

**DERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 13, 2025**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & TREASURER’S REPORT

1. Regular Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2025
2. Treasurers Report for April 30, 2025

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

1. Doug Siler and Tammy Baacke (Worksession) -Gibson Thomas Reviewed with council the tentative plan for our pollutant reduction plan requiring a reduction of 10%. The plan of the inlet filters would require excessive maintenance and costly at \$400/filter. A map of some stormwater detention ponds and stream restoration projects were provided for an updated 5-year plan to council. There is a Growing Greener meeting upcoming that Doug Siler will be attending for the pre-application process for May 21st 2025 to apply for funding one or possibly more of the projects.
2. Jessica Yacobucci (Worksession)– 311 Ridge Avenue – Supports chickens in the Borough.
3. Joan Reynolds (Worksession) – Requesting a letter of support for the GEM theater from council.
4. Kim Daniels (Worksession) – 418 Broad St. -Supports chickens in the Borough.
5. Mia Turney (Worksession) –429 W 3rd St. - Supports chickens in the Borough.
6. Ronald Seich (Worksession) – Derry Borough Municipal Authority discussed the water Authority’s part in an upcoming paving project. Proposed a meeting with the Authority’s and the Borough’s engineers.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

MAYOR’S REPORT

The Mayor reported for April 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 April 2025 - There were no Zoning Permits, two UCC, no Occupancy, and four Code Enforcement Violations issued in the month of April 2025 by BIU.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works/Buildings Grounds/Zoning/Code/Flood- Nathan Bundy brought up the Public Work's department's desire to move forward with interviewing the applicants for the part-time seasonal position. Water issues were brought up at the 2nd ward park which have been more noticeable since the large sycamore trees were cut down – the stumps will ideally be cut down this year with the hope to plant trees in their place to deal with future water issues.

Finance/ Budget/ Grants – People Parks Community Foundation -Application April 21st- May 30th, 2025. Nathan Bundy will apply for the Capacity and Community Development Program upon approval to fund a polymer train playset at the 2nd ward playground. GTRP grant has been applied for.

The Capacity and Community Development Program offers grants up to \$25,000 to support projects that enhance and improve public parks and recreational spaces, creating safe, accessible, and enjoyable environments for community members. This includes projects that focus on playground renovations, green space improvements, sports facility upgrades, and the development of new recreational amenities. No match is required.

The Recreational & Educational Development Program offers grants up to \$25,000 to support projects that enhance recreational and educational facilities, fostering community engagement, lifelong learning, and healthy lifestyles. The grants aim to fund initiatives that create or improve spaces for recreational activities and educational programs, ensuring accessible and enriching environments for individuals of all ages and backgrounds.

People, Parks, & Community Foundation

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https://peopleparks.org/programs/capacity_and_community_development

GreenWays and Trails Grant Application - Grant application submitted for Big Foot Park.

Report provided for Street Light Funding – We have incurred a major increase this year in electricity from West Penn and separately our energy contract. Council was forwarded an email from Keytex explaining the increase on the energy side. Please see the report Angela prepared to show you the upcoming increases. We are suggesting a 1.25% mill increase to cover the cost of the increase and rebuild enough reserve to carry the expenses for the first 4 months of the next year.

Business Development/ Community Relations/School Services/ Rebranding Derry – Derry will participate in Latrobe's July 4th parade. Big Foot to throw out the first pitch at DAYAA's opening day. Discovery Channel has reached out with interest in the Derry area's history with cryptids and featuring us on their program, Expedition X. They are hoping to do some filming in the area beginning in June.

Discovery Channel Expedition X – Discussion of any

Community Pool – The pool committee would like to research food service for outside the pool this year as another option if possible. Banners for advertisement have begun to be sold. There will be pool passes available for sale on May 17th from 10am-1pm.

Refuse/Recycling – Waste Management responded to the RFP, to be voted on.

TCC Representative

Personnel Onboarding

COG Representative

Public Safety/Fire/Police

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Derry Borough Council held an executive session at the Derry Borough Council Worksession held on May 6, 2025 at 8:29pm for personnel of professional services. Executive session ended at 8:37pm.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Summary Report submitted by Nathan Bundy for proposed changes for the Borough's Zoning Ordinance upon receiving the Derry Business Park project updated plans.

Upcoming dedication date to be announced for the new plans.

Planning Commission is also providing ideas for the review of allowing chickens in the Borough.

REPRESENTATIVES

Meeting schedule as listed:

- DARcee meeting 4th Weds 7pm Semi-Monthly alternating between Derry Borough, Derry Township, and New Alexandria. May 28th 7pm.
- Derry Area Historical Society – Board Meetings are on the 3rd Monday monthly at 6:30pm with the location to be announced on their Facebook page as they await repairs to their floor. 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 meeting– May 27, 2025 Tuesday 6:30pm upstairs 2nd Floor

COMMUNICATIONS

- DVFD, Friends of Derry, and the American Red Cross will be installing smoke detectors free of charge on May 10, 2025. More details to follow as to how residents can sign up for the installation will be posted on social media and in communications at the meetings upcoming. Volunteers needed to help.
- Memorial Day Parade - May 26th @ 10:30am and a Memorial Service in front of the borough building starting at 11:00am. Line up 9:45am location of 5th near Y Street Area.

- Latrobe Derry Community Golf Outing – August 2, 2025, 7:00am Registration 8am Shotgun Registration Forms available at the Borough Office
- 2025-250PA’s Spring Reception Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:45pm-8:00pm Planning Meeting for Commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, Pennsylvania’s integral role, and the impact of its people on the nation’s past, present, and future. Meeting held at CNX in Canonsburg, PA 15317
- Hearts and Hands Helping Seniors Faith In Action Fund Drive Letter to Council
- PEC – Protect and Restore PA Environment – Fundraising Letter

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Board and Commission terms available in the Borough:
 - a) One alternate board member for the zoning hearing board expiring December 31, 2029.
 - b) One (1) four-year term for the planning commission expiring December 31, 2026.
 - c) One (1) five-year term for the Derry Borough Municipal Authority expiring December 31, 2029
 - d) Vacancy Board Chairman 2025
2. Derry Business Park – Meeting summary provided
3. Mossback Park Gazebo Maintenance – Grant Application was submitted
4. Appoint a Deputy Tax Collector
5. Regional Police Coverage – Discussion with Derry Township ongoing (Plan of Action Feasibility study/MOU).

Committee - Sara Cowan, Rich Eikenburg, and Jasen Lentz

6. Big Foot Commemorative Project- Friends of Derry
7. Approve Ordinance 818 for Scale for Fines for Speeding

Public Hearing for comments

8. Seasonal Lawn employee – Advertised
9. Police Pension Plan

NEW BUSINESS

1. Engineering Proposals (Committee – Jasen Lentz, Nathan Bundy, Barb Phillips)
2. Cell Phones for Public Works, Mayor, and Police Chief – Mr. Eikenburg provided a quote from his T-mobile representative.

3. Refuse and recycling contract- Bids Received
4. The 2005 Ford F550 XL Dump truck has been listed on Municibid for sale.
5. Chicken Ordinance
6. 2025-2026 Paving Project – Development meeting – MABD held May 8th, 2025 for their portion of the paving.
7. Approve a basket for the auction for the Friends of Latrobe Ligonier, & Derry Community Golf Outing - \$50
8. Approve annual membership for Latrobe-Laurel Valley Chamber of Commerce - \$257 annual fee
9. Approve tentative 5-year plan for the MS-4 pollutant reduction plan provided by Gibson-Thomas Engineering
10. Approve a letter of support for the GEM Theater.
11. Approve applying for Capacity and Community Development Program Grant for a polymer train play set for the 2nd ward park by St. Joseph's church.
12. Approve Arnold to become a member of the Foothills COG for our shared services program.
13. Discovery Channel Expedition X – Discussion and Approval

PAYMENT OF BILLS
ADJOURNMENT