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Derry Borough Council met in regular session Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. at AV Germano Hall, 100 West Second Street, Derry, PA with the following members present: Barbara Phillips, Sara Cowan, Al Checcca, Jim Ritenour, Rob White, and Chad Fabian. Jim Ritenour came into the meeting at 7:21pm. One council vacancy. Mayor Grant Nicely was present. Lee Demosky, Solicitor was present. Joe Wells was reporting for the Latrobe Bulletin.

MOTION by Al Checcca to approve the minutes for the regular council meeting of January 10, 2023. Motion **SECONDED** by Rob White. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION by Al Checcca. to approve the treasurer’s report ending January 31,2023 with the following balances:

\$595,781.94 -General Fund Balance Sheet

\$243,308.12 -Liquid Fuels Balance Sheet

\$34,910.39 – Street Lighting Fund

\$9,846.84 - Garland Mills Project Fund

Motion **SECONDED** by Rob White. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

1. Paula Byers – 501 Mentor Street – Support the pool opening
2. Maria Allison – 244 Old William Penn Highway – Support the pool opening
3. Bob Dempsey – 1046 Millview Dr. – DARCEE
4. Russell Justice- 732 E. 1st Avenue – Support the pool opening
5. Elizabeth Sims- 732 E. 1st Avenue – Support the pool opening
6. Rita Hohl – Non Resident – Support the pool
7. Jessica Love – 628 Lehmer St. – Pool Manager
8. Paul Barsoum- 284 Old Route 217 – Pool
9. Nathan Bundy – 221 S. Chestnut St. – Pool
10. Ben Bush – 417 High Street – Senator Joe Pittman’s Office

Visitors discussed with council possibilities of creating a new recreation board, fundraising under a new 501C3 for the pool specifically, and utilizing volunteers.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT No report for the public.

MAYOR’S REPORT

The Mayor reported for January 2023 with total receipts of \$503.86, which included traffic receipts of \$232.54, non-traffic receipts of \$146.72, and \$124.60 in clerk of court and miscellaneous receipts. There were 56 complaint calls, 13 traffic citations, 3 non-traffic citation, and no parking tickets.

K-9 REPORT

The K-9 balance is \$3,563.22 at the end of January 2023. Invoice for January – NAPWDA Membership - \$50.00. K-9 Smoke assisted Jeannette police with a search of a vehicle and gave a

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positive indication to narcotics. The vehicle was towed and police applied for a search warrant. Chief and K-9 Smoke cleared without incident. Continued mandatory training.

ZONING / CODE / UCC OFFICER'S REPORT

BIU report for January – There is one open Zoning Permit, one open UCC and two code enforcement violations for the month of January 2023.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works – Applications received and submitted to the public works committee.

Applications accepted until Feb 6, 2023, by advertisement. Interviews are to be scheduled for Monday, February 20, 2023.

Buildings and Grounds – Two quotes were received for a metal roof for the gazebo at Mossback Park.

Police – No report

Finance/Budget – Summaries of Garlane Mills and the 2021-22 Paving Project presented to council.

Parks and Recreation – Dog Park is to be closed until March 2023

Fire Protection –

Pool Committee – The committee is meeting with other community pool leaders to see if there is a possibility for shared services. Tim Reese's office representative is assisting the committee with a possible grant for upgrades to the outdoor community pool. Barbara Phillips, Chairman of the pool committee prepared a pool summary and financial statements for the 2022 Pool Season which were distributed and forwarded to the office for audit.

Grants – CDBG grant application awards should be communicated in April 2023. The single

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Derry Borough Council went into executive session at the Derry Borough Council Worksession held on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 8:02pm for personnel of the Derry Community Outdoor Pool. Executive session ended at 8:25pm.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Occupancy Permit Ordinance Review – Planning Commission minutes provided to council from January 2023 meeting.

REPRESENTATIVES

- DARCEE meeting 4th Weds 7pm monthly
- 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. (derryareahistory)
- 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

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- Sable Kennel presented council with a new 2-year contract for approval
- Cell phones are now working again for police, public works and Mayor. Verizon agreed to maintain the numbers as is with Sara Cowan's request since they are for public safety
- Westmoreland Conservation District is holding a Municipal Roundtable on Friday, February 24, 2023 11:30am-3:30 pm Cost \$15/per person Topics of discussion Stormwater and MS4 Topics, Conservation Partnership Agreements and Dirt and Gravel Roads, Funding for Agricultural Conservation
- Habitat for Humanity – Courtney Guerrieri reported that they are still reviewing the High Street property and it is still a candidate for an upcoming project, but there are several properties in line ahead of our project. It could be up to 18 months prior to any movement with the particular parcel in our community.
- Letter of resignation from Daniel Chaney for council
- Westmoreland County Parks and Recreation – Art Grant available up to \$1,000. Application deadline is March 28, 2023.
- Westmoreland County's 2nd Annual Blight Remediation Summit – April 21, 2023 at WCCC Blight Boot Camp
- Westmoreland County Boroughs Association Banquet Friday, April 28, 2023 at Ferrentes Lakeview Rt. 30 Greensburg, PA. The menu choice and the cost to be announced.
- DARCEE Car Show will be held on Sunday, August 6, 2023 at the Derry Community Park
- Westmoreland Cleanways sent all communities information regarding Lens on Litter Contest. www.prc.org This is to spike interest in cleaning up litter throughout our PA communities. The PRC is having a contest called lens on litter photo contest for amateur photographers to bring awareness to how litter threatens public health and safety, scenic beauty and property values as well as wildlife and the environment. Derry Borough Community could declare a neighborhood pick up garbage day in early spring to help eliminate garbage in our community in a partnership with DARCEE.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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1. Board and Commission terms available in the Borough:
 - a) One five-year-term for the Zoning Hearing Board expiring December 31, 2025, and one vacancy of an unexpired term ending December 31, 2026 and (1) alternate board member.
 - b) One (1) four-year term for the planning commission expiring December 31, 2025.
 - c) Vacancy Board Chairman 2023
 2. Porcelain Park
 3. Sewer Lateral Testing Ordinance Amendments – A final draft is being prepared
 4. American Rescue Plan Budget
 - 2023 Operating Expenses

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5. Police Pension Plan Amendments – Meeting with Marchese and Associates to be scheduled for next month.
6. Appoint Deputy Tax Collector
7. Appoint Administrative Assistant for the Borough Office
8. Part-time Police Officers

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2008 Crown Victoria Police Vehicle Sale – **MOTION** by Rob White to approve listing vehicle on Municibid. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
2. Municipal Building – (Plumbing) **MOTION** by Al Checca to approve quote to open up bathroom in municipal building for Gregory and Martin to investigate sewer lines that are deteriorated. Motion **SECONDED** by Rob White. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
3. Public Works Laborer Position – Interviews to be scheduled for Monday beginning at 5pm.
4. **MOTION** by Chad Fabian to approve opening the Derry Outdoor Community Pool for the 2023 Summer Season. Al Checca requested by Roll Call Vote. Jim Ritenour – yes, Sara Cowan – yes, Barbara Phillips – yes, Chad Fabian – yes, Rob White – yes, and Al Checca – no. Motion passed.

Approve to apply for the Legislative KCP grant of \$50,000 for the Derry Outdoor Community Pool - Tabled

MOTION by Chad Fabian to approve to purchase the new motors for operation of the pool according to Adam, Public Works Crew Leader report, the main motor is \$2,990 and to repair the small one the cost is \$300. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

5. **MOTION** by Al Checca to approve Lawn Rx Quotes for Mossback, Municipal Building and Community Dog Park. Motion **SECONDED** by Rob White. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
6. **MOTION** by Al Checca to approve 2023 Salt Participation Contract bid amount for 650 tons for the 2023-2024 winter season. Motion **SECONDED** by Rob White. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

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7. **MOTION** by Al Checca to approve resignation of Daniel Chaney Sr. effective 1-27-2023. Motion SECONDED by Rob White. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
8. **MOTION** by Chad Fabian to approve Resolution 672-23 Authorization for President Sara J. Cowan and Secretary Lori Latta to execute documents in order to surrender retired life policy for Nickolas Rohm. Motion SECONDED by Jim Ritenour. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
9. **MOTION** by Al Checca to advertise Council vacancy. Motion SECONDED by Rob White. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
10. **MOTION** by Chad Fabian to approve Sable Kennel Contract February 1, 2023 through February 1, 2025 (2 year agreement) for Dog Law Enforcement and animal control services. Motion SECONDED by Jim Ritenour. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
11. **MOTION** by Rob White to approve the Easter Egg Hunt hosted by Derry Railroad Days Committee to be held at the Derry Community Park on Saturday, April 8, 2024 from 1-3pm. Motion SECONDED by Jim Ritenour. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
12. **MOTION** by Chad Fabian to approve the DARcee hosted Annual Car Show scheduled for the Derry Community Park on Sunday August 6, 2023. Motion SECONDED by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION by Rob White to pay the bills totaling \$ 30,119.32 and all outstanding legitimate bills through the end of the month. Motion SECONDED by Jim Ritenour. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Derry Borough Council went into executive session for personnel matters and legal discussion at 8:04pm. Executive session ended at 8:48pm.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Jim Ritenour to adjourn meeting at 8:49pm. Motion SECONDED by Chad Fabian. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori L. Latta, Secretary