

March 11, 2019

Derry Borough Council met in regular session Monday, March 11, 2019 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, Grant Nicely, David Jones, Mary Landis, and Daniel Chaney were present. Jim Ritenour was absent. Lee Demosky, Solicitor attended. Mayor Kevin Gross was present. Nick Cammuso was reporting.

MOTION by Grant Nicely to approve the minutes for the regular council meeting of February 11, 2019. Motion **SECONDED** by Mary Landis. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION by David Jones to approve the treasurer’s report with a General Fund Balance Sheet totaling \$262,424.29 for February 28, 2019. 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. He has concerns regarding a hole that has eroded from when West Penn was digging for pole replacement. They accidentally hit one of our storm lines and are supposed to repair. The incident took place last fall. Lori Latta, Secretary contacted Nick Puzak to have him contact the West Penn Project Engineer for that site and request repairs and a resolution to the hole that they created. In the meantime our Derry Borough Public Works department will put up some safety cones and/or cover the area.
2. Alison Camp – 301 S. Ligonier Street – Observing
3. Sara Cowan – 306 W. Sixth Avenue – Observing with Community Interest
4. Janet Deglau – 321 Shade Street – Ice issue due to spring and runoff water or storm water that collects on 4th Avenue and Shade Street. Ms. Deglau addressed the same issue approximately 10 years ago. Requesting council to add a storm water basin or resolute the issue. She is asking the public works department to please address the ice until a permanent resolution can be made. It needs to be addressed the street is now breaking apart.

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.

Derry Borough council went into executive session with Lee Demosky, Borough Solicitor at 7:13pm for personnel regarding the collective bargaining agreement with the Derry Borough Police department and to discuss legal contract with Waste Management for our residential refuse and recycling upcoming extension year of 2019-2020. Executive session ended at 7:49pm.

MAYOR’S REPORT

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Mayor Kevin Gross submitted the Mayor's report for February 2019 with receipts of \$1,495.86 which included traffic receipts of \$515.53 and non-traffic receipts of \$85.44. There were 43 complaint calls, 12 traffic citations, 0 non-traffic citations, and 1 parking tickets.

BUILDING INSPECTIONS UNDERWRITERS, INC. MONTHLY REPORT

BIU reported for 2018 summary report including six (6) UCC permits, five (5) Zoning Permits, (25) Occupancy Permits and 2hrs for court hearing. One code violation was reported.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Municipal Authority Review Committee – Al Checca and Dan Chaney

Grant Nicely – Public Works

Al Checca-Police- Wages Police Contract / Attendance to Police Department Oversight as Elected Officials class on April 2, 2019 in Westmoreland County \$150/per attendee

Chad Fabian – Pool rates will remain the same for the 2019 summer season.

Lori Latta – Request council to approve 300 color copies as donation for DARcee Car Show to be held in August. Estimated cost - \$30 Council approved. Lori Latta will be attending the Westmoreland County Foundation Grant meeting to see if we could participate this year in the grant applications for some play equipment for the Community Park.

Mary Landis – Grants

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLANNING COMMISSION

No report

REPRESENTATIVES

DARcee meeting to be held on Weds March 27, 2019 in New Alexandria at 7pm at the Borough Building.

DARcee Car Show scheduled for Sunday, August 4th, 2019 Noon-4pm

COMMUNICATIONS

- PSAB Police Department Oversight as Elected Officials April 2, 2019 in Westmoreland County \$150/per attendee
- Westmoreland County Boroughs Association Meeting Thursday, March 28, 2019 at the Westmoreland Conservation District – Penn Dot Connects – Rick Skovensky, Angela Saunders, and Josh Theakston are speakers. Please let borough office know by 3-23-19 if you plan on attending so I may RSVP
- Westmoreland County Boroughs Banquet Friday, April 26, 2019 at the Crystal Room Ferrante's Lakeview on Rt. 30 in Greensburg. Please let borough office know by April 16, 2019 so I may respond with reservations for elected officials attending from Derry Borough
- Promotion of Safe Digging Month by Pa One Call 811 – Support resolution requested. (email received 2-14-19 requesting resolution by March 29, 2019)

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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) One (1) Planning Commission Vacancies

2. Approve Bid for Owens Avenue Extension Project

Bids Received

- A Folino - \$211,000
- Lutterman Excavation – \$217,855.65
- Ligonier Construction - \$320,000

MOTION by Al Checca to approve A. Folino as the contractor for the project at \$211,000 bid amount pending appropriate finalization of paperwork with Gibson Thomas. Motion **SECONDED** by Daniel Chaney Sr. All Members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

3. Garland Mills – McGee Run Project Planning – The public works committee needs to have a meeting with Doug Siler and Dave Overly to discuss what portion of the plans Doug provided council they would like to tackle in 2019. It was addressed that the area on 5th Avenue should be a top priority. This area of the plan falls under both a part of the flood plain control due to the stream and the MS-4 Pollutant reduction plan.

4. Community Park – CDBG Grant for Upgrades for bathrooms – Email forwarded to council for Bathroom Selections sent by Gibson Thomas to approve a design choice by council. Multi –use was consensus.

MOTION by Al Checca to move forward with the multi-use plans for the bathroom at the community park. Motion **SECONDED** by Grant Nicely. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Part-time Officers – Approve Noah C. Miller as a part-time police officer. **MOTION** by Al Checca to hire Noah Miller as a part-time officer contingent upon his interview with the Mayor and Al Checca. Motion **SECONDED** by Mary Landis. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

2. Refuse and Recycling Contract 2019-2020 - Tabled

3. **MOTION** by Daniel Chaney Sr. to approve Easter Egg Hunt at the Derry Community Park to be held on Saturday, April 20th approximate time 1-3pm hosted by the Derry Railroad Days Committee with waiver of fee as a community event. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

4. **MOTION** by Al Checca to approve DARCEE to utilize Community Park on Sunday, August 4th, 2019 for the Car Show with waiver of fee as a community event. Motion **SECONDED** by Grant Nicely. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

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5. **MOTION** by Daniel Chaney Sr. to advertise for a part time public works for lawn and grounds maintenance person. Motion **SECONDED** by Grant Nicely. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed. The secretary will advertise in the Latrobe Bulletin and at the school district directed for seniors as the candidate had to be 18 years old.

6. **MOTION** by Grant Nicely to approve purchasing pool cover with community pool funds for Derry outdoor community pool. Motion **SECONDED** by David Jones. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

7. Wage Increase for PT Officers – Tabled

8. Council discussed the importance of having public safety meetings quarterly with the Fire Chief, President, Police Chief, and the council members listed on the committee. They want everyone to commit to attendance. The secretary will send out an email to see if a meeting can be coordinated.

Al Checca reported the highschool students through the woodshop program are going to work on creating three benches for the dog park and the community park. It is such a positive project for us to work directly with the school for projects like these.

Mary Landis suggested we may want to try to meet with some of our local municipalities to see if we could establish a multi-municipal contract for refuse and recycling in the future which could assist with keeping our costs lower for all residents.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION by Daniel Chaney Sr. to approve payment of bills totaling \$15,286.67 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 Grant Nicely to adjourn at 8:17p.m. Motion **SECONDED** by David Jones. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Latta
Secretary