

June 10, 2025

Derry Borough Council met in regular session Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 7:10pm at AV Germano Hall, 100 W. Second Street, Derry, PA with the following members present: Barbara Phillips, Rob White, Nathan Bundy, Jasen Lentz, and Rich Eikenburg, and Jim Ritenour. Sara Cowan was absent. Jason Kelly, ESQ, was present. Grant Nicely, Mayor was present.

MOTION by Rich Eikenburg to approve the minutes for the regular council meeting of May 13, 2025. Motion **SECONDED** by Jasen Lentz. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION by Rob White to approve the treasurer’s report for May 31, 2025.

\$612,227.05 -General Fund Balance Sheet

\$336,304.01 -Liquid Fuels Balance Sheet

\$24,207.62 – Street Lighting Fund

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

1. Shawn Conway of Representative Reschenthaler’s Office (Worksession) – Came in response to a letter received about concerns regarding the closure of Rite Aid and to explain their office’s role in aiding continuant’s municipalities with that and other issues. Rep. Reschenthaler’s office can aid with letters of support and help with connection with federal agencies. Members of the council raised concerns about being left with no pharmacy whatsoever as well as issues members of the community experience with lack of transportation. Another issue members of council raised was the roadblocks that the borough experiences due to the lack of direct path linking the borough’s business district with the 3rd ward.
2. Rachel Kurtenbach (Worksession) – Ms. Kurtenbach came to discuss a report she forwarded to council regarding the critical healthcare accessibility issue that the community of Derry faces with the pending closure of Rite Aid.
3. John Pastorek (Worksession) – As a pharmacist and owner of Indy Drug Company, Mr. Pastorek gave his perspective on issues that pharmacies face, mainly the pricing structure set forth by Pharmacy Benefit Managers.
4. Doug Foster – Mr. Foster expressed his gratitude of the gathering Saturday, June 7, 2025, honoring the recently graduated students that are committed to go to various branches of the military. He noted that it was a nice connection between the VFW and the newly committed people from a younger generation.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

No report

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported for May 2025 total receipts of \$312.27, which included traffic receipts of \$193.31, non-traffic receipts of \$74.28, and \$19.68 in clerk of court and \$25 miscellaneous receipts and \$0 parking. There were 133 complaint calls, 37 traffic citations, 7 non-traffic citations, and 1 parking ticket. Tasers are in service. An outside dog kennel was donated by Officer Plummer. The contaminated police station squad room carpet was removed, and the hardwood floors were cleaned and restored. The holding cell was painted pink, two of the desks in the squad room were not functional and were removed, replaced with bases and a section of countertop. Police have been enforcing ordinance for high grass and trailers parked on the street. Firearms training has been delayed due to scheduling conflicts. The officers still need to complete defensive tactics, MPOTEC updates, CPR/First Aid, and firearms training.

ZONING /UCC/ CODE OFFICER'S REPORT

BIU report for May 2025 - There were 5 Zoning Permits, no UCC, 2 Occupancy, and 11 Code Enforcement Violations issued in the month of May 2025 by BIU.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works/Buildings Grounds/Zoning/Code/Flood- Mowing, Addressing Potholes, Community Pool, Flood Control Inspection, Banners, Street Sweeping, Storm Cleanup throughout the month, Alley Repair Removed snow equipment from trucks. Playground mulch was delivered.

Finance/ Budget/ Grants – People Parks Community Foundation - Capacity and Community Development Program

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

COPS Hiring Program (CHP) - a competitive award program designed to provide funding directly to law enforcement agencies to hire and/or rehire additional career law enforcement officers in an effort to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts. Anticipated outcomes of the CHP program awards include engagement in planned community partnerships, implementation of projects to analyze and assess problems, implementation of changes to personnel and agency management in support of community policing, and increased capacity of agency to engage in community policing activities. 25% match is required unless a waiver is approved. Grant applications are included in a two-step process with deadlines of June 25, 2025, and July 1, 2025, respectively.

Business Development/ Community Relations/School Services/ Rebranding Derry – Derry will participate in Latrobe's July 4th parade. Discovery Channel has reached out with interest in the Derry area's history with cryptids featuring us on their program, Expedition X. They did some filming in the area.

-Laurel Highlands requesting renewal for the regional partnership in the amount of \$295.00

Community Pool – In the first 6 days that it's been opened, the pool has grossed \$7,963. The pool is also now selling food from the public window outside of the pool as well.

Refuse/Recycling

TCC Representative

Personnel Onboarding

COG Representative – meeting later in the week

Public Safety/Fire/Police – Police department has been citing high grass to aid with code enforcement issues. A safety grant was received and trauma kits were purchased for each officer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLANNING COMMISSION

Zoning Amendments for Industrial Zone Review – Sample resolution provided by Nathan Bundy

REPRESENTATIVES

Meeting schedule as listed:

- DARCEE meeting 4th Weds 7pm Semi-Monthly alternating between Derry Borough, Derry Township, and New Alexandria.
- 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 – Tuesday, July 29, 2025, 6:30pm 2nd Floor of the borough building.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Friends of Latrobe, Ligonier, and Derry Community Golf Outing – August 2, 2025, 7:00am Registration 8am Shotgun Registration Forms available at the Borough Office
- DARCEE representatives will be working on the playground in 3rd Ward on June 21st installing new equipment. During this time the park will be temporarily closed.
- Food Truck Friday- upcoming date June 20, 2025, 4-7pm (Check out Friends of Derry Facebook page)
- Letter – Friends of Caldwell Memorial Library- Requesting donation

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
3. Mossback Park Gazebo Maintenance – Grant Application was submitted
4. Appoint a Deputy Tax Collector – no applicants
5. Regional Police Coverage
6. Committee – Sara Cowan, Rich Eikenburg, and Jasen Lentz.
7. Big Foot Commemorative Project -Friends of Derry – Grant application was submitted
8. **MOTION** by Nathan Bundy to approve Rodney Turk as Seasonal Lawn Employee at the rate of \$15 per hour. Motion **SECONDED** by Jasen Lentz. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
9. Police Pension Plan
10. Chicken Ordinance

NEW BUSINESS

1. **MOTION** by Nathan Bundy to approve disconnection of all cell phone lines for Public Works, Office, and Mayor. Motion **SECONDED** by Rich Eikenburg. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of them motion. Motion passed.
2. **MOTION** by Nathan Bundy to approve the highest bidder for the 2005 Ford F550 XL Dump by Edward Carmack for the amount of \$14,225.00 on Municibid. Motion **SECONDED** by Rich Eikenburg. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
3. **MOTION** by Jim Ritenour to approve the DAHS Homecoming parade to be held Friday, September 25, 2025. Motion **Seconded** by Rob White. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
4. 2025-2026 Paving Project
5. Part-time Office Assistant – Applications being accepted.
6. **MOTION** by Rich Eikenburg to Approve advertisement of Ordinance 819 amending the general industrial zone. Motion **SECONDED** by Jim Ritenour. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
7. **MOTION** by Jasen Lentz to approve Assistant Manager Pool employees. Motion **SECONDED** by Rich Eikenburg. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
8. **MOTION** by Nathan Bundy to approve Derry Playground program to utilized the Community Park on Friday, August 8, 2025, for the Mini Olympics from 12:00pm-3:00pm. Motion

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

9. **MOTION** by Nathan Bundy to approve Resolution No. 691-25 Disposition of Records Listed. Motion SECONDED by Rich Eikenburg. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
10. Civil Service Commission - Letters of Interest - Wayne Churley, Steve Kozar, and Josh Campbell. They will be invited to an upcoming work session.
11. **MOTION** by Nathan Bundy to approve letter of support for **Watershed Planning Advisory Committee** for the Westmoreland County Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan Updates. Motion SECONDED by Jasen Lentz. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
12. Post executive session a **MOTION** by Rich Eikenburg to approve Chief of Police Contract, appointing Doug Sam as Chief of the Derry Borough police department at an annual salary of \$60,000 per year subject to agreement by all parties (Borough Council President, Solicitor, and Doug Sam). Motion SECONDED by Jim Ritenour. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
13. **MOTION** by Nathan Bundy to approve an intermunicipal agreement between the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Derry and Borough of Derry for 2025 paving of streets within the Borough of Derry subject to approval by Borough Council President, Public Works Committee, and the Borough Solicitor. Borough. Resolution No 692-25. Motion SECONDED by Rich Eikenburg. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
14. **MOTION** by Nathan Bundy to approve advertisement of Ordinance 820 Nuisance Ordinance. Motion SECONDED by Rich Eikenburg. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
15. **MOTION** by Nathan Bundy to approve new signature cards listing Barbara Phillips, Sara Cowan, Jim Ritenour, Lori Latta, and Angela Bundy for the pool account. **Res#692-25** Motion SECONDED by Rob White. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
16. Winter Maintenance Agreement – Penn Dot - Council wishes to review.

MOTION by Nathan Bundy to pay bills totaling \$39,655.87 and all outstanding legitimate bills through the end of the month. Motion SECONDED by Rich Eikenburg. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Derry Borough Council went into executive session at 7:53pm for police personnel. Executive session ended at 8:08pm.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Nathan Bundy to adjourn meeting at 8:10pm. Motion **SECONDED** by Rob White. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Latta
Secretary