

September 15, 2014

Derry Borough Council met in regular session Monday, September 15, 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, Barry Holden, Jim Ritenour and Al Checca. Mayor Dave Bolen was present. Dave Fletcher was absent. 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 August 11, 2014. Motion **SECONDED** by Barry Holden. 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 August 25, 2014. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION by Al Checca to approve the treasurer’s report with a General Fund Balance Sheet totaling \$24,196.28 for August 31, 2014. Motion **SECONDED** by Allen Skopp. 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, September 8, 2014 at 7:47pm for legal discussion. The executive session ended at 7:56pm.

VISITORS

1. Thomas Lipinski – 413 Leo St., Derry – Interested in the council vacancy position.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

The Solicitor provides 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 August 2014 with receipts of \$1,096.69 which included traffic receipts of \$415.72 and non-traffic receipts of \$555.72. There were 113 complaint calls, 37 traffic citations, and no non-traffic citations with no parking tickets.

Two new hires are currently working, one is on his own.

Firearms qualifications are required and updated CPR/First Aid Class will be provided in the near future.

Officer Blade has received medical benefits which were donated from Dr. Anita Bigo, Chiropractor in Latrobe.

FOE Eagles donated \$500 for Blade’s Canine fund.

Mayor asked council if we could contact the Count and have Porcelain Park reviewed for weeds and tree maintenance.

2014 Emergency Management Conference on September 22-24th will be held at Seven Springs, the Mayor will be forwarding the information to Steve Kozar.

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ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

August 2014 Report from BIU included 3 zoning applications, and 4 code enforcement concerns.

July 2014 Report from BIU included 9 zoning applications, 2 UCC permits, and 4 code enforcement concerns.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Quotes have been received for a small wedge curb project for the Borough by Public Works Supervisor Pat Byers. They are most likely going with Dolan Construction to share the project with the Municipal Authority. We received \$835 dollars for paving a small area on the back entrance of 2nd Ward Playground from the Derry Area Recreation Board in 2012, it was discussed to have that area completed as well.

There was a discussion regarding the need of a Salt Shed. In discussion, the state Bridge Project for Rt. 217 may require a lot of space needed for construction and a salt shed may need to be postponed until construction is complete.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

DARCEE will be having a meeting in New Alexandria September 24, 2014 at 7pm.

Railroad Days will be held on September 20th and 21st, 2014 and the Hobo Picnic will be Thursday, September 18, 2014.

The Planning Commission is now holding their meetings at 6pm on the Third Weds of every month at Derry Station Community Room.

Chad Fabian, Al Checca, and Mayor Bolen will be attending the School Board Meeting upcoming to discuss a new recreation board and the community park.

Westmoreland Conservation District is finishing up the planning phase of the stormwater project for Derry Borough which will include permeable paving and a rain garden. They will be reaching out to schedule a meeting once completed.

MOTION by Allen Skopp for a donation of \$30 to Penny Lane for the Aggressive Pet Seminar. Motion **SECONDED** Al Checca. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

PLANNING COMMISSION

No report.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Kevin Gross – Letter of Interest for EMA Director
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- Letter for DASD – Community Park
- Westmoreland Conservation District – Grant – Area by Pool
- Westmoreland County Boroughs Association Meeting Thursday, September 25, 2014 7:00pm at the Barn on Donohoe Road behind the Education Building. Program will include Tay Waltenbaugh, CEO from Westmoreland County Community Action.
- Thank you from Friends of Caldwell Memorial Library

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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. One (1) vacancy for the Planning Commission
 - d. Vacancy Board Chairman
2. N. Ligonier Street Bridge- Report was distributed to council regarding suggestions of repairs of bridge provided by Penn Dot. Council has discussed options of repairing bridge partially or a complete deck replacement.
3. Public Works Contract – Committee: Jim Ritenour
Barry Holden
Chad Fabian

Council went into executive session at 7:25pm for personnel discussion. Executive session ended at 7:43pm.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **MOTION** by Allen Skopp to appoint Mr. Thomas Lipinski to the council vacancy. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. A roll call vote was taken. All members voted “aye” in favor of Mr. Lipinsky. Motion passed. President Fabian requested the secretary to send a Thank you letter to Kevin Gross for his letter of interest.
2. **MOTION** by Jim Ritenour to approve 2015 Minimum Municipal Obligations for Uniformed and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans. Motion **SECONDED** by Barry Holden. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
3. **MOTION** by Jim Ritenour to approve parade routes for Homecoming Parade for DASD to be held on September 26, 2014 at (5:30 line up) 6pm and Railroad Days Parade to be held on September 20, 2014 at 10am. Motion **SECONDED** by Allen Skopp. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
4. **MOTION** by Allen Skopp to approve Westmoreland Transit Authority Local Share Assessment for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 in the amount of \$801.00. Motion **SECONDED** by Jim Ritenour. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

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5. General Fund Budget for 2015 – Tabled. Finance Committee will meet prior to next council work session held on October 6, 2014.
6. **MOTION** by Al Checca to terminate Richard Champion under Section 3 of Policy and Probation Period. Motion **SECONDED** by Allen Skopp. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION by Allen Skopp to pay bills totaling \$ 33,235.80 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 Jim Ritenour to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. Motion **SECONDED** by Barry Holden. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Latta
Secretary