

May 9, 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, and Chad Fabian. Adam Cowan, Jim Ritenour, and Rob White were absent. Mayor Grant Nicely was present. Lee Demosky, Solicitor was present.

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

MOTION by Al Checca to approve the treasurer’s report ending April 30, 2023 with the following balances:

\$611,461.11 -General Fund Balance Sheet

\$334,053.03 -Liquid Fuels Balance Sheet

\$34,481.47 – Street Lighting Fund

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

1. Nathan Bundy – 221 S. Chestnut St. – Pool Provided forms for the Brick Fundraiser for the pool and
2. Pat Showalter – Railroad Days – Presented council with an informational packet for the upcoming event in September 2023.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT No report for the public.

MAYOR’S REPORT

The Mayor reported for April 2023 with total receipts of \$163.27, which included traffic receipts of \$99.20, non-traffic receipts of \$0, and \$146.64 in clerk of court and miscellaneous receipts. There were 32 complaint calls, 9 traffic citations, 1 non-traffic citation, and no parking tickets.

K-9 REPORT

The K-9 balance is \$3,782.82 at the end of May 2023. No invoices for April 2023. The K-9 unit is attending mandatory training and patrolling for the Borough of Derry.

ZONING / CODE / UCC OFFICER’S REPORT

BIU report for April 2023 two (2) Zoning Permits and five (5) code enforcement violation notices.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works – Basketball backboards at community park need replaced due to damage.

Buildings and Grounds – Waiting for Gregory and Martin to schedule the radiator line repair

Police – No report

Finance/Budget – No report

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Parks and Recreation – No report

Fire Protection – No report

Pool Committee – Barb Phillips reported \$2,114 in pool pass sales the past weekend, lower than usual: however, the committee will be having another future sale date prior to the pool opening. They received 13 applications for the pool for staff. The pool may not be able to have swimming lessons this year due to most of the guards are new with their certifications and new employees. The POS system will be purchased from a different company vs the original with a reduction in cost. The pool cover will be coming off later this week and the fire company has scheduled to come in and pump out the pool for cleaning process.

Grants – CDBG Grant Application should be decided upon near May 31, 2023. Once notified of the funding available, council can move forward with approving Gibson-Thomas to prepare plans for the paving project in 3rd Ward.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Derry Borough council went into executive session at the Derry Borough Council Worksession held on May 2, 2023 at 7:54pm for personnel reasons. Executive session ended at 8:04pm.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Occupancy Permit Ordinance Review – Sara planning a meeting

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. 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

- Letter of Interest from Nathan J. Bundy for the planning commission
- Letter from Friends of Caldwell Memorial Library requesting annual donation
- Craft & Vendor Show May 13th, 2023 AV Germano Hall sponsored by Dragon Gems & Denise Wood to benefit the Derry Outdoor Community Pool 9am-3pm
- **Derry Borough / Derry Area Clean-up Days** hosted by DARCee and supported by Westmoreland Cleanways with supplies available for the event. Event dates will be May 20, 2023 - May 27, 2023. Participants can clean up on their timeframe and post pictures of their helpers with their collection results on the DARCee facebook page during this time. DARCee is going to make a contest out of the photos posted and a prize will be given to the best creative/photo posted. Safety tips and information will be posted on the DARCee event facebook page with other information.

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- The Derry Presbyterian Church, located at the corner of Chestnut Street and Presby Way in Derry, PA will be hosting a Rummage Sale, Saturday, June 3, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The kitchen will be open to purchase \$2.00 hotdogs/sauerkraut and 50 ¢ bottled water. Items for sale include glassware, kitchen utensils and small appliances, Christmas decorations, puzzles, children's toys/bikes, clothing, entertainment center, electronics and lots of other treasures! Watch for the signs! You can see us from the Bridge! This sale will go on Rain or Shine! All proceeds benefit the Roof Repair Fund!
- Do you live in an urban area or on a small property and want to learn more about how you can have a positive impact on your watershed and the environment? During the **Watershed Friendly Certification Program for Urban or Small Spaces**, learn how to embrace environmentally friendly practices that welcome pollinators and keep our waterways healthy. Join us to learn from Master Watershed Steward Coordinators and the Nurture Nature Center about the application and how you can protect your watershed.

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7:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

Penn State Extension – Watershed Friendly Certification Program

- Westmoreland County Boroughs Association Meeting May 25, 2023 Westmoreland Conservation District at 5:30pm Speaker Chris Tantlinger Westmoreland Deputy EMC – Topic Hazardous Material Response to a Train Derailment RSVP by 5-21-22

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

MOTION by Chad Fabian to approve the appointment of Nathan J. Bundy for the planning commission. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

2. Porcelain Park

3. Sewer Lateral Testing Ordinance Amendments – Approved by MABD

4. American Rescue Plan Budget 2023 Operating Expenses

5. Police Pension Plan Amendments – Lee Demosky reported. Council reviewed the actuary’s summary of the changes requested that was emailed. A meeting with committee members of council, Marchese and Associates, Duda Actuarial Services, Police Department, and Solicitor was held to review discussed changes. The solicitor requested a motion to draft the amended documents with the items discussed.

MOTION by Al Checca to approve the Solicitor to draft Ordinance/Resolution for the Police Pension Plan Amendments agreed upon including age 55 for retirement with 20 years of service, a social security offset, and service increment benefits. Motion **SECONDED** by Barbara Phillips. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

6. Appoint Deputy Tax Collector

7. Appoint Administrative Assistant for the Borough Office

8. Part-time Police Officers

MOTION by Chad Fabian to hire Shelby Glick as a part-time police officer subject to passing all conditions established by the Mayor and Chief of Police including, but not limited to: physical, drug test, background check, proof of completion of Act 120 requirements. Motion **SECONDED** by Barbara Phillips. Four members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Al Checca opposed. Motion passed.

MOTION by Chad Fabian to hire Joel Aston as a part-time police officer subject to passing all conditions established by the Mayor and Chief of Police including, but not limited to: physical, drug test, background check, proof of completion of Act 120 requirements. Motion **SECONDED** by Barb Phillips. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

9. 2008 Crown Victoria Police Vehicle- **MOTION** by Al Checca to accept and approve the highest bidder on Municibid for sale of the vehicle at \$3,100. Motion **SECONDED** by Chad Fabian. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Municipal Building – Gregory and Martin Meeting- Discussing location of work with employees to have precise/better idea of location of access.
2. **MOTION** by Chad Fabian to approve hiring Greg Rager as the 2023 Season Pool Manager. Motion **SECONDED** by Barbara Phillips. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

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3. **MOTION** by Al Checca to approve transferring \$2,000 in start-up funds for the Derry Outdoor Community Pool season. Motion SECONDED by Chad Fabian. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
4. **MOTION** by Chad Fabian to approve Grandview’s Head Start program to utilize the Community Park from 9am-2pm for a Head Start Celebration on Friday May 26, 2023. (Insurance Certification Provided). Motion SECONDED by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
5. Braden Avenue – Request for one way loop
6. **MOTION** by Chad Fabian to approve Lori Latta to attend PAMA's 64th Annual Conference at State College, July 30 - August 2, 2023 The Conference theme is "Playbook Strategies for Success". Expense \$305 Conference, \$28.38 Room, and Mileage. Motion SECONDED by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
7. Mossback Park Gazebo Maintenance- Lori Latta has reached out to Vixen Hill to inquire about them providing maintenance and/or if a metal roof would be suitable for the current structure.
8. **MOTION** by Chad Fabian to advertise for Seasonal Lawn Maintenance -\$12.00hr or negotiable. Motion SECONDED by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Executive Session – CSU Reservation of Rights – Legal Discussion

Personnel - Solicitor expressed the executive was not needed at the present time.

Proclamation presented to A.B.A.T.E. of PA , Alliance of Bikers Aimed Toward Education and Motorcycle Safety by Mayor Grant Nicely proclaiming the month of May of 2023 in Derry Borough Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month

PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION by Barbara Phillips to pay the bills totaling \$ 40,179.39 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 Al Checca to adjourn meeting at 7:32 pm. Motion SECONDED by Barbara Phillips. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori L. Latta, Secretary