

**DERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 12, 2026**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT

1. Regular Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2026
2. Special Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2026
3. Treasurers Report for April 30, 2026

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

1. Jodi Coella – Worksession – Sage's Army
2. Joe Mungin – Worksession – Discussing opening a southern food establishment in the Borough.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Sam reported for April 2026 with total receipts of \$ _ which included District Court receipts of \$ _ , \$ _ in clerk of court, \$ _ in reports, and \$ _ in parking tickets. There were _ complaint calls, _ traffic citations, _ non-traffic citations, and _ parking ticket.

MAYOR'S REPORT

ZONING /UCC/ CODE OFFICER'S REPORT

BIU report for April 2026 – Summary Report: _ Zoning Permits, _ UCC permit, _ Occupancy inspections, and _ Code Enforcement Violation with 0 court appearances in the month of April 2026 by BIU

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works/Buildings/Grounds/Flood – The Borough had two recent insurance claims for the damage to the small dog park from a car accident as well as a tree fell on the small pavilion at the Community park. Public Works completed seasonal mowing, removed the pool cover, restored water service to all parks and the pool, performed pothole patching and alley repairs, top-dressed the track at Community Park, repaired the park entrance, and began preparing railroad banners. In May, the team will focus on preparing the pool for opening, installing banners, planning line painting, mulching at the pool, and maintaining the track and walkways at Community Park, while continuing daily maintenance tasks. Additional activities include a Flood Control Inspection with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on May 21 at 10:00 AM, completing a backhoe seal replacement, and conducting pool chemical training for the pool committee.

Finance/ Budget/Grants – Department heads are invited to start preparing their budgets for the next fiscal year with meetings starting in June.

Grants Applied for: LSA Grants for W. Owens Ave and Church Way Cemetery Sanitary Sewer Project, Permeable Pavers and Underground Stormwater Detention Project, Mossback Park Bathrooms, and McGee Run Bioswale UNT, Westmoreland County Parks and Rec Arts Grant
In Planning: DCED MTF Grant for the 3rd Ave Culvert, CDBG Funding.

Active: Big Foot Park and COPs Hiring Grant.

Other Grant Wishes: Mossback Park Gazebo updates, Train Playset for 2nd Ward Park, 3rd Ave. Culvert replacement, lit media board, meeting streaming, train viewing platform. Applied for this year and not awarded: 250PA Pennsylvania Mini Grant

Business Development/Community Relations/Rebranding Derry –

Community Pool – Sealant joint replacement was done.

Personnel Onboarding –

COG Representative –

Public Safety/Fire & Police/Code Enforcement/Zoning – The new police vehicle was delivered.

Technical – Possibility of livestreaming meetings, all council member and mayor now have @derryborough email addresses.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLANNING COMMISSION

- **Henigin Subdivision:** Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval without conditions. Borough Council should place the subdivision plan on an upcoming agenda for formal action.
- **Snow Parking Ordinance Review:** Commission began reviewing Ordinance 618 after winter enforcement issues and requests from Police/Public Works/Public Safety. Future recommendations may come to Council regarding mid-block parking or winter parking changes.
- **Home-Based Business Ordinance Review:** Commission intends to draft recommendations to modernize current rules for home occupations in all zones. Expect future zoning amendment proposals for Council consideration.
- **Abandoned Vehicle Regulations:** Commission reviewed state law and determined no local changes are recommended at this time. No Council action needed presently.

REPRESENTATIVES

Meeting schedule as listed:

- Derry Borough’s Safety Committee meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6pm at AV Germano Hall. All community members are welcome to attend.
- DARcee meeting 4th Weds 7pm Semi-Monthly alternating between Derry Borough, Derry Township, and New Alexandria. Next meeting to be held in May.
- 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.

- The Derry VFW and American Legion invite the community to their monthly flag-raising and lowering ceremonies on the 10th and 11th at 6 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Bridge. To have a family member's flag flown, please contact us. Those interested in participating or joining the VFW or Legion may reach out to Russ McKlveen.
- Friends of Derry – May 19, 2026 at 6:30pm the one room schoolhouse.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Westmoreland County Borough Association May 28, 2026. Please RSVP to Mary Lou Johnston-Swallop by May 26th.
- Letter of interest from Grant Nicely for appointment to the Zoning Hearing Board
- Letter from Derry Borough Municipal Authority Manager, Ron Seich, regarding the Borough's curb to curb paving ordinance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Board and Commission terms available in the Borough:
 - Vacancy Board Chairman
 - Remaining term of one (1) five-year term for the Zoning Hearing Board term expiring December 31, 2026.
 - One alternate board member for the zoning hearing board expiring December 31, 2029
2. Appoint a Deputy Tax Collector – No applicants
3. Intern/Part-time Office Assistant

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss maintenance of the Derry Railroad Heritage Park Property
2. Approve Gazebo Maintenance quoted at \$13,200.00 by Big Hammer Contracting.
3. Approve train viewing event on July 11, 2026 at the Railroad Heritage Park hosted by Friends of Derry and Derry Area Historical Society.
4. Discuss and Approve bid from ____ for the Big Foot Park Hardscaping for \$_____.
5. If necessary, approve readvertising for a new bidding process for the Big Foot Park Hardscape project.
6. Approve Subdivision request for Richard Henigin of the Borough of Derry for properties with Tax Map #s 06-01-06-0-001 and 06-01-06-0-002.
7. Approve annual membership for Latrobe-Laurel Valley Chamber of Commerce - \$275 annual fee
8. Discuss removal or removal and replacement for the storm-damaged gazebo.

9. Discuss and approve quote from CL Held Tree Service for removal of 5 large trees at the Community Park for \$7,500.
10. Approve application for the Community Foundation of Westmoreland's Impact grant for \$50,000 for the community pool.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

ADJOURNMENT