

**DERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
August 12, 2025**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & TREASURER’S REPORT

1. Regular Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2025
2. Special Meeting Minutes of July 31, 2025
3. Special Meeting Minutes of August 5, 2025
4. Treasurers Report for July 31, 2025

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

1. William Snyder – Worksession – Came to introduce himself as a new purchaser of 135 S. Chestnut in the borough. Mr. Snyder plans to turn the property into Derry Curiosity Shop and Emporium. He is interested in incorporating Derry’s historical elements in a positive light.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Mr. Demosky reviewed the winter maintenance agreement with PennDot to determine the borough’s liability in with what the agreement requires. Liability is kept pretty low due to insurance, having sovereign entity, winter storm events being considered an “act of God” in many cases.

MAYOR’S REPORT

The Mayor reported for July 2025 with total receipts of \$ ___, which included traffic receipts of \$ ___, non-traffic receipts of \$ ___, and \$ ___ in clerk of court and \$ ___ miscellaneous receipts and \$ ___ parking. There were ___ complaint calls, ___ traffic citations, ___ non-traffic citations, and ___ parking tickets.

ZONING /UCC/ CODE OFFICER’S REPORT

BIU report for June 2025 – Summary Report: ___ Zoning Permit, ___ UCC, ___ Occupancy, and ___ Code Enforcement Violations issued in the month of July 2025 by BIU.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works/Buildings Grounds/Zoning/Code/Flood- In July: Painting the pump house at pool, storage building at Community Park, and the Community Park restroom floors was done. Other items addressed were pothole patching, a sinkhole repaired on E 1st Ave, pool water issues; maintenance stemming from water main break, PD calibration lines of 5th Ave, alley repairs from heavy rains, car show preparations, Community Park weed spraying, sign replacements(street name and stop signs), curb marking with P.D. for

proper and legal distances and lengths, and 3rd Street flood control – debris pit cleanout. Plan for August: line painting, Street sign replacements, alley repairs, daily tasks (mowing, patching, etc.), light installations at Police Dept, and Mossback Park landscaping.

For future paving projects, there is hope to include one alley per project to work on to alleviate some wash out issues. The Water Authority will be working to alleviate some flooding issues experienced around Wineman way as well as issues related to an Alley by Charles Street.

Finance/ Budget – Transferred \$150,000 from American National to National Guardian Life for the Police Pension Plan for a higher interest return recommended by Marchese and Associates.

Received an email from Keytex regarding the electricity rates increasing in the near future again prompting an additional review of the Street Light Expense and Millage determination for 2026.

Grants – Three grants have been applied for as follows: LSA Funding – Mossback Park Gazebo, GTRP – Big Foot Park, DOJ/Cops -FT Police officer

Business Development/ Community Relations/School Services/ Rebranding Derry – Community Pool – Tim McTigue now owns the Masterocco property and will be working towards next steps with several ideas of the future of that building in mind. The community pool has \$15,000 in the bank right now and should be at around \$10,000 after the current payroll period to pay a final payroll and end of season bills. Season passes for 2026 should begin to be sold with added incentives in the near future. Final fully opened day should be August 17th with August 24th as the dog swim. The Friends of Derry movie night held in July was successful and generated about half the cost of the fire suppression system that is needed to be replaced by the start of next season. Derry Borough will potentially participate in the Railroad Days parade on September 20th.

Refuse/Recycling – Lori inquired with Waste Management on their next steps for the start of the new contract.

TCC Representative

Personnel Onboarding

COG Representative – Meeting August 14th.

Public Safety/Fire/Police

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLANNING COMMISSION

REPRESENTATIVES

Meeting schedule as listed:

- DARcee meeting 4th Weds 7pm Semi-Monthly alternating between Derry Borough, Derry Township, and New Alexandria.
- Derry Area Historical Society – Board Meetings are on the 3rd Monday monthly at 6:30pm at the Fulton House. Their website is derryhistory.org. Please check out their facebook page for updated information searching Derry Area History.

- Derry Railroad Days Committee meets the 3rd Tuesday monthly at 6:30pm at AV Germano Hall (Alternative meeting place is the Fulton House in New Derry) Always looking for new members from Derry Borough!
- The Derry VFW and American Legion would like to invite everyone to take part in a solemn flag raising and lowering ceremony monthly on the 10th and 11th at the Veterans Memorial Bridge at 6pm. If you would like a family member's flag to be flown for a certain month, feel free to contact us. It is a great honor to provide this service and to show the community we are very much active. Derry VFW would very much like to see our ranks grow, for the VFW and the American Legion. If interested in either the flag raising or joining the VFW or Legion contact Russ McKlveen.
- Friends of Derry –August 26, 2025 at 6:30pm at the Derry Municipal Building.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Food Truck Friday- upcoming date August 8th and August 15th from 5-8pm (Check out Friends of Derry Facebook page)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Board and Commission terms available in the Borough:
 - One alternate board member for the zoning hearing board expiring December 31, 2029.
 - One (1) four-year term for the planning commission expiring December 31, 2026.
 - One (1) five-year term for the Derry Borough Municipal Authority expiring December 31, 2029
 - Vacancy Board Chairman 2025
2. Derry Business Park
3. Appoint a Deputy Tax Collector – No applicants
4. Regional Police Coverage - Discussion possibly of a Municipal Agreement with Latrobe or Blairsville for Police (Committee - Sara Cowan, Rich Eikenburg, and Jasen Lentz)
5. 2025-2026 Paving Project
6. Part-time Office Assistant – applications being accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to approve Ordinance 819 Amending the General Industrial Zone to permit additional uses and establish off-street parking and loading requirements

2. Motion to approve Ordinance No.820 amending Chapter 288, Article I. Disorderly Houses of the Derry Borough Code
3. Civil Service Commission – Steve Kozar, Jason Campbell, Wayne Churley applicants
4. Motion to advertise RFP for Police Pension Services
5. Motion to advertise RFP for CPA services for annual audit for 2025 in spring of 2026.
6. Approve Vita-Charge to create email accounts for Borough employees and council members
7. Approve the Halloween Hootinanny hosted by the Friends of Derry on Friday, October 31, 2025 beginning 5pm at the Derry Community Park.
8. Tourism Grant – Discussion
9. Joint Traffic study with the township for the blind corner at Coles Way and Ligonier Street.
10. Chicken Ordinance – under solicitor review.
11. Approve a fundraiser held by Friends of Derry at the Derry Community Pool on August 22nd with all proceeds benefiting the outdoor community pool operating fund.
12. Banner Program
13. DCNR Peer Grant vs. Feasibility study – Derry Outdoor Community Pool
14. Approve the purchase of two new computers and one Toughbook laptop for the Police Department utilizing Act 13 Funds.
15. Approve Resolution 694-25 Application for LSA Category 4 for authorizing signatures for execution.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

ADJOURNMENT