cost savings, curbside recycling, and help with enforcement of theft of garbage service, and/ or residents without service who accumulate their garbage at their residence.
3. Fred Goodman – 121 W. Third St., Derry, - Observing. Wanted to learn more details of the potential contracted services, and how it may impact him as a resident and his current service.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor absent

NEW BUSINESS

Council reviewed the bids provided by Waste Management, Allied Waste, and Interstate Refuse and Recycling Companies.

After discussion of fuel cost surcharges and review of a few individual bills, it was determined that each resident in Derry seems to have different charges on their bill. Council asked for the secretary to contact Waste Management for an explanation on their current billing process, and if the fuel charge will be the same for all residents in the contracted service. Council would also like to know Waste Management's policy for residents who wish to maintain residential dumpster vs. Rubbermaid or plastic container pick up? Derry Borough currently has at least three residents with small dumpsters.

Council decided after discussion to postpone taking action at this time to review a few details and give the public an opportunity for one more public meeting prior to any decision being made by council. They agreed there were many benefits to contracted services for all of the residents of our community such as cost savings, curbside

recycling, and this service will eliminate enforcement issues of refuse and/or junk left on properties with no service, as well as theft of service.

Council discussed asking the planning commission to review Derry Borough's current Zoning Ordinance. They would like to see improvements made to attract more business to the community. Council agreed to request their review.

Barry Smith mentioned he would like to proceed with the Neighborhood Watch Program. He and Kristine Melville had a meeting this past week and discussed having a few people from each ward participate in the program. There will be more discussions and details worked out in the near future. There was discussion of whether the individuals selected for the program could reach the police through the 911 dispatch, without reflecting an emergency. It was something to discuss with the mayor and the police chief.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Latta
Secretary