

**DERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
November 19, 2024**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT

1. Regular Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2024
2. Special Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2024.
3. Treasurers Report for October 31, 2024

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

1. Motorola Representative – Tom Boyer – Police Equipment -Plate Readers

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Burn Ordinance Review – DEP

Review of Speed Limit Changes -Penn Dot

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor report for October 2024 was presented with total receipts of \$____, which included traffic receipts of \$____ non-traffic receipts of \$0, and \$____ clerk of court, \$0 reports, and \$0 parking receipts. There were ____ complaint calls, __ traffic citations, __ non-traffic citations, and no parking tickets.

ZONING /CODE/UCC OFFICER'S REPORT

BIU report for October 2024: 3 -Zoning Permits,4 -UCC Permits, 2-Code Enforcement Violations and 4-Occupancy Certificates were reported.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works – Picking up residents bagged leaves and Christmas banner installation.

Buildings and Grounds –

Police –

Parks and Recreation –

Pool Committee –

Grants- Laurel Highlands Grant request was not received for Community Pool Marketing.

Public Safety Committee-

Media/Technology-

Neighborhood Watch-

DASD/School- Meeting was held with DASD regarding police contract.

Business Development/Community Relations – 250th America Celebration and Anniversary presented by Laurel Highlanda Funding available to support our area history and folklore including BigFoot.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Derry Borough Council is seeking individuals interested in chairing events in the Borough with Council help including Food Truck days, Concerts at Mossback Park, Concert at Community Park, Carnival at Community Park, Market Days/Farmer's Markets.

Derry Borough Council went into executive session at a special meeting held on Monday, October 21st at 6pm for personnel and legal discussion. Members present were Rob White, Barbara Phillips, Jasen Lentz, and Nathan Bundy. Executive session ended at 6:40pm.

Derry Borough Council went into executive session at the Derry Borough Council worksession held on November 12, 2024 at 7:42pm for police personnel discussion. Executive session ended at 8:34pm.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting held on October 22, 2024 at AV Germano Hall at 7pm

The planning commission discussed the below items and came to the following next steps for each:

1. Rental Inspection Ordinance – Planning Commissions plans on further review.
2. Streetscape Improvement Funding – Searching for a matching grant and possibly partnering with DARCEE.
3. Intermunicipal Comprehensive Planning – Input from community residents is necessary. Looking for grant funding for planning process.
4. Wineman Way -Reviewed not changing the speed limit, however, possibly make that portion of the road one way.
5. Curb to Curb Ordinance- No alternatives were thought of at this time.
6. Braden Ave - needs to be a one-way loop - can a letter be sent to residents? Council discussed and agreed to send letters to Braden Avenue Residents Regarding creating a one-way loop.
7. East Owens Ave Parking – Discussion with a Penn Dot Engineer is necessary to come up with a resolution the public safety and traffic concerns.

Planning Commission meets again January 28th, 2025, at AV Germano Hall, 7 PM.

REPRESENTATIVES

- DARCEE meeting 4th Weds 7pm Quarterly 4th Weds January, April (New Alexandria Borough), July (Derry Borough Building), and October (Derry Township Building).
- 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!
- 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 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. And, we 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.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Christmas in Mossback Park will be held on Friday, December 6, 2024 at 6pm Santa, The Grinch, and Bigfoot will be present with music and vendors.
- Letter – Lisa Fury, Smith Bus Company regarding curve area near Municipal Authority entrance way
- Email – Mutual Aid request for support with financial contributions

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
 - c) One vacancy on the Borough of Derry Municipal Authority Board term expiring 12-31-2024.
 - d) One Alternate seat vacancy for Zoning Hearing Board
2. Derry Business Park
3. 5-Year Plan List – Downtown Derry Borough

Connect Chestnut Street across the tracks to connect 2nd & 3rd Ward

Railroad/Train Viewing Stand
Public Restrooms for downtown to support street events
Better/more visible signage for our amenities
Electronic message board
Increase small businesses

4. Mossback Park Gazebo Maintenance
5. Appoint a Deputy Tax Collector
6. Community Pool Pavilion Project – Concrete pad has been poured initiating project.
7. Regional Police Coverage – Discuss with solicitor regarding preparing a mutual agreement with Derry Township. Feasibility study needs conducted and a Memo of Understanding created.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Administrative Assistant
2. Big Foot Commemorative Project
3. Approve Ordinance 814 Repealing Tax Increase for Earned Income Tax from 1% to 1.25%.
4. Approve advertising Ordinance 815 for Speed Limits and Scale for Fines – Review from Penn Dot/ Lee Demosky
5. Approve advertising of General Fund Budget
6. Approve advertising Tax Ordinance 816 establishing tax rate for 2025 with no increase.
7. Approve ADA Compliance Website – Total \$1,100/year including our current maintenance package with Course Vector
8. Advertise Ordinance 817 for authorizing Real Estate Tax Exemption for the Construction of New Dwelling Units
9. Advertise Ordinance 818 authorizing Tax Exemptions from Property Tax for certain Deteriorated Industrial, Commercial, and other Business Property, and providing a procedure for implementation of such exemption.
10. Approve purchase of up to \$600 for concrete base for outdoor community pool sidewalk.
11. Approve Holiday Employee Gift Cards/Bonus
12. Approve annual increase for secretary/treasurer.

13. Approve 2025 Food Truck Friday Schedule

April 25 May 30th June 20th August 8th October 24th

14. Approve placement of Field Lighting on existing baseball/softball field of DAYAA Tax Map 06-01-06-0-030 and 06-01-06-0-029

15. Approve Resolution 688-24 to apply for LSA grant for new Gazebo at Mossback Park

16. Advertise for a full-time patrolman

17. Advertise and appoint a civil service commission.

18. Motion to approve \$300 for Mutual Aid EMS request for Large Dry Erase Boards for Training Center

PAYMENT OF BILLS

ADJOURNMENT