

March 25, 2013

Derry Borough Council met in special session Monday, March 25, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in the Derry Station Community Room, 200 West Second Avenue, Derry, PA with the following members present: Kristine Melville, presiding, Chad Fabian, Jim Ritenour, Nelie Smith, Joseph Morton, and Jim Struble. One council vacancy. Mayor Dave Bolen was present. Solicitor Lee Demosky was not present. Jeanette Wolff, Latrobe Bulletin and Jeff Himler, Tribune Review were reporting.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

1. David Fletcher – 410 S. Chestnut St. – Council Vacancy
2. Susan Bortz – 500 W. Third Avenue – Observe
3. Allen Skopp - 125 W. 3rd Avenue – Council Vacancy
4. Micah Ritenour – Jr. Council Vacancy

COMMUNICATIONS

- Westmoreland County Borough's Association Banquet, April 19, 2013 at Lakeview Lounge \$20 per person. Please RSVP By April 10th with Lori at Borough office.
- Letter of Interest for Jr. Council Vacancy – Micah Ritenour
- Letter of resignation for Vacancy Board Chairman – Nelie Smith
- Letter of interest for the Vacancy Board Chairman – Susan Bortz
- Next TCC Meeting has been changed and is April 30, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the Jury Commissioners Meeting room in lower level of courthouse.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report

SPECIAL BUSINESS

1. Council Vacancy – Letters of interest were read from Drew Steele, David Fletcher, and Allen Skopp.

Council had a few questions for the interested individuals regarding what the candidate's skills are that they can assist council in their future endeavors. Allen Skopp replied that he can assist with grant writing, street projects, and networking. He has many connections with higher officials such as Kim Ward, Joe Petrarca, and the state congressman, with five years of past council experience. Mr. Morton asked if his seat on the board could be a conflict of interest. Allen Skopp responded no, he didn't feel it would.

David Fletcher replied that he has been on boards and is familiar with the process of growing a board and its effectiveness. He has experience with fundraising, and can bring new ideas with a fresh mind to this council. He would like to see some new options for our community children with jobs or entertainment and activities.

An executive session was held for personnel reasons at 7:17p.m. Executive session ended at 7:28p.m.

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Kristine Melville requested a motion from council to appoint an individual to the council vacancy. **MOTION** was made by Nelie Smith to appoint Allen Skopp to the council vacancy. Motion was **SECONDED** by Joseph Morton. A roll call vote was taken. Nelie Smith – yes, Joseph Morton – yes, Jim Ritenour – yes, Chad Fabian – no, Jim Struble- yes, and Kristine Melville – yes.

Kristine Melville mentioned that council would like to initiate a new recreation board and thought you might be a great candidate for that future endeavor.

2. **MOTION** was made by Joe Morton to approve the 2013-2017 police contract. Motion was **SECONDED** by Jim Ritenour. A roll call vote was taken and all members voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Allen Skopp was sworn in by the Mayor for the council vacancy seat.

Kristine requested a motion from council for Nelie Smith’s resignation as vacancy board chairman. **MOTION** was made by Jim Ritenour to accept resignation of Nelie Smith for vacancy board chairman. Motion was **SECONDED** by Chad Fabian. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION made by Joe Morton to appoint Micah Ritenour to the junior council vacancy position. Motion **SECONDED** by Chad Fabian. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Jim Ritenour abstained. Motion passed.

3. Any and all other Borough business of an emergency nature or concerning items which may be properly transacted at this meeting.

There was a discussion regarding Waste Management concerns with billing and customer service. Council requested Lori Latta, Secretary to request Al Pasquerelli to come to future meeting to discuss our current contract and some extraordinary circumstances that have come up. The secretary will contact Mr. Pasquerelli to schedule a future meeting.

Kristine Melville is hopeful we may have an agreement with the YMCA for our community pool by the end of the week, and will be discussed further at the next work session. Ms. Melville asked if the Municipal Authority will be able to donate water again this year for the pool.

Chad Fabian reported there was a meeting regarding the gas line maintenance and the final stage of this project prior to Derry Borough’s Paving Project. Gibson Thomas should be contacting Chad at the end of this week to take care of the testing required to confirm that the fill is sufficient for these ditch lines.

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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Chad Fabian to adjourn meeting. Motion **SECONDED** by Jim Ritenour. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Latta
Secretary