

July 10, 2017

Derry Borough Council met in regular session Monday, July 10, 2017 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, Al Checca, Daniel Chaney, David Jones, Grant Nicely, and Jim Ritenour. Dave Fletcher was absent. Mayor Kevin Gross was present and Nick Cammuso was reporting.

MOTION by David Jones to approve the minutes for the regular council meeting of June 12, 2017. Motion **SECONDED** by Grant Nicely. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION by Jim Ritenour to approve the treasurer’s report with a General Fund Balance Sheet totaling \$258,234.96 for June 30, 2017. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

1. Don Ritenour – Owens Avenue – Observing for any information on Owens Avenue Extension Project.

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 Council enacted to reduce expenses, the Solicitor was directed to not appear at the public meeting.

Derry Borough Council went into executive session at 8:29pm at the Derry Council Worksession held on July 3, 2017 for personnel reasons. Executive session ended at 8:49pm.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Kevin Gross submitted the Mayor’s report for June 2017 with receipts of \$1,177.16 which included traffic receipts of \$873.37 and non-traffic receipts of \$0. There were 77 complaint calls, 13 traffic citations, 1 non-traffic citations, and eight (8) parking tickets.

BUILDING INSPECTIONS UNDERWRITERS, INC. MONTHLY REPORT

BIU reported for the month of June 2017 two (2) code violations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

***Municipal Authority Review Committee – Chad Fabian and Al Checca Stormwater Agreement
Jim Ritenour – Public Works – Punch List Rt. 217 Bridge Project***

Al Checca-Police – Mr. Checca wanted to bring to the attention to the public that our police department has recently noticed approximately 170 vehicles parked in the wrong direction on sided street parking. By PA Vehicle code 33-54 vehicles must be parked the same direction as traffic on side street parking. Council had a lengthy discussion on the topic. The Mayor and Council want to let the public know that the Derry Police are going to be enforcing the vehicle code, as necessary in the future because this can be a safety issue and can cause accidents. Council stated we should post something on facebook citing the vehicle code and let the public know that this will be upcoming.

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Chad Fabian – No report

Lori Latta – A community park project fund account was opened and \$18,500 was transferred into the account from operating reserves for our portion of the match for the DCED GTRP for the upgrades of the community park.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- DARCEE – Members are working on a new sign placement coming from Blairsville into Derry Borough.
- RR Days Committee meets 2nd Thursday, monthly at Derry Station Community Room at 6:30pm

PLANNING COMMISSION

No report

COMMUNICATIONS

- Derry Midget Football Program Sponsor request \$30- \$225 options – Some councilmembers discussed privately donating to the Midget Football Program. There was no motion to use funds from General Fund. MOTION made by Daniel Chaney to purchase a \$30 ad for the Derry Midget Football Program sponsorship. Motion SECONDED by Grant Nicely. Al Checca opposed. Dave Jones opposed. Jim Ritenour Opposed. Chad Fabian voted “aye”. Mayor Gross broke the tie with a “nay” vote. Motion was not passed.
- Derry's Community Great Garage Sale Friday August 4, 2017 and Saturday, August 5, 2017. Pastor Ron Kosar is replacing the efforts of organizing the event this year as Sugar Bears used to. If you are planning on having a sale and would like assistance with organizing, please contact Pastor Ron Kosar from Alpha Lions Den Church at 724-875-1837 or by email at pastor.ron122@gmail.com.
- GTE Golf Outing July 14, 2017 RSVP by 7-10-17 David Jones and Chad Fabian will be attending.
- Letter from Election Bureau – Study of Polling Districts and Consolidation Council discussed our current wards and agreed it may be better for us to downsize to district within the Borough. Council agreed to send a letter to the Election Bureau or inquire as how we should proceed.
- Receipt of negotiations request from Laborers Union for public works department

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Board and Commission terms expiring in the Borough:
 - a) Two (2) vacancies and (1) alternate vacancy for the Zoning Hearing Board
 - b) Three (3) Civil Service Commission Vacancies three (6) year-terms expiring every two years
 - c) Vacancy Board Chairman

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2. N. Ligonier Street Bridge and Owens Avenue Extension Project
3. Community Park Project – Ken Orié will be forwarding final plans to Borough office this week and they will be forwarded to the school board prior to our attendance at the Thursday, July 27, 2017 meeting. Mr. Orié will be attending and presenting at the meeting.
4. Occupancy Permits/Zoning Certificates/ Rental Properties – Council agreed after discussion our current code provides for Occupancy permits currently and they can be processed as needed upon resident concern. At that time BIU as our code officials should be able to review UCC and Property Maintenance issues. Derry Borough is currently requiring occupancy with real estate transfers. Dave Jones had mentioned that he would like to see more enforcement regarding this Ordinance with properties that residents are concerned about.
5. Public Works Crew Leader Position – 2nd Interviews

NEW BUSINESS

1. **MOTION** by David Jones to approve Lee Demosky to prepare a letter regarding punchlist items from the Rt. 217 Bridge Project to Penn Dot and to Plum Construction. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
2. **MOTION** by Al Checca to approve highest bidder and award for bids on Municibid for our 2011 Crown Victoria Police Car. The bid is awarded to Ed Bartholomew for \$3,200.00 and will be applied to the new vehicle cost. Motion **SECONDED** by Grant Nicely. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Council President Chad Fabian addressed council to let them know that Dave Fletcher had submitted a resignation for his council seat effective immediately due to a new position held for employment. **MOTION** made by Al Checca to accept Dave Fletcher’s resignation was made. Motion **SECONDED** by Jim Ritenour. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION by Al Checca to advertise the council vacancy in preparation for next month’s meeting. Motion **SECONDED** by David Jones. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

3. **MOTION** by David Jones to approve Resolution # 616-17 Approving new signature cards for Borough accounts – S&T, First Commonwealth Bank, and AmeriServe with the removal of Dave Fletcher due to his resignation. Motion **SECONDED** by Jim Ritenour. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
4. **MOTION** by Al Checca to approve Matthey Reeves resignation as part-time police officer. Motion **SECONDED** by Jim Ritenour. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

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5. **MOTION** by Al Checca to table the approval MS4 Consultation Services from Gibson-Thomas for the amount of \$9,000 plus additional fees. (In order to discuss Shared Cost with Municipal Authority and to discuss with Lee Demosky regarding agreement). Chad Fabian will discuss with Lee Demosky and would like to talk with Doug Siler regarding a project with Broad Street perhaps that may assist with the 10% reduction of stormwater pollutants requirement. Motion **SECONDED** by David Jones. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION by Jim Ritenour to approve payment of bills totaling \$36,092.75 and all outstanding legitimate bills through the end of the month. Motion **SECONDED** by David Jones. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Al Checca to adjourn at 8:16p.m. Motion **SECONDED** by Grant Nicely. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Latta
Secretary