

July 9, 2024

Derry Borough Council met in regular session Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. at AV Germano Hall, 100 West Second Street, Derry, PA with the following members present: Barbara Phillips, Sara Cowan , Rob White, Rich Eikenberg, Nathan Bundy, and Jasen Lentz. Jim Ritenour was absent. Mayor Grant Nicely was present. Christopher Miller was reporting for the Latrobe Bulletin.

MOTION by Nathan Bundy to approve the minutes for the regular council meeting of June 11, 2024. Motion **SECONDED** by Sara Cowan. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION by Rob White to approve the treasurer’s report ending June 30, 2024 with the following balances:

\$673,578.16 -General Fund Balance Sheet

\$391,555.72 -Liquid Fuels Balance Sheet

\$32,646.59 – Street Lighting Fund

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

1. Sharon Shearer – 214 N. Chestnut St. – 3rd Ward Paving – Wanted to know if the portion of N. Chestnut between W. 2nd Street and W. 3rd Street. The gas company replaced a line and should be paving in the future curb to curb.
2. Joan Reynolds – 149 E 1st Avenue – Gem Theater Update
3. Ernie Quinn and Amber Love – 138 Heather Drive – Big Foot Carver who will help our “Big Foot” committee achieve their goals of a Big Foot statue for a marker in the community. They are committed to working together with the committee to assist them with a statue.
4. Samantha Manly – 309 W. Keeling Avenue – Observing
5. Floyd Kelly & Violette Laroux – 216 S. Chestnut St. – Observing
6. Vince Murphy – 438 Cemetary Way - Observing

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

No report for the public

MAYOR’S REPORT

The Mayor report for June 2024 was presented with total receipts of \$363.05 which included traffic receipts of \$15.08, non-traffic receipts of \$0, and \$312.97 clerk of court, \$15.00 Reports, and \$20.00 parking receipts. There were 74 complaint calls,5 traffic citations, 4 non-traffic citations, and one parking ticket.

ZONING /CODE/UCC OFFICER’S REPORT

BIU report for June 2024: 5 - Zoning Permits, 6 – UCC Permits, 5- Code Enforcement Violations reported in the summary.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works – No parking signs for Braden Avenue, Line and Curb Painting, Memorial Bench for Al Checca installed and K-9 Smoke Memorial complete. Flood control cleaned for debris. Walking track at Community Park drug.

Buildings and Grounds –

Police – Equipment requested Taser Quote and License Readers. Taser quote provided.

Finance/Budget – Council would like to add a line item to the budget for parade expenditures. Once the paving project is complete Ms. Latta will provide a remaining balance for the ARPA funding that needs spent by the end of the year.

Parks and Recreation – Memorial banners and a bench were installed.

Pool Committee – The 4th of July Pool event happened to be very successful and a busy day. July 13th, the BYOB event is upcoming, and tickets are available. At this time there have been no presale tickets sold.

Grants- Taser grants may be available from the DOJ agency in PA according to staffing at Representative Leslie Rossi's office. Also, they mentioned that we may be able to also apply for the LSA Funds for tasers as well. We did not receive a response from T-Mobile regarding our grant application submitted in April.

Public Safety Committee-

Media/Technology-

Neighborhood Watch-

DASD/School- Meeting to be held on July 24,2024 at 6:30pm with Stephanie Edwards from DCED, location being at the board room at the DASD Administration Building. An administrator from DASD, Derry Township Representatives, School Board members, Derry Borough Representatives, New Alexandria representatives have all been invited for discussion regarding updating our intermunicipal comprehensive plan.

Business Development/Community Relations - July Newsletter to be released soon from Nathan Bundy on websie and facebook. Memberships were initiated with Go Laurel Highlands and Laurel Valley Chamber of Commerce.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLANNING COMMISSION

Reviewing options for bulk mailing for Occupancy Ordinance information.

REPRESENTATIVES

- DARCee meeting 4th Weds 7pm Quarterly 4th Weds January, April (New Alexandria Borough), July (Derry Borough Building), and October 2024.
- 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

- ❖ PA Workers Compensation and Workplace Safety Annual Report
- ❖ Letter - Smail Family requesting a banner
- ❖ Westmoreland Community Action Golf Outing August 2, 2024 Details emailed to all council members.
- ❖ PA Municipal Administrators Annual Conference August 11-14, 2024 will be in Erie, PA this August.

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. Porcelain Park
3. 5-Year Plan List
4. Mossback Park Gazebo Maintenance – No updates at this time.
5. Appoint a Deputy Tax Collector
7. Pool Maintenance DCED Grant - Pool Pavilion - 12 X 24 pavilion – UCC Permit/Bids – Need communication with Steve Schmitt for bid timing and approval.
8. **3rd Ward Paving Project** - Milling has been initiated for the project. A stormwater basin is needed near the Methodist Church area on E. Third Street, which is being discussed at the Municipal Authority meeting. Derry Construction estimated a \$22,000 cost for the installation. Inquiry of sections of N. Chestnut to be paving from visitor will need follow-up with the gas company.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve hiring a Part-time Public Works employee - Tabled
2. **MOTION** by Sara Cowan to approve hiring Madeline Hill for the Part-time Code Enforcement Officer position for \$20/hour for 20 hours/per week with a 90-day probationary period.

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Motion SECONDED by Nathan Bundy. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

3. Approve 2024-2025 Season Winter Maintenance Agreement with PA Department of Transportation for \$6,656.68. - Nathan Bundy wants to review with the public works department.
4. Big Foot Commemorative Project – Nathan Bundy initiated committee with Barbara Phillips and Sara Cowan. There will be more discussion and planning for the dedicated area and statue upcoming. Nathan Bundy would like to see a layout plan created for the space chosen.
5. UCC Appeals Board – COG
MOTION by Nathan Bundy for the solicitor to draft an Ordinance to be a member of Foothills COG which will cost \$1,500 annually. Motion SECONDED by Rob White. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
6. Ordinance 813 for Speed Limits and Scale for Fines- **MOTION** by Nathan Bundy to send information to Lee Demosky for review and draft an Ordinance to increase fines as needed. Motion SECONDED by Rich Eikenberg. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed. Nathan Bundy will email Mr. Demosky the streets and information needed for the draft.
7. **MOTION** by Rich Eikenberg to designate Doug Sam as Officer-In-Charge pursuant to Article V- Temporary Duty of the current collective bargaining agreement. The Officer In Charge shall perform all the duties of Chief including, but not limited to, audit forms”. Motion SECONDED by Sara Cowan. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Derry Borough Council went into executive session at 7:51pm for personnel matters for the Code Enforcement position available. Executive session ended at 7:58pm.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION by Jasen Lentz to pay the bills totaling \$ 44,009.76 and all outstanding legitimate bills through the end of the month. Motion SECONDED by Sara Cowan. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Rich Eikenberg to adjourn meeting at 8:01pm. Motion SECONDED by Rob White. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori L. Latta, Secretary