

## August 11, 2014

Derry Borough Council met in regular session Monday, August 11, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Derry Station Community Room, 200 West Second Avenue, Derry, PA with the following members present: Chad Fabian, Presiding, Allen Skopp, Dave Fletcher, Barry Holden, Jim Ritenour and Al Checca. Mayor Dave Bolen was present. Solicitor Lee Demosky was absent. Nick Cammuso, Latrobe Bulletin and Greg Reinbold, Dispatch were reporting.

**MOTION** by Allen Skopp to approve the minutes for the regular council meeting of July 14, 2014. Motion **SECONDED** by Dave Fletcher. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

**MOTION** by Allen Skopp to approve the minutes for the special council meeting of July 24, 2014. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

**MOTION** by Jim Ritenour to approve the treasurer’s report with a General Fund Balance Sheet totaling \$258,298.15 for July 31, 2014. Motion **SECONDED** by Dave Fletcher. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

**Derry Borough Council went in executive session at the Derry Borough Council work session held on Monday, August 4, 2014 at 7:38pm for personnel and legal purposes. The executive session ended at 7:47pm.**

### VISITORS

1. George Tragos – S. Chestnut St., Derry – Would like to volunteer by cutting grass and planting a second flower bed on Borough Property which is currently a vacant lot. He requested a letter for the school district to utilize some large cut stone to place as a border for the flower bed. Council agreed to allow him to move forward with his request as long as he signed a volunteer waiver and council will provide him with a letter for the school district.
2. Kevin Gross – 304 Broad St. – Letters of interest for council and EMA position.
3. Ron Suszek – 4<sup>th</sup> and Mentor St. (Corner Lot) – Requesting council to forgive him the grass cutting liens against the vacant property he owns. He stated the Chief of Police used to contact him to let him know when he need to cut his grass for some time, but then there was no contact, and the grass was being cut by the public works department. He’s not sure what to do with the property, he purchased it thinking it was a different property that had more ground with availability to build. President Chad Fabian suggested he donate the property to the county for the senior apartment complex located on Fifth Avenue. Mr. Suzek thought maybe he could create an advertising billboard there to generate some income, if zoning permitted the use. Mr. Fabian suggested council needed to review Mr. Suzek’s request, and the meantime he suggested he contact Westmoreland County Housing Authority to see if they would be interested in the property.

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**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

The Solicitor provided a written report to Borough Council relating to attorney client privileged issues. Due to the moratorium Borough Council enacted to reduce expenses, the Solicitor was directed not to appear at the public meeting.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Dave Bolen submitted the Mayor's report for July 2014 with receipts of \$1,597.98 which included traffic receipts of \$801.80 and non-traffic receipts of \$104.08. There were 136 complaint calls, 14 traffic citations, and one non-traffic citations with no parking tickets.

Mayor Bolen commended the police for recent activity with the police department including a child luring incident and a potential suicide incident. He thanked St. Joseph's Church and Father Stephen West for the Blue Mass held for all emergency officials this past week.

Mayor Bolen requested council to hire three more part-time police officers.

**ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT**

June Report from BIU included 4 zoning applications, one UCC application, and 16 code inspections.

May Report from BIU included 17 inspections and violation notices for code enforcement.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Public Works Chairman Chad Fabian reported we are waiting for numbers for the wedge curb project from the water authority.

Al Checca reported a meeting will be taking place on August 20, 2014 for a walk through at TSI for public safety.

Al Checca reported aggressive dog session will be held on October 8, 2014 from 6:30-8pm at AV Germano Hall for all emergency management personnel who would like to attend.

**REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

DARCEE will be holding their next meeting on Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at 7pm at the Derry Township Building.

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

No report.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- Derry Area Midget Football Donation Request – Council would like to donate; however, if they donate for one organization, they have to donate to all. So at this time they decided to not participate in the fundraiser due to budgetary constraints.
- Thank you letter was received from the Railroad Days Committee
- Letter from Waste Management for recycling information which is available to the borough.
- Letter of interest for the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Derry- Richard Thomas

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- Ronald Stayer a resident on 4th Avenue contacted the Borough office and suggested having a littering fine in Derry Borough. He is finding that many people are tossing their trash along Rt. 217 and Mentor Street and wondered if council could review a possibility of an Ordinance that would include a fine for littering.
- S/A Weekly Benefits Quotes were given to council for their review.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Board and Commission terms expiring in the Borough:
  - a. One (1) alternate vacancy for the Zoning Hearing Board
  - b. Two (2) Civil Service Commission Vacancies one expiring December 31, 2016 and one (6) year term expiring December 31, 2018.
  - c. Two (2) vacancy for the Planning Commission
  - d. Vacancy (1) Municipal Authority Board expiring term December 31, 2018.
  - e. Vacancy Board Chairman
2. N. Ligonier Street Bridge- Chad Fabian contacted Sean Sepe regarding possible options and moving forward with resolution.
3. **MOTION** by Allen Skopp to approve Resolution 575-14 CDBG – Sub-recipient Agreement for Sidewalk Project. Motion **SECONDED** by Dave Fletcher. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
4. **MOTION** by Jim Ritenour to approve Resolution 576-14 Comcast Cable System Franchise Agreement. Motion **SECONDED** by Allen Skopp. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
5. **MOTION** by Allen Skopp to approve Resolution 577-14 updating Panel List of Physicians. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the Motion. Motion passed.
6. Public Works Contract – Tabled

There was a discussion regarding burning and possibly changing our current Ordinance, but we currently have an enforcement issue that would need resolved initially.

**Council went into executive session at 8:01pm for personnel and legal discussion. Executive session ended at 8:31pm.**

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. **MOTION** by Allen Skopp to approve Gibson Thomas to advertise bids for the CDBG Sidewalk Project. Motion **SECONDED** by Dave Fletcher. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

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2. **MOTION** by Jim Ritenour to accept letter of Resignation of part-time police officer Andrew Jacobs for August 15, 2014. Motion **SECONDED** by Allen Skopp. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
3. **MOTION** by Dave Fletcher to accept letter of Resignation from Joseph Morton and advertise council vacancy. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. A roll call vote was taken and all members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
4. **MOTION** by Allen Skopp to approve increase of S/A weekly benefit to \$300 per week for full-time employees. Motion **SECONDED** by Jim Ritenour. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

**MOTION** by Al Checca to advertise for part-time police officers. Motion **SECONDED** by Allen Skopp. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

5. Hire part-time police officers – No candidates at this time.

The secretary stated new signature cards will be needed since Joseph Morton has resigned.

President Fabian requested a motion for the Municipal Authority Board vacancy. **MOTION** by Allen Skopp to appoint Richard Thomas to the Municipal Authority Board vacancy, term expiring December 31, 2018

The Mayor initiated a conversation regarding the maintenance of the Derry Community Park. Maintenance is in need for the pavilions, the track, the old seating pylons. Council agreed they need to discuss this issue with the school board. The Secretary will forward a copy of the lease agreement to council.

Council and the Mayor discussed the need for a new recreation board to support all recreation functions, park maintenance, and support the community pool.

#### PAYMENT OF BILLS

**MOTION** by Allen Skopp to pay bills totaling \$ 25,264.10 and all outstanding legitimate bills through the end of the month. Motion **SECONDED** by Dave Fletcher. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION** by Al Checca to adjourn at 8:42p.m. Motion **SECONDED** by Jim Ritenour. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Latta  
Secretary

