

**January 12, 2015**

Derry Borough Council met in regular session Monday, January 12, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Derry Station Community Room, 200 West Second Avenue, Derry, PA with the following members present: Chad Fabian, Presiding, Allen Skopp, Barry Holden, Al Checca, Dave Fletcher, and Tom Lipinski were present. Mayor Dave Bolen was present. Jim Ritenour and Solicitor Lee Demosky were absent. Greg Reinbold, Tribune Review and Nick Cammuso were reporting.

**MOTION** by Al Checca to approve the minutes for the regular council meeting of December 8, 2014. Motion **SECONDED** by Allen Skopp. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

**MOTION** by Dave Fletcher to approve the treasurer’s report with a General Fund Balance Sheet totaling \$184,104.65 for December 31, 2014. Motion **SECONDED** by Tom Lipinski. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

**Derry Borough Council went into executive session at 7:04pm at the Derry Borough work session held on January 5, 2015 for litigation matters regarding the Ritenour Case. Executive session ended at 7:26pm.**

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

1. Brock Dwire – Fire Chief Derry Borough Volunteer Fire Company – Wanted to inform council he was reelected for Fire Chief by DVFD officers. Mr. Dwire also wanted to attend the council meeting to discuss the property located at 411 N. Chestnut Street – The electric needs turned off due to safety issues. The house recently flooded and there is potential with the electric still on for a fire hazard. The gas has been shut off and the water authority has been contacted regarding water.
2. David Jones – 513 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue – Observation, Planning Commission Member
3. Zach Baum – 214 Park Street – Student Observation
4. Joy Ureon – Student Observation
5. Joe Lasser – 880 Pizza Barn Road – Student Observation
6. Macy Kantor – 199 Utopia St. – Student Observation
7. Logan Seybold – 116 Deer Path Road – Student Observation
8. Joey Lavelle – 140 Straucutter Road – Student Observation
9. Sergei Slusarczyk – 102 Greenfield Road – Student Observation
10. Kathryn Powell – 227 Richmond Street – Student Observation
11. Sasheen Webb – Loyalhanna – Student Observation

Joey Lavelle and Joe Lasser would like to volunteer for a Community Park Project which would help improve the basketball or tennis courts for future use.

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#### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

The Solicitor provides a written report to Borough Council relating to attorney client privileged issues. Due to the moratorium Borough Council enacted to reduce expenses, the Solicitor was directed not to appear at the public meeting.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Dave Bolen submitted the Mayor's report for December 2014 with receipts of \$764.15 which included traffic receipts of \$582.72 and non-traffic receipts of \$115.35. There were 114 complaint calls, 6 traffic citations, and 4 non-traffic citations with no parking tickets.

Tom Lipinski requested the Mayor to have our report to be published in the Latrobe Bulletin.

The Mayor reported that our K-9 Blade assisted in finding 4lbs of marijuana that was being mailed from California this past week.

He requested an executive session later in the meeting.

#### ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

BIU reported (1) one code violation notice for the month of December 2014.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- New Building Committee will be reviewing possibilities for potential new Municipal Building with a new Police Department office.
- Allen Skopp is reviewing grants from Penn State Extension and the DEP currently.
- The creek next to the Municipal Building needs to be inspected possibly by DEP, the water flow is causing erosion to the ground surrounding our Municipal Building, creating issues currently with our fireman's parking lot.

#### REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

DARCEE will be having a regular meeting at the end of January, the fourth Wednesday, January 28, 2015. Place and time will be announced at a later time.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION

Report submitted and attached.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

- Lynn Ewing was required to appoint a deputy tax collector in accordance with Act 164 in the event that they are incapacitated and unable to perform the duties of tax collector. She appointed Kristin Kozar at 312 W. Second Avenue, Derry, PA.
- Meeting with Westmoreland County Department of Planning and Development will be held Wednesday, January 21, 2015, 7:00 PM at Youngwood Municipal Building.
- Letter of Interest received by Thomas Rennie for 2014 Audit.
- Letter of Interest received by Joe Saxfield for Planning Commission
- Norfolk Southern awarded the Derry Police Department a \$750 grant for equipment purchases. The department purchased a new computer system with those funds which were received and deposited into the General Fund.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Board and Commission terms expiring in the Borough:
  - a) One (1) member for the Planning commission
  - b) One (1) alternate vacancy for the Zoning Hearing Board
  - c) Two (2) Civil Service Commission Vacancies one expiring December 31, 2016 and one (6) year term expiring December 31, 2018.
  - d) Vacancy Board Chairman
2. N. Ligonier Street Bridge- Letter sent from GTE to Penn Dot for approval re: Owens Avenue as option.
3. Municipal Building Maintenance – Tabled Preparing for Bids in Spring
4. **MOTION** by Tom Lipinski to advertise Ordinance 766 and Ordinance 767 for Zoning Amendment. Motion **SECONDED** by Allen Skopp. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
5. Update Contract with BIU for Zoning Fees – Create a formal fee schedule and send BIU a formal letter of request.
6. Approve Local 1451 Union 3-year Contract for non-uniform employees – Tabled for clarification of language in Article VII, Section 2. Council requested Lee Demosky create specific language for the incremental raises for the document in reference to new non-uniform employees.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **MOTION** by Al Checca to approve Derry Borough Fire Chief Brock Dwire for 2015 and approved him permission to change 911 call outs as needed. Motion **SECONDED** by Allen Skopp. A roll call vote was taken. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed. **MOTION** by Allen Skopp to permit the Fire Chief to change emergency call outs when necessary. Motion **SECONDED** by Dave Fletcher. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
2. **MOTION** by Tom Lipinski to approve Lee Demosky as Borough Solicitor for 2015. Motion **SECONDED** by Allen Skopp. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
3. **MOTION** by Tom Lipinski to approve Thomas J. Rennie, CPA to conduct the 2014 Borough and Real Estate Tax Audits. Motion **SECONDED** by Allen Skopp. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

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4. **MOTION** by Allen Skopp to approve Gibson-Thomas Engineering Co. Inc. as the Borough engineers for 2015. Motion SECONDED by Al Checca. Thomas Lipinski abstained from the vote due to personal experience with employee unprofessionalism. Five members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
5. **MOTION** by Allen Skopp to approve 2015 Membership to the Central Westmoreland COG. Motion SECONDED by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
6. **MOTION** by Dave Fletcher to approve Resolution 581-15 Police officers in the Borough of Derry shall not be required to make contributions to the Police Pension Fund for 2015. Motion SECONDED by Barry Holden. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
7. **MOTION** by Allen Skopp to approve Pay Estimate #1 for the Sidewalk Maintenance and Replacement Project in the amount of \$10,490.40. Motion SECONDED by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
8. **MOTION** by Allen Skopp to approve payment to Gibson Thomas their design and bidding expense for the Sidewalk Maintenance and Replacement Project as per agreement. Motion SECONDED by Dave Fletcher. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
9. **MOTION** by Allen Skopp to approve Resolution 582-15 Agreement between the Department of Environmental Protection and the Borough of Derry for the reimbursement of conduit video inspections. Motion SECONDED by Tom Lipinski. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
10. **MOTION** by Allen Skopp to approve the Borough Secretary-Treasurer to pay bills between meetings to take advantage of discounts and prevent bills from becoming past due. Motion SECONDED by Tom Lipinski. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
11. **MOTION** by Tom Lipinski to approve Resolution 583-15 Appointment of Primary Voting Delegate for the Westmoreland County Tax Collection Committee effective January 2015 appointing Al Checca as primary delegate and Lori Latta as secondary delegate. Motion SECONDED by Dave Fletcher. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
12. **MOTION** by Allen Skopp to accept resignation of Ed Bricker as a part-time police officer. Motion SECONDED by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

**Derry Borough Council went into executive session at 7:51pm for personnel reasons. Executive session ended at 8: 28pm.**

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13. **MOTION** by Allen Skopp to advertise for the roof maintenance for the Municipal Building. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Mr. Lipinski suggested more training course attendance for our police officers to advocate education and positive public relations activity from our police department.

Mayor Bolen reported the new tasers have been delivered.

#### PAYMENT OF BILLS

**MOTION** by Allen Skopp to approve payment of bills totaling \$66,144.07 and all outstanding legitimate bills through the end of the month. Motion **SECONDED** by Dave Fletcher. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION** by Al Checca to adjourn at 8:38p.m. Motion **SECONDED** by Dave Fletcher. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

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Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Latta  
Secretary