

## April 9, 2018

Derry Borough Council met in regular session Monday, April 9, 2018 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, Al Checca, David Jones, Mary Landis, Grant Nicely, and Daniel Chaney. Jim Ritenour was absent and David Jones attended by phone. Mayor Kevin Gross was present and Amy Fauth, Latrobe Bulletin was reporting.

**MOTION** by Al Checca to approve regular meeting minutes of March 12, 2018. Motion **SECONDED** by Mary Landis. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

**MOTION** by Al Checca to approve the treasurer’s report with a General Fund Balance Sheet totaling \$244,313.87 for March 31, 2018. Motion **SECONDED** by Daniel Chaney. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

### RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

1. Don Ritneour – Owens Avenue –Owens Avenue Extension Project. After brief discussion about Owens Avenue and flooding basements at the last council meeting, Mr Ritenour wanted to mention that adding the backwater valves will assist with the problem.
2. Ed Sobota – 718 Y Street – Tech Spec – Revision of Property Deed and requesting council approval for combined lot addition. There are no changes that will affect the property located in the Borough and taxes will remain the same. Mr. Sobota explained hey are only combing lots together. **MOTION** by Al Checca to approve Subdivision/Combination Plans provided by Sheesley & Associates for Saturday Limited Partnership (Tech Spec). Motion **SECONDED** by Grant Nicely. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion Motion passed.
3. Mike Reffo – 221 S. Chestnut Street – Mr. Reffo has purchased 303 Broad Street and the wall is collapsing. He recently purchase the property. He is requesting permission from council to move forward with grading the side yard on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and replacing the wall in front of the residence on Broad Street. Council agreed that as long as the wall is replaced on the front of the property with a sidewalk provided they would approve. It was also explained by council and the secretary he still had to acquire a permit and approval to move forward with the project. Mr. Reffo also commended the Derry Volunteer Fire Department for helping residents with flooding in their basements and hopefully they receive donations for their help. We are fortunate to have a small community atmosphere that we still help each other out.

### SOLICITOR’S REPORT

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

### MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Kevin Gross submitted the Mayor’s report for March 2018 with receipts of \$2,077.12 which included traffic receipts of \$1,509.10 and non-traffic receipts of \$39.80 There were 73 complaint calls, 12 traffic citations, 3 non-traffic citations, and no parking tickets.

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#### ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

BIU reported 1 code violation for the month of March 2018.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

***Municipal Authority Review Committee – Al Checca - Stormwater Agreement***

***Jim Ritenour – Public Works – Snow Removal***

***Al Checca - Police – Google Calendar***

*Mr. Checca asked that the Derry Volunteer Fire Department acquire their own AED within three months. He asked the Mayor to convey this to them. He feels it is important that the AED stays at the Municipal Building for Borough needs if necessary. It should not be removed from the building to go out on calls.*

***Chad Fabian*** – Electric at Pool (Contact Ric-Mar) to look at the pump house electric. Next meeting for G-16 will be held on April 10, 2018, he would like council attendance to this meeting.

***Lori Latta*** – Front of Municipal Building *Quotes were received and reviewed. MOTION* by Al Checca to move forward with advertising positions for the community pool. *SECONDED* by Daniel Chaney. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed. Mr. Checca asked who would be performing the interviews. It was agreed Jessie Patterson would with assistance of the pool committee.

***Mary Landis*** – No report

**Derry Borough Council went into executive session at 9:00pm at the Derry Borough Council Worksession held on Monday, April 2, 2018 at 7pm for personnel matters and potential litigation regarding the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Derry.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Derry Borough Council would like to **Thank the Westmoreland County Landbank** for assisting with the purchase of property of 306 N. Chestnut Street and proceeding with the demolition and eliminating a nuisance for the neighborhood. They have assisted us with three properties since the beginning of our co-operative agreement.

#### REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- DARCee – Bowling for DARCee April 14, 2018 1-4pm  
DARCee Meeting will be held on April 25, 2018 7pm Derry Township Building
- RR Days Committee – Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 6:30pm Derry Station Community Room

#### PLANNING COMMISSION

No report.

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## COMMUNICATIONS

- Westmoreland County Boroughs Annual Banquet will be held at Lakeview in Greensburg on Friday, April 27, 2018 at 6:00pm. Please RSVP with Lori by April 15<sup>th</sup> so she can respond to the Association in a timely manner.
  - Letter from Caldwell Memorial Library requesting donation for 2018
  - Chris Bardi, Penn Dot is reviewing Rt. 217 bridge concerns
  - Westmoreland Realtors Association invitation to local officials to join them for a Smart Growth Course at Ferrante's Lakeview Restuaruant May 24, 2018 from 1pm-5pm -\$10 fee
  - Westmoreland Laurel Faith in Action Celebration of Community, Friday, April 27, 2018 at Fred Rogers Center at 11:30am-1:00pm – Council, Mayor and Officials are invited.\$35 per guest
  - Joe Skapura will be completing work on sidewalk on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue for repair as soon as weather permits – per David Overly
  - Membership for the Latrobe Laurel Valley Chamber of Commerce – Annual Fee \$175.00 for Government Membership - Good for business networking attracting new business to our community. Council declined at this time.
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## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Board and Commission terms expiring in the Borough:
  - a) Three (3) vacancies and (1) alternate vacancy for the Zoning Hearing Board
  - b) Three (3) Civil Service Commission Vacancies three (6) year-terms expiring every two years
2. Owens Avenue Extension Project – Council wants to open an emergency access for the Owens Avenue extension project in case of an emergency. **MOTION** by Al Checca to open a temporary access. Motion **SECONDED** by Mary Landis. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed. Gibson Thomas is moving forward with the temporary easement, finalizing plans and the utility poles relocation.
3. Derry Community Park Project – Two of the pavilions have been demolition. The pylons have been removed. The track is being redone.
4. Stormwater Management Ordinance Updates (Model Ordinance sent by Doug Siler) - Tabled
5. Inter-Municipal Stormwater Agreement (Res 618-17 Tabled)
6. MS-4 Reduction Plan (Res 619-17 Tabled) Submitted by Doug Siler, GTE
7. **MOTION** by Al Checca to repeal motion to lower N. Ligonier Street Bridge from 6 ton to 4 ton from March 12, 2018 regular council meeting. The weight ton limit will remain at 6 ton, unless a necessary emergency revision is needed. Motion **SECONDED** by Mary Landis. All members present voiced “aye”

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in favor of the motion. Motion passed. Mary Landis announced that it is important that the public understand that trucks from Fire Department, Cemetary, and Wastemanagement.

8. Pay Estimate #4 - Community Park Project

NEW BUSINESS

1. **MOTION** by Mary Landis to appoint Neely Smith as our Deputy Tax Collector recommended by our current tax collector Kristen Kozar. Motion **SECONDED** by Grant Nicely. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
2. Approve quotes for sidewalk repair and replacing new railing for Municipal Building. Council reviewed the quotes. \$2,555 for the sidewalks and the railing came in at \$5,500. **MOTION** by Al Checca to repair the sidewalk and railing in front of the Municipal Building. Motion **SECONDED** by Mary Landis. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
3. Laborers Union Contract for Public Works - Tabled
4. Updates for Employee Cell Phone Policy - Tabled
5. **MOTION** by Al Checca to approve Subdivision Plans provided by Sheesley & Associates for Saturday Limited Partnership (Tech Spec- Sobota Property). **Resolution 626-18** Motion **SECONDED** by Grant Nicely. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
6. Community Pool Rates for 2018 – **MOTION** by Daniel Chaney Sr. to approve opening the Derry Outdoor Community Pool for June 2, 2018 and keeping the rates the same for the 2018 summer season as last year. Council will discuss Labor Day closer to the end of season. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
7. **MOTION** by Al Checca to request an extension for three years for the Snow Agreement with the Municipal Authority for shared services which expired 12-31-2017. Motion **SECONDED** by Daniel Chaney Sr. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Mr. Checca requested a meeting with the public works and the public works committee to review our snow removal season to discuss positives, concerns, and ways to improve the next snow season.

8. **MOTION** by Mary Landis to approve Adam Hebenthal’s probationary period is complete and is now a permanent full-time laborer for the public works department effective 3-29-18. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

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Jim Ritenour entered the meeting.

**Derry Borough Council went into executive session to discuss personnel issues and the public works labor contract at 7:52pm. Executive session ended at 8:08pm.**

PAYMENT OF BILLS

**MOTION** by Jim Ritenour to approve payment of bills totaling \$31,347.59 and all outstanding legitimate bills through the end of the month. Motion **SECONDED** by David Jones. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION** by Jim Ritenour to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Motion **SECONDED** by Mary Landis. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Latta  
Secretary