

February 8, 2016

Derry Borough Council met in regular session Monday, February 8, 2016 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, Jim Ritenour, Dave Fletcher and Thomas Lipinski. Allen Skopp was absent. Mayor Dave Bolen was present. Solicitor Lee Demosky was absent. Nick Cammuso was reporting.

MOTION by Thomas Lipinski to approve the minutes for the reorganization and regular council meeting of January 4, 2016. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION by Dave Fletcher to approve the treasurer’s report with a General Fund Balance Sheet totaling \$226,665.16 for January 31, 2016. Motion **SECONDED** by Barry Holden. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

1. Don Ritenour – 607 N. Chestnut St. – Observing
2. Terri Powell and Randy Silvis – 144 E. 1st Avenue – Resident concern that the public works department is plowing them in during snow storms. Ms. Powell stated she has a medical condition and they have to park out front in order to get to the hospital if necessary. They are unable to park in the back because the neighbors garage looks like it’s going to fall over and they are afraid to park in that area. The gutter on the garage is hanging and pieces have already fallen off. They are asking council to assist them with this matter. They understand there is a no parking ordinance for certain times in the business district for snow removal and street cleaning.

Derry Borough Council went into executive session for personnel reasons at the Derry Borough Council Worksession held on Monday, February 1, 2016 at 8:03pm. Executive session ended at 8:40pm.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

The Solicitor provides a written report to Borough Council relating to attorney client privileged issues.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Dave Bolen submitted the Mayor’s report for January 2016 with receipts of \$812.16 which included traffic receipts of \$482.95 and non-traffic receipts of \$122.17. There were 117 complaint calls, 20 traffic citations, and 0 non-traffic citations with no parking tickets. Mayor Bolen held interviews for part-time police officers and would like an executive session later to discuss further.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT

BIU reported one code enforcement violation for the month of January 2016.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Municipal Authority Review Committee – Barry Holden, Tom Lipinski, and Al Checca- Council members are planning on attending next authority meeting.

Mr. Lipinski requested the minutes from their last couple meetings to be forwarded to council. Ms. Latta will send an email requesting them.

Jim Ritenour – *Public Works* ●Plowing and salting has gone well and the department is doing a good job. ● 35 Christmas Trees were collected for recycling. ●The back hoe is in need of some maintenance with the bucket. ●Some signs were repaired as needed from a recent wind storm. ●They will be attending a flagger safety class upcoming weather permitting.

Allen Skopp – *Grants*

Al Checca-*Police Department*- Mr. Checca is requesting the public to please lock their vehicles, there are break-ins happening throughout town.

Chad Fabian – *Pedestrian travel – Rt. 217 Bridge.*

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

DARCEE is having a February meeting on Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 7:00pm at Ianni's Pizzeria. Al Checca, Chad Fabian, and Barry Holden said they would try to attend to discuss the electronic sign.

Mr. Fabian mentioned that advertisement banners will be accepted at the pool for the summer season at \$150 a spot along the fence line of the pool. Barry will advertise on the Borough facebook page.

PLANNING COMMISSION

No report submitted.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Requesting a memorial name for the new Rt. 217 State Bridge (Derry Veterans Memorial Bridge)
- Benjamin Franklin Quote – Install main shut off valve inside of the municipal building. **MOTION** by Thomas Lipinski to have Benjamin Franklin move forward with the shut off valve installation. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
- Thank you letter from Rennie and Associates CPA for reappointment
- Westmoreland County Parks Art Grant
- Letter of resignation from Jim Friscarella
- Letter of resignation from Chase Mollomo.
- Letter of resignation from Trent Hantz was received today. **MOTION** by Al Checca to approve accepting resignations from Chase Mollomo effective 1-21-2016, Trent Hantz effective 2-5-2016 and Jim Friscarella effective 1-27-2016. Motion **SECONDED** by Thomas Lipinski. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

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- Letter received by Chris Johnson, Post Quartermaster and George Shean, Post Commander requesting the name of the new Rt. 217 Bridge to be named “Derry Veterans Memorial Bridge”

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Board and Commission Vacancies
 - a) One (1) vacancy and one (1) alternate vacancy for the Zoning Hearing Board
 - b) Civil Service Commission Vacancies
 - c) Vacancy Board Chairman
2. Owens Avenue N. Ligonier St. Bridge Removal Project – HOP received and awaiting response regarding MTF Grant application.
3. Occupancy Permits
4. **MOTION** by Al Checca to approve transfer of \$15,000 to Operating Reserves from 2015 year-end balance. Motion **SECONDED** by Dave Fletcher. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Jim Friscarella’s resignation – Approved earlier.
2. Approve Chase Mollomo’s resignation – Approved earlier.
3. Police Officers
4. **MOTION** by Al Checca to approve Salt Contract Bid Amount for 2016-2017 to purchase 650 tons through Co-Stars Program. Motion **SECONDED** by Dave Fletcher. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
5. **MOTION** by Thomas Lipinski to approve Resolution 601-16 Requesting Representative Petrarca to assist us with naming the new Rt. 217 State Bridge “**Derry Veterans Memorial Bridge**”. Motion **SECONDED** by Barry Holden. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
6. **MOTION** by Dave Fletcher to approve additional street light to be added on Leo Street at a cost of \$479.39. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
Council discussed the sink hole on Leo Street. Council will address again at the next municipal authority meeting. Ms. Latta will review the gas company street opening permits for the last three years to see if this was a recent dig from their utility.

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7. DCNR Planning Grant - Application Deadline April 13, 2016 – Council discussed and decided to utilize some funds for maintenance instead of applying for a planning grant for 2016.

Two pavilions need repaired, the pylons either need covered or removed. Some playground equipment needs removed and swings need replaced. Bathrooms need some maintenance and the track needs resurfaced.

Mr. Fabian asked council if they would be willing to share the cost estimating approximately \$8,000 (\$4,000 our share) with the Municipal Authority to have the COG come out and clean the storm water catch basins out.

Council discussed the need for a solution for the Rt. 217 Bridge pedestrian walkway with snow. It was discussed to purchase a snow blower. Council decided to purchase a snow blower if needed to assist the public works department up to \$3,000. **MOTION** by Al Checca to purchase a snow blower for up to \$3,000. Motion **SECONDED** by Thomas Lipinski. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Derry Borough Council went into executive session for personnel reasons at 8:30pm. Executive session ended at 8:54pm.

Council discussed not filling the full-time position with Sgt. Friscarella’s resignation and increasing the part-time officers rates to support retention of part-time officers and maintain 24/7 police coverage in the Borough of Derry.

MOTION by Thomas Lipinski to increase the part-time police rates with the following schedule:

- Part-time officers during their employment of 0-6 months will receive a wage of \$13.50 per hour
- Part-time officers during their employment of 6-12 months will receive a wage of \$14.25 per hour
- Part-time officers after one year of service will receive a wage of \$15.00 per hour

Amended rates will be effective February 14, 2016 for all part-time employees.

Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. A roll call vote was taken. All six (6) members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION by Jim Ritenour to hire two new part-time officers named Brandon Smith and Stephen Zemba. Motion **SECONDED** by Dave Fletcher. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION by Al Checca to approve payment of bills totaling \$44,013.16 and all outstanding legitimate bills through the end of the month. Motion **SECONDED** by Thomas Lipinski. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Jim Ritenour to adjourn at 8:58p.m. Motion **SECONDED** by Dave Fletcher.
All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Latta
Secretary