

May 9, 2016

Derry Borough Council met in regular session Monday, May 9, 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, Allen Skopp, and Thomas Lipinski. Mayor Dave Bolen was present. Dave Fletcher and Solicitor Lee Demosky were absent. Nick Cammuso was reporting.

MOTION by Thomas Lipinski to approve the minutes for the regular council meeting of April 11, 2016. Motion **SECONDED** by Allen Skopp. 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 \$232,897.93 for April 30, 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. Melodie Rogowski – Planning Commission - Observing

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 April 2016 with receipts of \$3,067.07 which included traffic receipts of \$2,502.78 and non-traffic receipts of \$430.61. There were 163 complaint calls, 49 traffic citations, and one non-traffic citation.

The Mayor reported that our officers attended a DUI training session for three days and our officers will receive pay for their training.

Council and the Mayor discussed a new police car. Mr. Lipinski expressed as consensus for council that they would like to see a white police vehicle that is bright and visible for all public. Chief Glick feels council should wait to purchase a new car, since they have put so much money in the maintenance of the older car and it is running very well right now.

There was discussion regarding inter-municipal agreements and back up for the state police. Mr. Lipinski feels our police need to focus on borough issues more prominently.

Melodie Rogowski stated that the cars on High Street are being broken into consistently. The Mayor explained it is important to lock your car doors to avoid this from happening.

Mayor reported that there are birds in the Mossback Storage building and the flower box needs repointed by a mason. It will probably not make another winter. It needs to be repaired this summer.

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BUILDING INSPECTIONS UNDERWRITERS, INC. MONTHLY REPORT

BIU reported for the month of April 2016 two (2) Code Violations.

Chad Fabian will be requesting BIU representative to attend the next work session as council discussed. They still have concerns regarding enforcement in Derry Borough. Al Checca feels they aren't touching the surface of the issues within the Borough. Council agreed they want better response from BIU.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Municipal Authority Review Committee – Barry Holden, Tom Lipinski, and Al Checca

Jim Ritenour – Public Works – Flower Box in Mossback Park needs repointed by a brick mason or it will not make the next season without separating.

Allen Skopp – Grants- No report

Al Checca-Police Department – No report

Chad Fabian – The community pool clean out will be scheduled with the DVFD the weekend of May 21, 2016. .

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

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

DARCEE -Lori Latta- Digital Sign

Car Show will be held on August 7, 2016 at the Derry Community Park at 12:00 noon.

PLANNING COMMISSION

COMMUNICATIONS

- Westmoreland Conservation District – Meeting for Planning Advisory Committee for the County Integrated Water Resource Plan – Lori attended requested meeting regarding any needs for Derry Borough
- Westmoreland County Borough's Association Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 26, 2016 – Guest Speaker Bud Mertz Director of Public Safety Westmoreland County. Subject: Providing Support to our Local Municipalities
- Chad Fabian and Lori Latta will be attending the Land Bank Summit on May 11th and 12th, 2016.
- Our office has applied to participate in the PIC program for the summer of 2016. Lori Latta will be attending an orientation meeting on May 16, 2016 to prepare for the program. We requested one office assistant through the program.
- Fire Chief has lifted fire ban effective Monday, May 9, 2016. The Fire Chief is asking for residents to please burn responsibly.
- There will not be a Memorial Day Parade this year due to lack of volunteers. There will be a memorial service at Cole's Cemetery at 9am and a Memorial Service at the Honor Roll at the Derry Borough Municipal Building at 9:45am.
- We have yet to hear anything regarding the MTF funding we applied for to assist with subsidizing the Owens Avenue extension project.

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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 received.

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Occupancy Permits – A form letter explaining our current ordinance and an informational form will be sent to all of the properties listed on the report the planning commission prepared to assist with moving forward with enforcing the Ordinance and retaining information. Al Checca didn't feel that it was an effective move. He feels we can't enforce it at this point and doesn't feel it's a good idea.

2. Municipal Building Sidewalk and railing repairs - Lori Latta, Secretary requested a quote from Keystone railing for the repairs. The railing has specific ADA requirements and the concrete has breakdowns which means the project may be bigger than originally anticipated.

3. **MOTION** by Allen Skopp to approve Derry Construction to do the maintenance work on Kelly Way, removing the old deck, reinforcing the wall, and adding two guardrails one on each side of McGee Run. Motion **SECONDED** by Tom Lipinski. All member present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

4. **MOTION** by Tom Lipinski to approve applying for a grant with DCED for professional services to prepare a proficient plan to improve our community park, community pool area, and create pedestrian/bicycle pathways interconnecting our parks, lake and community pool area. A 15% match of the total project cost is required. Motion **SECONDED** by Barry Holden. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

5. **MOTION** by Allen Skopp to approve a donation for \$500 for Derry Railroad Days and two additional shifts for extra coverage police coverage during the event (16 hours of total additional coverage). Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Council discussed having their own booth at Railroad Days to interact with the residents and the public. They discussed having a "Throw a Pie at an Elected Official" or a dunking booth.

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6. MOTION by Al Checca to approve \$500 donation for Caldwell Library located at Derry Area School District. Motion SECONDED by Allen Skopp. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

7. Stormwater Management – Derry Council is asking residents to please refrain from putting grass clippings and toxins into the street. These will go into our storm drain system and create problems such as clogging drains and adding pollutants to our water.

Al Checca brought up a concern regarding Hoffman’s response to a call regarding a dog, Hoffman’s never followed up. Mayor Bolen was to look into the situation.

There was a discussion regarding the community park, including the pavilions and tree removal to assist with maintenance items. Mayor Bolen said it would probably take a year before the trees would be removed, he had follow up work to do to make it happen.

Thomas Lipinski made a **MOTION** to accept bids for community park roof maintenance. Motion SECONDED by Allen Skopp.

Melodie Rogowski recommended asking businesses or residents to invest in our community park. It was mentioned that those efforts could be directed to the DARCEE organization for fundraising efforts. There are many businesses that would support our efforts if they knew what we would like to accomplish by having a plan in place. We need to move forward with a professional plan.

Tom Lipinski repealed his motion, so the Melodie Rogowski could talk with some business owners to see if they would like to donate towards the park for the maintenance of the pavilions as a start.

All agreed the park is an asset to our community and once we can do some upgrades and maintenance to the park, we can promote the park more and utilize for more community events.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION by Allen Skopp to approve payment of bills totaling \$22,255.41 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.

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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Jim Ritenour to adjourn at 8:145p.m. Motion **SECONDED** by Tom Lipinski. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Latta
Secretary