

March 14, 2023

Derry Borough Council met in regular session Tuesday, March 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 Checca, Jim Ritenour, and Chad Fabian. Rob White was absent. One council vacancy. Mayor Grant Nicely was present. Lee Demosky, Solicitor was present. Joe Wells was reporting for the Latrobe Bulletin.

MOTION by Chad Fabian to approve the minutes for the regular council meeting of February 14, 2023. Motion **SECONDED** by Jim Ritenour. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION by Chad Fabian to approve the treasurer’s report ending February 28, 2023 with the following balances:

\$604,172.06 -General Fund Balance Sheet

\$243,669.84 -Liquid Fuels Balance Sheet

\$32,866.39 – Street Lighting Fund

\$0 - Garland Mills Project Fund

\$0 – Paving Project Fund

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

1. Nathan Bundy – 221 S. Chestnut St. – Pool
2. Terri Fischer – Wastemanagement Representative

SOLICITOR’S REPORT No report for the public.

MAYOR’S REPORT

The Mayor reported for February 2023 with total receipts of \$226.10, which included traffic receipts of \$99.20, non-traffic receipts of \$21.17, and \$105.73 in clerk of court and miscellaneous receipts. There were 39 complaint calls, 4 traffic citations, 0 non-traffic citation, and no parking tickets.

K-9 REPORT

The K-9 balance is \$3,339.58 at the end of February 2023. Invoice for February –Latrobe Animal Clinic - \$24.64 and Champion Custom Auto, K-9 Vehicle Fan \$149.00.

K-9 Unit had two calls in February. Assist State police Rt. 22 and Rt. 981 for search of vehicle. K-9 Smoke detected Heroin, which was located in the vehicle Assist at Westmoreland County Jail – cellblock search for drugs. Smoke gave a positive indication in three cells.

ZONING / CODE / UCC OFFICER’S REPORT

BIU report for February – One Zoning Permit and one code enforcement violation notice.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works –

Buildings and Grounds – Boiler maintenance is needed after inspection provided by Hartford Steam Boiler. Gregory and Martin has been contacted work was performed on the boiler 3/6/2023. Waiting for rough estimate regarding steam leak repair for upstairs hallway radiator. Work scheduled for March 15, 2023. The schedule was later postponed.

Police -

Finance/Budget –.

Zoning/UCC/Code –

Parks and Recreation – September and October shutdown for Dogpark to seed for new grass.

Fire Protection –

Pool Committee – Jessica Love failed the pesticide test and will retake in April. Council will advertise for a manager position.

Grants – A response should be received in April regarding the CDBG application for paving in Third Ward. Lori, Barb, and Ben will be having a meeting upcoming to discuss the details of the summary/budget/specifics of the grant application for the pool.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Derry Borough Council went into executive session at the Derry Council Worksession held on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 7:45pm for personnel/legal discussion. Executive session ended at 8:09pm.

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

- Terri Fischer from WasteManagement will be coming prior to our March 14th, 2023 council meeting at 6:45pm to introduce herself and review some items regarding our current contracted services for the residential waste and recycling.
- Patrick Joyle will be coming for a meet and greet at 6:30pm prior to our April 11, 2023 meeting from Governor Shapiro's office.
- Letter of Interest from Noah Alter for council vacancy - Withdrawn
- Letter of Interest from Adam Cowan for council vacancy

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- Westmoreland County Boroughs Banquet scheduled for Friday, April 28, 2023 6:00pm. A choice of Pork Chop with Stuffing or baked Cod. Please RSVP with Borough office by April 15th, 2023 (Councilmembers and Mayor please correspond)
- WCBA meeting March 23, 2023 at 5:30pm at Westmoreland Conservation Donohoe Center - Program Resources that can assist with human service needs – United Way of Southwestern PA
- Letter from Gibson-Thomas Engineering regarding drone services are now available and provided by their agency.
- PSAB 111th Conference June 4-7th, 2023 Hershey Lodge \$250 per person register by April 26th in addition to hotel/mileage
- Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser Gala April 1, 2023 6pm Stratigo's Banquet Center. Master Builder Sponsor \$350 (Co-op Project High Street property) Tickets for attendance \$125/per person Ticket packages available (emailed)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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 – December 19, 2022 Communication from Gibson Thomas to KU Resources regarding review of stormwater and floodplain management ordinances as well as streets and sidewalks and Zoning Ordinance. Their review comments were submitted to KU Resources.
3. Sewer Lateral Testing Ordinance Amendments
4. American Rescue Plan Budget
 - 2023 Operating Expenses
5. Police Pension Plan Amendments
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 – There was on bid received for \$2,700. The secretary will reach out to Municibid to see if the bid was confirmed.

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2. Municipal Building – (Plumbing)
3. Public Works Laborer Position Dominick Dempsey hired as the new full-time laborer beginning work on March 28, 2023.
4. **MOTION** by Al Checca to approve to apply for the Legislative KCP grant of \$50,000 for the Derry Outdoor Community Pool. Motion **SECONDED** by Chad Fabian. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION by Jim Ritenour to approve Resolution # 673-23 Authorization President Sara J. Cowan and Secretary Lori Latta to execute documents. Motion **SECONDED** by Barbara Phillips. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

5. **MOTION** by Chad Fabian to appoint Adam Cowan for the Council Vacancy term ending December 1, 2023. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
6. **MOTION** by Jim Ritenour to approve Waste Management extension year 10/1/2023 to 9/30/2024 at the contracted rates provided and executed September 8, 2020. Motion **SECONDED** by Barbara Phillips. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
7. **MOTION** by Barbara Phillips to approve Resolution #674-23 Chief Administrative Officer of Pension Plans assigned to position of Secretary. Motion **SECONDED** by Jim Ritenour. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
8. **MOTION** by Jim Ritenour to approve Township Playground Program to provide their program at our Derry Community Park during 2023 summer season. Motion **SECONDED** by Chad Fabian. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
9. **MOTION** by Chad Fabian to advertise for Pool Manager. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

10. MABD – Paving for their WIFTA Project

Council had discussion regarding dog owners picking up their dog poop when walking their dogs. There is an ordinance for dog waste. Council discussed making a post on facebook.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION by Barbara Phillips to pay the bills totaling \$ 34,727.02 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.

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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