

April 13, 2015

Derry Borough Council met in regular session Monday, April 13, 2015 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, Barry Holden, Al Checca, Dave Fletcher, Allen Skopp, Jim Ritenour, and Tom Lipinski were present. Mayor Dave Bolen was present. Solicitor Lee Demosky was present. Greg Reinbold, Tribune Review and Nick Cammuso were reporting.

MOTION by Allen Skopp to approve the minutes for the regular council meeting of March 9, 2015. Motion **SECONDED** by Dave Fletcher. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION by Jim Ritenour to approve minutes for the special meeting of March 30, 2015. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION by Allen Skopp to approve the treasurer’s report with a General Fund Balance Sheet totaling \$174,619.34 for March 31, 2015. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Derry Borough Council went into executive session at the Derry Borough work session held on Monday, April 6, 2015 for personnel reasons at 8:11pm. Executive session ended at 8:39pm.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

None

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Solicitor Demosky reports that the Municipal Authority and the Borough of Derry need to close on three Penn Vest Loan transfers from 2009 for our 4th Ward and Storm Line Separation Projects.

Jim Ochs, our Zoning, UCC, and Code Official met with Lee Demosky regarding code sections which need to be updated at our magisterial district office in order for him to proceed with processing code violations and/or citations. Mr. Demosky spoke with Judge Bilik and they will move forward with updates needed and should be completed within the next few months.

Mr. Demosky requested we correspond with BIU regarding updating administrative fees by Resolution and request a letter stating they have no interest in a percentage of those fees.

The Solicitor requested an executive session to discuss legal matters. **Derry Borough Council went into executive session for possible litigation at 7:07pm. Executive session ended at 7:28pm.**

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MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Dave Bolen submitted the Mayor's report for March 2015 with receipts of \$1093.69 which included traffic receipts of \$470.47 and non-traffic receipts of \$334.08. There were 133 complaint calls, 31 traffic citations, and 13 non-traffic citations with 11 parking tickets.

- CPR class will be rescheduled

Joseph Ziegler, resident of Derry Borough turned 104 at Green Meadows. Derry Borough presented a recognition award to Mr. Ziegler on behalf of the Mayor as he was unable to attend.

Lori Latta, Secretary mentioned that all council and mayor are required to take the NIMS courses online at minimum the 100 and 700 class. She will forward an electronic email to everyone with the information.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

BIU reported one code violation and one Zoning application for the month of March 2015.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Al Checca – Discussed police body cameras \$500-\$600/piece vs. vehicle cameras \$9,990 for two vehicle cameras. There was discussion of privacy, proper procedures, safety, accuracy, liability, and warranties with life of the investment and equipment.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

DARCEE's regular meeting will be held in Derry Borough on Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 7pm at Derry Township Building.

Railroad Days Committee Meetings have resumed for the year. They meet every Thursday the first week monthly.

PLANNING COMMISSION

No current business or report submitted.

COMMUNICATIONS

- ❖ Methodist Church would like to donate their time in coordination with the boy scouts and prepare for their annual landscaping activities for the outdoor community pool. They are scheduling their work day for May 19, 2015.
- ❖ Friends of Caldwell letter of request of donations to support their resources for the community including: books, computers, story programming, book mobile, and annual book sale.
- ❖ Council and Mayor received invitation to Spring Annual Reception at Adams Memorial Library, 7pm, May 22, 2015.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Board and Commission terms expiring in the Borough:

- a) One (1) vacancy and 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) Vacancy Board Chairman

2. N. Ligonier Street Bridge – **MOTION** by Allen Skopp to approve Gibson Thomas to apply for Highway Occupancy Permit to open Owens Avenue. Motion **SECONDED** by Dave Fletcher. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

3. Municipal Building Maintenance – Millers plumbing still reviewing job to add internal main shut off valve. - Tabled

4. Refuse and Recycling Contract – Tabled

Council requested secretary to submit letter/email to Waste Management requesting more information on legal basis for extensions of contracts.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **MOTION** by Tom Lipinski to approve retirement date for Robert Johnson effective May 29, 2015. Motion **SECONDED** by Allen Skopp. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

2. **MOTION** by Dave Fletcher to advertise for a full-time public works employee. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. All Members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed. President Fabian created a review committee including Al Checca, Jim Ritenour, and Chad Fabian for the position.

3. **MOTION** by Jim Ritenour to approve purchasing mulch for parks and playgrounds at an approximate cost of \$1,700. Motion **SECONDED** by Dave Fletcher. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

4. Floodplain Inspection DEP - The Borough received an estimate to remove the Japanese knot weed along Garland Mills and they will be spraying in June at a cost of \$125. The cost of the sediment removal required is approximately \$180 an hour to rent the equipment.

5. Lori Latta, Secretary showed council the new intersection plans provided by Penn Dot requesting council approval. **MOTION** by Allen Skopp to approve plans for the Intersection Light upgrades on 2nd Avenue and Y Street with the Rt. 217 bridge project. Motion **SECONDED** by Jim Ritenour. Tom Lipinski abstained. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

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Rhino Construction will be resuming Sidewalk Project weather permitting. They will probably be back in town within the next two weeks.

Jim Ritenour –Public Works- Concerned about the three-way intersection of South Chestnut Street and 5th Avenue and wants to know if a stop sign can be inserted for the individuals entering intersection from the extension of S. Chestnut St. which is a gravel road. A review of our Liquid Fuels map is needed to determine if road is considered alley way or street extension.

Jim Ritenour will ask Pat Byers if he has any information regarding the road, and Lori Latta will review the map to see how the road is marked and follow up with council.

6. **MOTION** by Allen Skopp to approve updating Penn Prime Workers Compensation Municipal Trust Agreement. Motion **SECONDED** by Tom Lipinski. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
7. Municipal Authority - Al Checca – Inquired about investigating the possibility of selling the Municipal Authority in the future to Westmoreland Water Authority. Council would like to review financials of the authority and hold a public meeting for public response.

Chad Fabian – Community Pool- Will be discussing with Woody’s Electric upgrades needed for the pool.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION by Dave Fletcher to approve payment of bills totaling \$37,596.62 and all outstanding legitimate bills through the end of the month. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Allen Skopp to adjourn at 8:31p.m. Motion **SECONDED** by Jim Ritenour. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Latta
Secretary