

**DERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 17, 2012 7:00 P.M.**

Derry Borough Council met in regular session Monday, September 17, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in the Derry Station Community Room, 200 West Second Avenue, Derry, PA with the following members present: Kristine Melville, Jim Ritenour, and Barry Smith. Mayor Dave Bolen was present. Chuck Derito was present on speaker phone. Solicitor Lee Demosky was not present. Marie McCandless, Latrobe Bulletin and Jeff Himler, Tribune Review were reporting.

Due to lack of physical quorum, the regular meeting had to be postponed and rescheduled as a special meeting, in which council will reschedule. Barry Smith addressed the visitors who attended for comment.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

1. Janet Phillipi – Peanut St. Derry – Concerned about a letter sent to her from Chuck DeRito, has questions.
2. Neelie Smith – 502 S. Chestnut Street – Observing
3. Barb Uschak – Maxwell Dr. Blairsville – Observing
4. Daniel Chaney, Karen Chaney, and Daniel Chaney – 311 S. Chestnut St. – Observing
5. Ray Herman, Waste Management – To be present for council vote on Refuse and Recycling Contract
6. Ron Dell, 206 Walters St. Derry – Observing
7. Sue and Kaleigh Hause 708 N. Chestnut St. – Observing for School purposes.
8. Megan Long – 612 Railroad St. Derry – Observing
9. Joe and Jeny Morton- 215 W. Keeling Avenue – Observing

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Barry Smith asked Mayor Bolen for August report. Mayor Bolen reported total complaint calls 112 with 19 traffic citations, 1 non-traffic citation, and no parking tickets. Total receipts of \$1,124.86 were collected including \$536.20 in traffic receipts and 369.51 in non-traffic receipts.

Mayor explained that things are going well with the police department and that due to increase of gas prices he is requesting more foot patrol. The department is still looking for another part-time position to be filled.

Barry Smith has observed the police patrolling in the business district, and is continuing with the neighborhood watch program especially with the expenses of the police department. He is currently recruiting for members of this program in search of vandalism, drug trafficking, and domestic violence scenarios.

There was a discussion with the public regarding the program and Barry answered some questions.

Barry feels this is something that will help with cleaning up the community and assist the police with issues upcoming.

**ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT**

Not present.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chuck DeRito reported on the street committee and had mentioned that the public works department has been maintaining our parks and clearing the over grown weeded area near the bridge with assistance from the township by borrowing a piece of their equipment. They have been preparing for railroad days, and have been focusing on some housekeeping issues, by removing some scrap and junk. They have been making some great progress with clean up in the community and the committee is working on wasteful spending and eliminating unnecessary overtime.

Chuck reported that they have responded to over 50 resident requests or concerns dealing with public works.

As council has waited for a fourth council member to be physically present, Lori Latta spoke with the solicitor on the phone in which he explained after fifteen minutes if there is no quorum council can close the meeting and reschedule as necessary due to lack of quorum.

Chuck DeRito suggested addressing the visitors and take their concerns to the next meeting then reschedule the next meeting.

Janet Phillipi wants to speak with Chuck DeRito and Jim Byers at the next public meeting.

Daniel Chaney asked if council is trying to eliminate the police department and the mayor explained that is a rumor, and they are only reviewing the expenses focusing on budgetary issues.

Council members present would like to reschedule council meeting for Monday, September 24, 2012. Secretary will confirm with other council members who were not able to be present at this meeting.

Fireman inquired with council regarding the addition they would like to add to AV Germano Hall. Chuck DeRito explained that the Zoning Officer submitted a letter to the fire department does not comply with the current zoning code and they can appeal to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Barry Smith reviewed agenda in its entirety with council members present and public.

Chuck DeRito mentioned that he, John Patrick, and Jim Byers have reached out to the higher officials regarding an at grade crossing. He has written to the President of the United States Barack Obama, Representative Petrarca, Senator Kim Ward and the County Commissioners for their assistance.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35p.m.