

## March 9, 2021

Pursuant to Governor Wolfes Covid-19 proclamation of Disaster Emergency public meetings were conducted remotely via Zoom. Derry Borough Council met in regular session Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. remotely with the Zoom App inviting the public to attend electronically with the following members present: Grant Nicely, Presiding, Sara Cowan, Al Checca, Matthew Clever, Jeremy Stein, and Barbara Phillips. Jim Ritenour was absent. Alanna Gaudiello was present. Lee Demosky, Solicitor was present. Nick Cammuso was reporting for the Latrobe Bulletin.

**MOTION** by Matt Clever to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2021. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

**MOTION** by Matt Clever to approve the Treasurer’s Report in the amount of \$370,526.56 for February 28, 2021. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

### RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

1. Anthony Jellison – 606 S. Summit Street, Derry – Observing and letter of interest for the Municipal Authority vacancy.
2. Steve Kozar – W. Second Avenue – Observing
3. Dustin Gross – Broad Street – St. Vincent Grove Boy Scout Troop Badge
4. Rob White – E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street – Running for Council – Observing
5. Jasen Lentz – W. Owens Avenue – Observing – Running for Mayor
6. Brandon Smolleck and Christine Fisher – AmeriServ – Business Banking Services – Providing a proposal.
7. Francis Plummer – Homer City – PT Police Officer Position
8. Madylin Derito – W. Second Ave. Derry – Observing
9. Chad Fabian – E. Third Street. – Observing

### MAYOR’S REPORT

The Mayor reported for February 2021 with receipts of \$193.95 which included traffic receipts of \$34.24, non-traffic receipts of \$56.87, and \$ 102.84 in clerk of court and miscellaneous receipts. There were 31 complaint calls, 2 traffic citations, 0 non-traffic citations, and no parking tickets.

### K-9 Report

Chief Glick reported the balance for the K-9 report for February 2021 is \$1,327.10. No invoices were paid for the month of February. The K-9 unit worked throughout the month of February and assisted Latrobe Police with a possible active case at Latrobe Elementary. Chief Glick and K-9 Smoke were able to sustain a large group of parents that wanted to remove their children from the school by passing through the perimeter of officers. K-9 Smoke barked on command

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and was able to persuade the group not to proceed through to the school. The event ended at regular dismissal time without incident.

K-9 Smoke sweatshirts and t-shirts are still available as a fund raiser.

#### CODE OFFICIALS REPORT

BIU has not sent bills for 2021 as of March's meeting. Borough office records show 5 applications for occupancy, 5 Code Violations issued, 1 Zoning Permit, and 1 Occupancy Permit.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Public Works** – Street Sweeper is scheduled for next Wednesday and Thursday. Bench painting of Mossback Park will resume when the weather provides the time. Road patch has been applied in necessary holes. The COG will be out to assist with the sediment under W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave Bridge when the weather sustains a warmer temperature in order for the equipment to work properly. Penn Dot is repairing some pot holes on State Route 217 on the bridge near Methodist Church. Public works is preparing for upcoming curb and line painting.

#### **Buildings and Grounds**

#### **Police**

**Finance/Budget** – Finance committee will be meeting again in March prior to April's meetings.

**Zoning/UCC/Code** – Discussion will take place upon the agenda item.

**Parks and Recreation** – Upon warmer weather the parks will be prepared for spring/summer season.

#### **Fire Protection**

#### **Grants**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Derry Borough Council met in executive session at the Derry Council Worksession on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 7:37pm for personnel reasons and worksession ended at 7:45pm.**

PLANNING COMMISSION Next meeting will be held on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6pm at the Derry Borough Municipal Building.

#### REPRESENTATIVES

DARcee Meeting March 24, 2021 at 7pm will be held at the Derry Township Municipal Building.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

- TRAMS Guide to Community Potential – 2/22 Emailed to Council Technical Resources and Municipal Services Program available with Westmoreland County

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- Letter of interest for Municipal Authority Vacancy from Anthony Jellison
  - 28<sup>th</sup> Infantry would like to do a concert possibly at the Derry Community Park on Weds June 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm – Patriotic Music Requesting support from the local VFW
  - Review of Direct Deposit for Employees – AmeriServe Bank provided a proposal for council.
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OLD BUSINESS

1. Board and Commission terms expiring in the Borough:
  - a) One (1) vacancy and (1) alternate vacancy for the Zoning Hearing Board
  - b) Vacancy on the Municipal Authority Board term expiring 12-31-2024.
2. Porcelain Park – KU Resources Planning
3. 2020 Paving Project – PIB Loan application submitted, waiting for approval from PIB to move forward with DCED paperwork. (Loan amount of \$200,000) – Sent email to Hugh McGowan Penn Dot (3-8-21 Rreceived verbal follow up that we will be receiving an approval letter this month with our loan agreement.)
4. Approve Ordinance 791 an Ordinance increasing the Indebtedness of the Borough of Derry, Westmoreland County, PA by the issue of a General Obligation Note in the amount of \$200,000 for purposes of Street Resurfacing in the Borough of Derry. (DCED Requirement) – Tabled
5. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Culvert – DEP Application submission by GTE - Tabled
6. Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer – Possible share agreement with the City of Latrobe for services. **MOTION** by Al Checca to move forward with the share agreement with the City of Latrobe for a Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer. Motion **SECONDED** by Jeremy Stein. A roll call vote was taken. Al Checca – “aye”, Jeremy Stein – “aye”, Grant Nicely – “aye”, Matt Clever – “nay”, Sara Cowan - “nay”, Barbara Phillips – “nay”. Resulting in a tie vote. Mayor Alanna Gaudiello voted due to council tie vote and voted “aye”. Motion passed. (Res. 654-21)
7. Sewer Lateral Testing Ordinance Amendments – Committee summary and review still pending awaiting response from Amy Forsha, Manager of Municipal Authority.
8. Stormwater Ordinance- Doug Siler, GTE – Presented draft ordinance. (Forwarded to Amy Forsha, Lee Demosky, and Council for review)
9. Budget Amendments – Committee plans to meet again prior to next council meeting.
10. Public Works Contract – Negotiations pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **MOTION** by Al Checca to approve Francis Plummer as a part-time police officer. Motion SECONDED by Matt Clever. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

2. **MOTION** by Sara Cowan to approve Easter Egg Hunt to be hosted by Railroad Days Committee on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at 1pm. Motion SECONDED by Barbara Phillips. All members present voice “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

3. **MOTION** by Matt Clever to advertise for Part-time for Seasonal Lawn Maintenance conditionally if last year’s seasonal employee doesn’t wish to return. Motion SECONDED by Sara Cowan. All members present voice “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

4. Pool Passes and Daily Rates

Current Rates

	Discounted Rate by May 28, 2021	Regular Rate
Youth (ages 3+)	<b>\$55</b>	<b>\$60</b>
Family (up to 6 people)	<b>\$165</b>	<b>\$175</b>
Adult (ages 19-61)	<b>\$70</b>	<b>\$75</b>
Single Parent Family	<b>\$130</b>	<b>\$140</b>
Senior Individual (62+)	<b>\$55</b>	<b>\$60</b>
Senior Couple	<b>\$110</b>	<b>\$120</b>
Daily Rate	<b>\$5</b>	<b>\$5</b>

\*There was no discounted daily rate.

**MOTION** by Matt Clever to approve maintaining the rates the same as 2020 Summer Season. Motion SECONDED by Al Checca. All members present voice “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

5. April Meetings- Zoom or In-Person **MOTION** by Al Checca to resume council meetings in person beginning in April. Motion SECONDED by Jeremy Stein. All members present voice “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Mayor Alanna Gaudiello read a farewell letter to council and the community.

Al Checca Vice President requested the President to ask for a motion for the Municipal Authority Board Vacancy.

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**MOTION** by Al Checca to approve Anthony Jellison for the vacancy on the Derry Borough Municipal Authority Board. Motion **SECONDED** by Sara Cowan. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Solicitor Lee Demosky requested the President to ask for a motion to accept Mayor Alanna Gaudiello’s resignation. **MOTION** by Matt Clever was made to accept Alanna Gaudiello’s resignation. Motion **SECONDED** by Sara Cowan. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

**MOTION** by Matt Clever to advertise for the Mayor vacancy. Motion **SECONDED** by Sara Cowan. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**MOTION** by Jeremy Stein to pay the bills totaling \$37,696.43 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.

**Derry Borough Council met in executive session for potential zoning litigation and personnel matters at 8:24pm. Executive session ended at 8:38pm.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Sara Cowan to adjourn at 7:44pm. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Latta  
Secretary