

June 13, 2023

Derry Borough Council met in regular session Tuesday, May 9, 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 Checca, Jim Ritenour, Rob White, Adam Cowan and Chad Fabian. Mayor Grant Nicely was present. Lee Demosky, Solicitor was present. Joe Wells reporting for the Latrobe Bulletin.

MOTION by Chad Fabian to approve the minutes for the regular council meeting of May 9, 2023. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION by Jim Ritenour to approve the treasurer’s report ending May 31, 2023 with the following balances:

\$789,355.06 -General Fund Balance Sheet

\$334,851.12 -Liquid Fuels Balance Sheet

\$42,000.77 – Street Lighting Fund

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

1. Joanne Baum – 415 Utopia St. – Sidewalk Repair Request to remove a portion of their sidewalk. Letter provided to council.
2. Peter Wood – 349 Pittsburgh Street – Derry Pool Donation
3. Denise Wood – 349 Pittsburgh St. Derry Pool Donation – The Make a difference Craft Fundraiser raised about \$1,200, and they wish to take the funds raised and pay for pool passes for families with low incomes that are unable to pay for them.
4. Kym Daniels – 418 Broad Street – She requested council allow them to provide more family passes by permitting a discounted pool pass rate for the families in need. Council appreciated their request; however, it would not be fair to the other families who have paid full price, and council is unable to honor their request.
5. Rita Hohl – Derry Pool – Questioning why people are not permitted to bring in food during their attendance. She felt people would still purchase some items from concessions.
6. Nathan Bundy – 221 S. Chestnut St. – Derry Pool – Brick Fundraiser/ Concessions issue. Requesting reports for 2022 season, which were provided to Darcee President and CEO.
7. Bob Dempsey – 1046 Millwood Rd – Derry Pool – Inquired about the pool passes and how many sold for 2023 thus far.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

No report for the public.

MAYOR’S REPORT

The Mayor reported for May 2023 with total receipts of \$875.06, which included traffic receipts of \$211.59, non-traffic receipts of \$ 0, and \$628.47 in clerk of court and miscellaneous receipts. There were 51 complaint calls, 14 traffic citations, 1 non-traffic citation, and 1 parking ticket.

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K-9 REPORT

The K-9 balance is \$ 3,761.64 at the end of May 2023. One invoice for Pet Supplies for \$21.18.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT AND CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

BIU report for May 2023 - There is (3) three Zoning Permits, one UCC permit, and (9) nine code enforcement violations for the month of May 2023 by BIU.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works – New backboards at the Community Park basketball court were installed, street patching, alleys, curb painting, and mowing. Hose Bibbs at dog parks to be installed, parking line through town, curb painting, flood control prep for inspection are future goals for the month.

Buildings and Grounds – Radiator maintenance Gregory & Martin to schedule later in the summer.

Police – Cadets graduated, hired and sworn in. Mayor introduced Joel Aston as one of our part-time new officers. Both new officers were sworn-in and are on the training schedule.

Finance/Budget – ARPA funds to be utilized possibly for new borough plan and CDBG grant match for Paving Project in 3rd Ward.

Parks and Recreation – The Large dog-park is currently closed due to seeding and no rain indefinitely until the grass can grow and root well.

Fire Protection – No report

Pool Committee – June 24th, 7-10pm DAYAA Baseball/Softball Party (200 kids expected, plus adults), June 30th 12:30-2:30 Derry Township Playground group (200 kids, expected plus adults) Volunteers are needed.

The Toast system is in place. First Aid Kits and five lifeguard safety fanny packs were ordered. Pool opens Weds. June 7th. New door on pump house was installed, landscaped front of pool building, cleaned the pool deck, grease traps cleaned, old fryer disposed, and new air conditioner installed in concession. Electrical inspection completed by UCC. POS system is working very well, and will give the committee the data needed to make informed decisions for the future.

Grants – CDBG Paving Project, Community Foundation of Westmoreland County

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLANNING COMMISSION

Occupancy Permit Ordinance Review

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

- ❖ 211 United Way Resource for Human Services – Can help with eviction notices, utilities, internet access, joining the workforce, understanding health insurance, feeding family, feeling overwhelmed, legal issues.
- ❖ Friends of Latrobe, Ligonier, and Derry donated two basketball backboards for the community park. They are replacing one of which was recently damaged and the other for aesthetic value and durability so they are the same. Derry Borough Council and the Community Thanks them! Fundraiser Card Sample sent to Derry Pool Committee for an option from Friends of Latrobe, Ligonier, and Derry.
- ❖ Derry Community Pool Brick Fundraiser with DARCEE – Forms are available at the Pool and on Facebook.
- ❖ Letter from Westmoreland County Ambulance and Rescue Assoc.
- ❖ Thank you to Sharon Smith for donating an air conditioner for the concessions area at the pool!
- ❖ Letter provided from Chris and Joanne Baum special request for their sidewalk maintenance.
- ❖ PRINT should be sending our final published draft by next meeting so council can review and approve for 2023.

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) Vacancy Board Chairman 2023
 2. Porcelain Park
 3. Sewer Lateral Testing Ordinance Amendments – Approved by MABD

Sara Cowan reported the municipal authority would send the information over to Lee Demosky, so that he may draft an ordinance for the updated sewer lateral testing ordinance, so they may approve the advertisement at the next meeting.
 4. American Rescue Plan Budget
 5. Police Pension Plan Amendments – Draft Ordinance provided by Lee Demosky. **MOTION** by Chad Fabian to approve advertising Ord 804 amending the Derry Borough Police Pension Plan. Motion **SECONDED** by Jim Ritenour. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
 6. Appoint Deputy Tax Collector

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7. Appoint Administrative Assistant for the Borough Office
8. Update Comprehensive Plan – Secretary will reach out to Victoria Baur from Westmoreland County Planning Department to see which district of the county is their next area of review, and to inquire if they can provide services for us individually perhaps utilizing some of our ARPA funds for the project.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Braden Avenue – Request for one-way loop – Chad Fabian mentioned possibly coordinating the plans with our upcoming paving project in 3rd Ward.
2. Mossback Park Gazebo Maintenance – Quotes for Maintenance Project No updated quotes were received with 2nd request.
3. After discussion in executive session at the end of the meeting, a **MOTION** by Al Checca made to approve hiring Allie Chamberlain and Bradley Eaglehouse for seasonal Lawn Maintenance at \$12.00/hr. A roll call vote was suggested by the Solicitor, and Chad Fabian voted “nay” as he felt only one person should be hired for the seasonal position. All six other members voted “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
4. **MOTION** by Al Checca to approve Derry Railroad Days for the weekend of September 16th-17th, 2023 including the parade scheduled on Saturday and the Hobo Picnic held on September 14, 2023 at Mossback Park at 5:30pm. Motion **SECONDED** by Rob White. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
5. **MOTION** by Rob White to approve the DASD Homecoming Parade scheduled for Friday, September 29, 2023. Motion **SECONDED** by Adam Cowan. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
6. Derry Outdoor Community Pool – **MOTION** by Chad Fabian to approve the following rates for pool staff: Manager \$14, Asst. Manager \$11, Concession w/Serv Safe Certification \$10, Head Guard \$10.50. All other pay rates remain the same as 2022. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
7. **MOTION** by Chad Fabian to approve acceptance of the DCED Community and Economic Assistance Program Grant for \$50,000 for Derry Outdoor Community Pool. 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 and imminent litigation at 7:51pm. Executive session ended at 8:18pm.

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PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION by Rob White to pay the bills totaling \$53,300.49 and all outstanding legitimate bills through the end of the month. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Jim Ritenour to adjourn meeting at 8:20pm. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori L. Latta, Secretary