

**October 8, 2024**

Derry Borough Council met in regular session Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 7:00pm at AV Germano Hall, 100 W. Second Street, Derry, PA with the following members present: Sara Cowan, Nathan Bundy, Rob White, Barbara Phillips, Rich Eikenburg, Jasen Lentz, and Jim Ritenour. Lee Demosky, Solicitor was present. Grant Nicely, Mayor was present. Christopher Miller was reporting for the Latrobe Bulletin.

**MOTION** by Sara Cowan to approve the minutes for the regular council meeting of September 10, 2024. Motion **SECONDED** by Jim Ritenour. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

**MOTION** by Jasen Lentz to approve the minutes for the special meeting of September 19, 2024. Motion **SECONDED** by Sara Cowan. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

**MOTION** by Rob White to approve the treasurer’s report for September 30, 2024.

\$563,366.42 -General Fund Balance Sheet

\$394,330.91 -Liquid Fuels Balance Sheet

\$27,690.19 – Street Lighting Fund

Motion **SECONDED** by Rich Eikenburg. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed,

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

1. Joan Reynolds- Gem Theater Project
2. Greg Palmer – Observing
3. John Moore – Observing
4. Denise and Peter Wood – 349 Pittsburgh St. – Would like regional police including Derry Township. Lives near where the Rehabilitation Center is supposed to be in the old elementary school.
5. Angela Bundy - 221 S. Chestnut St. – Observing

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

Solicitor Lee Demosky presented a summary of information for a potential amendment to the Burn Ordinance to align with DEP’s ordinance recommendation and for fire inspections.

Sol. Demosky is still waiting for a response from the engineering department from Penn Dot regarding the speed limit changes requested by council and residents of our community.

Sol. Demosky reviewed the possibility of a booster club or utilizing another community 501C3 organization to support fundraising for the Derry Community Pool.

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MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported for August 2024 with receipts of \$164.07 which included traffic receipts of \$142.39, non-traffic receipts of \$4.27, and \$21.68 in miscellaneous receipts. There were 80 complaint calls, 16 traffic citations, one non-traffic citation, and no parking tickets.

The Mayor reported for September 2024 with receipts of \$134.97 which included traffic receipts of \$115.19, non-traffic receipts of \$0, and \$15.51 in miscellaneous receipts. There were 82 complaint calls, 1 traffic citation, no non-traffic citations, and no parking tickets.

CODE OFFICIALS REPORT

BIU reported for September 2024: 3- Zoning Permits, 2- UCC Permits, 8- Code Enforcement violations, and 3- Occupancy Applications. Two hearings attended for code enforcement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Public Works** – Pool shutdown and winterized, line painting, completed vehicle inspections, sidewalk removal at the pool entrance way, RR Days Prep and cleanup, equipment preparation for winter, big foot installation and silhouettes, McGee Run Maintenance, 2<sup>nd</sup> ward curb painting, Applicator License re-cert for 4 years.

**Buildings and Grounds** – No report

**Police** – No report

**Parks and Recreation** – No report

**Pool Committee** –. Pool Boosters/Game of Chance License Profit and Loss Report provided.

**Grants-** DCED Main Street Matters Grant Opportunity planning activities, façade grant programs, business improvement grant programs, accessible housing programs, and district development grants. Application Deadline: November 15, 2024.

Nathan applied for a Go Laurel Highland Marketing grant in the amount of \$795 to reach out to other areas surrounding Westmoreland County.

LSA Statewide Grant – Minimum amount \$25,000 and due by November 30, 2024.

**Public Safety Committee-** Jasen Lentz is acquiring data statistics regarding calls from the Fire Department and Police Department

**Media/Technology-** No report

**Neighborhood Watch-** No report

**DASD/School-** No report

**Business Development/Community Relations** – Food Truck Friday, October 25, 2024 from 4pm-7pm Mossback Park

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Derry Borough Council is seeking individuals interested in chairing events in the Borough with Council help including Food Truck days, Concerts at Mossback Park, Concert at Community Park, Carnival at Community Park, Market Days/Farmer's Markets.

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**Derry Borough Council went into executive session for personnel discussion on October 1, 2024 at the Derry Council worksession for the administration department at the Derry Borough Council Worksession at 8:13pm. Executive session ended at 8:37pm.**

PLANNING COMMISSION

Next meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday October 22, 2024 at AV Germano Hall at 7pm

Discussion Topics: Wineman Way

REPRESENTATIVES

- DARCEE meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Weds 7pm Quarterly 4<sup>th</sup> Weds January, April (New Alexandria Borough), July (Derry Borough Building), and October 2024 (Derry Township Building).
- Derry Area Historical Society – Board Meeting are held at the Fulton House on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday monthly at 6:30pm. Their website is [derryhistory.org](http://derryhistory.org) Please check out their facebook page for updated information searching Derry Area History.
- Derry Railroad Days Committee meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 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. And, we 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.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A Halloween Theme Display Contest is in the works for Derry Borough from October 21<sup>st</sup> - October 28, 2024 partnered with the Friends of the Gem Theater. Residents are encouraged to decorate for Halloween as they can win prizes! Information will be available on Derry Borough Facebook page and Derry Area Topics.
- Halloween Hootanany – Thursday, October 31, 2024 at Derry Community Park from 5pm to dusk. Trick or Treat Trail, DJ, Games and more including a public view of Invasion of Chestnut Ridge with Ron Murphy. Ridgeview Heating will be sponsoring a children's activity booth. Railroad Days committee will be hosting a pumpkin painting competition.
- October 25, 2024 there will be a Food Truck night 4pm-7pm downtown at Mossback Park Location. There will also be music entertainment at the gazebo.
- Latrobe-Laurel Valley Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner Awards Ceremony Monday, October 21 at 5:30pm at the Fred Rogers Center at St. Vincent College \$150/person, RSVP by October 15<sup>th</sup>
- Letter – Laurel Area Faith in Action – Sponsorship Friday, November 15, 2024
- DCED – Grant Extension for Community Pool Maintenance Project
- Letters – Marchese and Associates- Retirement

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- Westmoreland County Borough’s Association Meeting October 24, 2024 at 5:30pm Hoss’s Steakhouse, RSVP by 10-21-24
- Mutual Aid EMS – Gift for Life Fundraising Campaign

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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1. Board and Commission terms available in the Borough:
  - a) Vacancy Board Chairman 2024
  - b) One planning commission vacancy term ending 12-31-2026
  - c) One vacancy on the Borough of Derry Municipal Authority Board term expiring 12-31-2024.
  - d) One Alternate seat vacancy for Zoning Hearing Board

2. Porcelain Park

3. 5-Year Plan List – Downtown Derry Borough

Connect Chestnut Street across the tracks to connect 2nd & 3rd Ward  
Railroad/Train Viewing Stand  
Public Restrooms for downtown to support street events  
Better/more visible signage for our amenities  
Electronic message board  
Police Vehicle and Equipment Storage - Garage

4. Mossback Park Gazebo Maintenance

5. Appoint a Deputy Tax Collector

6. Community Pool Pavilion

7. **MOTION** by Sara Cowan to approve balancing Change Order for final Pay Estimate #2 -3rdWard Paving Project. Motion **SECONDED** by Nathan Bundy. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

8. Regional Police Services

Regional Police Coverage

- Written or verbal confirmation from PSP to Council that they are on board with Expansion

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- Communication with Senator Pittman and Representative Rossi to gain their support
- Written business plan including budgeting and mapping of proposed area
- Schedule meeting with all parties

Regional Policing – Grant Opportunity PCCD - Regional Policing Assistance Program Deadline October 15, 2024

Council discussed this deadline is not possible at this time due to lack of plan in place. Preliminary plans and meetings must be held prior to applying for this grant at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Administrative Assistant
2. Big Foot Commemorative Project
3. UCC Appeals Board – COG Agreement –

**Public Hearing Public Comments Accepted**

**MOTION** by Nathan Bundy to approve Ordinance 813 Adopting the Articles of Agreement Among the Member Local Governments of Foothills Council of Governments in accordance with the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Law. Motion **SECONDED** by Rich Eikenburg. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

4. Approve Ordinance 814 Repealing Tax Increase for Earned Income Tax from 1% to 1.25%. – Table until November for approval due to advertisement requirement.
5. Ordinance 815 for Speed Limits and Scale for Fines – Draft prepared by Lee Demosky. Tabled for review by Penn Dot.
6. **MOTION** by Nathan Bundy to approve Trick or Treat Date and Time for Saturday, October 26, 2024 from 4pm-8pm. Motion **SECONDED** by Rich Eikenburg. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
7. Approve supporting the Westmoreland County Demolition Application submission for Jason Gunther for 116 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Derry. – Not received at this time.
8. General Fund Budget – Schedule 1<sup>st</sup> Budget Meeting w/ Jasen, Nathan, and Barb Thursday October 17, 2024 for 1<sup>st</sup> preliminary meeting.

9. **MOTION** by Jim Ritenour to approve taser purchase for the police department with quote provided for five years in the amount as follows:

2024 \$5,180.78 (\$2,500 TRAINING)

2025 \$2,788.02

2026 \$2,899.54

2027 \$3,015.52

2028 \$3,136.14

Totaling - \$17,020

Motion SECONDED by Jasen Lentz. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion.

Motion passed.

10. Office Software – Freedom Systems – Freedom Systems sent out a bill for support for 2025, at this time they will continue to support Freedom Software.

11. **MOTION** by Nathan Bundy to approve Resolution 687-24 MMO Payment for 2024 Pension Plans. Motion SECONDED by Sara Cowan. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

12. Christmas at Mossback Park- DARCEE, Fire Department, and Borough Coordination – Friday, December 6, 2024.

13. Marchese and Associates – Workers Compensation Insurance, Life Insurance, and Police Pension Plan

**MOTION** by Nathan Bundy to approve letter to recognize Bailey Insurance Agency as the Agent of Record - Baily Insurance Agency purchased Michael Marchese II Agency as of July 1, 2024. Motion SECONDED by Rich Eikenburg. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

#### **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**MOTION** by Sara Cowan to pay the bills totaling \$47,701.11 and all outstanding legitimate bills through the end of the month. Motion SECONDED by Nathan Bundy. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

**Derry Borough Council went into executive session for police personnel and legal discussion regarding police pension plan at 7:40pm. Executive session ended at 8:32pm.**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Jim Ritenour to adjourn meeting at 8:34pm. Motion **SECONDED** by Jasen Lentz. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Latta

Secretary