

April 11, 2016

Derry Borough Council met in regular session Monday, April 11, 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. Mayor Dave Bolen, Allen Skopp, and Solicitor Lee Demosky were absent. Nick Cammuso was reporting.

MOTION by Thomas Lipinski to approve the minutes for the regular council meeting of March 14, 2016. Motion **SECONDED** by Dave Fletcher. 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 \$176,097.57 for March 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

Derry Borough Council went into executive session for possible litigation regarding the Municipal Authority, the Ritenour Case, and personnel issues with our Solicitor Lee Demosky at the Derry Borough Council Worksession held on Monday, April 4, 2016 at 7:22pm. Executive session ended at 7:58pm.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

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

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Dave Bolen submitted the Mayor’s report for March 2016 with receipts of \$1,588.86 which included traffic receipts of \$958.09 and non-traffic receipts of \$130.16. There were 233 complaint calls, 113 traffic citations, and 4 non-traffic citations with one parking ticket.

BUILDING INSPECTIONS UNDERWRITERS, INC. MONTHLY REPORT

BIU reported for the month of March 2016 one Code Violation and two Zoning Permits.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Municipal Authority Review Committee – Barry Holden, Tom Lipinski, and Al Checca- The Municipal Authority Board agreed to share the cost at 50% of having the storm drains professionally cleaned out. **MOTION** by Tom Lipinski to approve paying 50% of cost of cleaning out storm drains with COG services. Motion **SECONDED** by Jim Ritenour. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Jim Ritenour – *Public Works* – All the alleys have been replenished with gravel. They will be working at the community park beginning in May and beginning the grass cutting season in preparation for park rentals.

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Allen Skopp – Grants- No report

Al Checca-Police Department – No report

Chad Fabian – The community pool clean out will be scheduled with the DVFD. Jessie will be starting with a few part-time hours in April and May for preparation of pool passes, website, facebook, and preparation of opening. Al Checca mentioned there will be some new events with the pool this year with movie nights, evening swims, and possibly a dance swim.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Railroad Days- Lori Latta – Saturday, September 17th and Sunday, September 18, 2016

DARCEE -Lori Latta- Digital Sign

Meetings are held 4th Wednesday monthly at rotated locations.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Melodie Ragowski wanted to follow up with council regarding the list they provided for rental properties. Also the planning commission had discussed ideas for the community park.

Ideas

- Repair pavilions – Mayor Bolen is working on having trees removed and with the proceeds repairing the pavilions. He is working with the school board to gain permission to move forward.
- Improve the track – Bring in some walking stone or new surface
- Small Dog Park
- Tom Tatone can talk to teachers for ideas/help with work
- David Jones can speak with businesses to see if they have interest helping with improvements
- Once maintenance items are complete have a big event for the celebration with children and family events, Movie nights, and vendor's events.

They asked council if a skate park is still an option. There was also discussion regarding a deck hockey facility.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Westmoreland Conservation District – Meeting for Planning Advisory Committee for the County Integrated Water Resource Plan – Meeting List for April
- Derry Railroad Days Committee – Request for donation
- Lori Latta will be attending pre-submission meeting with PEMA on April 27, 2016 for the Winter Storm Reimbursement for Jonas

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Board and Commission Vacancies
 - One (1) vacancy and one (1) alternate vacancy for the Zoning Hearing Board
 - Civil Service Commission Vacancies
 - Vacancy Board Chairman

No letters were received.

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2. Owens Avenue N. Ligonier St. Bridge Removal Project – Awaiting response regarding MTF Grant application.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **MOTION** by Jim Ritenour to approve Resolution 601-16 PEMA Agreement for Financial Assistance. Motion **SECONDED** by Thomas Lipinski. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
2. **MOTION** by Dave Fletcher to approve Resolution 602-16 PEMA Designation of Agent Resolution. Motion **SECONDED** by Barry Holden. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
3. Occupancy Permits – Enforcement Real Estate Transactions – Council discussed reaching out to the closing companies and lien search companies communicating that we have an occupancy ordinance in place and the process should be part of the closing of real estate transfers.
4. Municipal Building Sidewalk and railing repairs - Researching pricing.
5. Kelly Way – Gibson Thomas Review and Derry Construction Quote for maintenance
6. **MOTION** by Al Checca to accept Anthony Vittone part-time police officer resignation effective 3-1-2016. Motion **SECONDED** by Barry Holden. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
7. **MOTION** by Dave Fletcher to approve Road Closing for the Derry Area High School Homecoming Parade to be held on Friday, September 23, 2016 at 5:30pm from A V Germano Hall (community center) on N. Chestnut to the High School. Motion **SECONDED** by Thomas Lipinski. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed

Mr. Lipinski inquired if there has been any discussions regarding the benches along the walking path of Ethel Lake. It was suggested that the DASD or Vo-tech may be interested in the project. They requested the secretary Lori Latta send an email to Amy Forscha regarding the matter.

Street sign updates still have not been addressed. Jim Ritenour will be working with Pat Byers and move forward with the purchases needed and installation.

Council discussed opening the zoning district on Rt. 217 to a central business zone instead of multi village commercial to assist our community in attracting businesses to our town. There are properties that could be utilized for new businesses along that route. Barry Holden suggested having a business directory on our website to promote our current businesses.

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PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION by David Fletcher to approve payment of bills totaling \$29,668.93 and all outstanding legitimate bills through the end of the month. Motion **SECONDED** by Jim Ritenour. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Barry Holden to adjourn at 7:55p.m. Motion **SECONDED** by Jim Ritenour. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Latta
Secretary