

**DERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 12, 2024**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT

1. Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2024
2. Treasurers Report for February 29, 2024

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

1. Bob Reintgen – Gem Theater Project

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

1. Received the cooperation document from the Derry Area Youth Athletic Association and enclosed a DRAFT of the proposed lease directed to prepare for council.
2. Numerous communications to finalize the police contract have occurred between the Borough negotiation committee and police union.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor report for February 2024 was presented with total receipts of \$399.87, which included traffic receipts of \$374.87, non-traffic receipts of \$25.00, and \$99.98 in clerk of court and no miscellaneous receipts. There were 53 complaint calls, ten traffic citations, zero non-traffic citations, and eight parking tickets.

ZONING /CODE/UCC OFFICER'S REPORT

BIU report for February 2024 – No Zoning Permits, no UCC permits, and one code enforcement violation reported in the summary and Court appearance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works – Vehicle Maintenance, Maintenance of Police Department Door, Cleaning Shop, Garage Maintenance and Snow removal as needed.

Buildings and Grounds –

Police - Sgt. Doug Sam mentioned possibly utilizing Enradd for traffic violations in the future as an additional means to assist with speeding violations. Update AED's for the police department.

Finance/Budget – Barbara Phillips is asking council to review an increase of .25% for 2025 to cover expenses of additional employment positions for the borough including a Code official.

Parks and Recreation – Tree removal is needed at the Community Park near the gate entrance for a couple of trees that were damaged in a recent storm.

Pool Committee – Barbara Phillips reported they have some events planned currently for the pool including 4 DJ nights and a Family Picnic Day for the 4th of July when families will be allowed to bring their own food and snacks to celebrate as a community. The pool committee has sent out letters requesting donations for giveaways for the events planned. The pool committee also would like to request for future advertisements for the community pool by hanging company advertising banners on the fencing for donations in support of the pool. Review of maintenance of the pool liner is ongoing in search of best options for quality and long term solution for updated pool surface.

Grants – T-Mobile grant was submitted for the Derry Outdoor Community Pool for a new pool slide.

Public Safety Committee- Savy Citizen vs. Crime Watch

Media/Technology- xJasen Lentz will be working on the upgrades of equipment for the police body cameras when all equipment has been received from purchase.

Neighborhood Watch- No report

DASD/School- Nathan Bundy forwarded the Westmoreland Art Grant to DASD to see if there was any interest for a project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLANNING COMMISSION

Occupancy Permit Ordinance Review – Summary of draft ordinance provided to council and minutes from the last planning commission meeting.

Vacancy Ordinance – Council review of draft ordinance modeled after Etna Borough's.

REPRESENTATIVES

- DARCee meeting 4th Weds 7pm Quarterly
- Derry Area Historical Society – Board Meeting are held at the Fulton House on the 3rd Monday monthly at 6:30pm. 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!

COMMUNICATIONS

- Westmoreland County Boroughs Association Meeting March 20, 2024 at 5:30 pm Hoss's Steak and Sea Restaurant Speaker David Leng – Workers Compensation RSV needed by March 18, 2024
- Westmoreland County Boroughs Association Annual Banquet to be held on Friday, April 26, 2024 at Ferrantes Lakeview in Greensburg at 5:30pm. RSVP needed by April 18, 2024 with food choice.
- 2023 IDC Annual Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Board and Commission terms available in the Borough:
 - a) Vacancy Board Chairman 2024
 - b) One planning commission vacancy term ending 12-31-2026
2. Porcelain Park – Brian Lawrence will be attending April 2024 meeting.
3. Sewer Lateral Testing Ordinance Amendments – Revision request submitted to Lee Demosky

Approve advertisement of Ordinance 808 Updating Sanitary Sewer Rules and Regulations holding a public hearing.

4. 2024 Paving Project – CDBG Grant (LF and Reserves) Plans to be provided by Steve Schmitt from Gibson-Thomas for council review.

Approve Plans provided by Steve Schmitt, Engineer at Gibson-Thomas and approve advertising for bids for the project. Project should be completed by August 17, 2024 the end of the term of the agreement.
5. Comprehensive Plan – Meeting scheduled with Revitalize or Die
6. Mossback Park Gazebo Maintenance – Inquire with Mr. Rankin of the Amish Construction Group he mentioned at the worksession.
7. Police Contract
8. Crime Watch App – Estimated annual cost of \$1,200.
9. Appoint a Deputy Tax Collector
10. Advertise Ordinance 808 Occupancy Ordinance prepared by Planning Commission
11. Advertise Ordinance 809 Amending Obscene Materials Derry Borough Code 291-2 prepared by Planning Commission
12. Advertise Ordinance 810 Providing for a Vacant Property Monitoring Fee

NEW BUSINESS

1. Pool Maintenance DCED Grant - Pool Pavilion - 12 X 24 pavilion – Westmoreland Renovation Brothers Inc. at \$22,280.00 **or** Booher Construction, LLC \$20,860.00 Gibson-Thomas will assist with approval of UCC plans.

2. Approve Lease Agreement for DAYAA for the use of Derry Borough's property including one of the baseball fields utilized for their baseball program. Lee Demosky will prepare the agreement for the request from DAYAA officers.
3. Review 424-45 Central Business Commercial Zone - Review of Theatre "Cultural Facilities" Council to request Planning Commission to Review.
4. Approve to donate the remaining funds from the K-9 account to the Westmoreland County Cart Team \$3,295.06
5. Approve resignation of Dominick Dempsey
6. Advertisement for Full-time and Part-time Public Works
7. Approve for Adam Hebenthal to acquire CDL
8. Code Enforcement – Searching for a local candidate. Approve advertising for the part-time position.
9. Increase Janitorial Wage
10. Approve Resolution 682-24 Applying for the demolition of a Blighted Structure located at 112 E. 1st Avenue, Derry PA 15627.

PAYMENT OF BILLS
ADJOURNMENT