

August 12, 2019

Derry Borough Council met in regular session Monday, August 12, 2019 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, Grant Nicely, Mary Landis, and Jim Ritenour. David Jones and Daniel Chaney were absent. Lee Demosky, Solicitor was absent. Nick Cammuso was reporting for the Latrobe Bulletin.

MOTION by Grant Nicely to approve the minutes for the regular council meeting of July 8, 2019. Motion **SECONDED** by Mary Landis. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION by Grant Nicely to approve the treasurer’s report with a General Fund Balance Sheet totaling \$378,370.58 for July 31, 2019. Motion **SECONDED** by Mary Landis. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

1. Jacob Amrine – Bortek – Sweeper Rental Proposal- Provided council a street sweeper rental quote. \$3,188 weekly rate with \$200 delivery charge. Monthly rental rate \$8,458. Based on 409 hours per week operation with overage hours invoiced weekly at \$69 per hour.
2. Ashely Moore – E. 2nd Street – Observing
3. Sara Cowan – 306 W. Sixth Avenue – Observing Inquired about house that demolished by 6th Avenue. Tech Spec acquired permits needed as they purchased the property for the business. TSI plans to build a large building between the storage units and their shipping facility in the next few years. Plans are in place to tear down the house and garage that recently burnt as soon as possible, as they are both in unusable condition. Once the lot is leveled and reseeded we will maintain the property with the rest of our facility.
The main entrance will be continued use for the majority of vehicle traffic. There will be more car traffic on Mowry Way during the demo and clean up phase.
4. Lola Turnsuli – 3rd Street – Observing

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, the Solicitor was directed to not appear at the public meeting.

MAYOR’S REPORT

The Mayor reported for July 2019 with no receipts. There were 25 complaint calls, 13 traffic citations, 1 non-traffic citations, and no parking tickets.

BUILDING INSPECTIONS UNDERWRITERS, INC. MONTHLY REPORT

BIU reported for July 2019 (7) seven code violations and one occupancy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Municipal Authority Review Committee – Al Checca and Dan Chaney Stormwater Budget

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Grant Nicely – Public Works W.2nd Avenue Bridge Debris Removal, Street Sweeper, Salt Shed

Al Checca-Police –

Chad Fabian – CL HELD – Community Park Tree Removal, McGee Run Stream

Lori Latta – Landscaping Status at 2nd Ward Park Old plants have been pulled as well as weeds in preparation for new plants to be planted.

Mary Landis – Grants

Adam Hebenthal – PW – Flood Control maintenance items have been completed in preparation for the inspection, mower deck needs replaced on the zero turn mower, it has been repaired temporarily for the rest of the year. The Penn Prime Conference falls on the same dates as Railroad Days, so unfortunately this is not a good time for Adam to attend conference.

We still could use some assistance with lawn maintenance for the department. We have yet to have anyone interested come forward with the second advertisement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rep Joe Petrarca would like to inform seniors who have not already applied for this year's State Farmers Market Nutrition Program can do so on Wednesday, August 21st from 10 to 11 a.m. at the A.V. Germano Hall, located at 100 West 2nd Avenue in Derry.

The 2019 SFMNP provides eligible seniors with vouchers to purchase produce grown in Pennsylvania. Sponsored by the state Department of Agriculture, the SFMNP provides four \$5.00 checks to be used at participating farmer's markets from June 1, 2019 until November 30, 2019. Signups for the county's food bank benefit program will take place after 10:35 a.m.

Eligible seniors for SFMNP must be 60 years of age or older, be a resident of Westmoreland County, and meet the following income guidelines: \$23,107 for one person in the household and \$31,284 for two people in the household seniors must bring proof of income, a photo ID and a utility bill for verification purposes. For specific income guidelines and additional information on Westmoreland County's Food Bank benefit program, please call 724-468-8660.

PLANNING COMMISSION

No report

REPRESENTATIVES

- DARCee Car Show Summary
- DARCee Meeting Weds August 28, 2019 7pm at Derry Township Building
- Railroad Days Saturday, September 21st and Sunday, September 22, 2019 - Hobo Picnic on Thursday. Sat. Sept. 21: 5K Run at 7 a.m. Then, a Parade @ 10 a.m. Hours: Sat 10-dusk, Sun noon-5, All-day entertainment including bands and dancing.
- DARCee has interest in some aesthetic improvement with the fencing at the Derry Community Pool. It's something to look at in the future. Council felt if we could get enough volunteers, they can supply the paint. After discussion the consensus was the fence is still in good shape, just needs some paint to refresh. Someone suggested pairing up with the local Vo-tech to see if they would be interested in leading the project; however discussion led to whether the vocational school has a paint department.

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COMMUNICATIONS

- ❖ Penn Prime Educational Session Penn State College Thursday and Friday, September 19-20th.
 - ❖ Letter GTE regarding General Permit for work McGee Run
 - ❖ 2020 CDBG Applications – Letter from Westmoreland County New applications must be submitted by September 30, 2019 (possibly Stormwater Management, Flood Control)
 - ❖ 2019 Westmoreland Conservation District Awards Reception - September 12, 2019 6:30pm-8:00pm RSVP by August 30, 2019
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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Board and Commission terms expiring in the Borough:
 - a) Two (2) vacancies and (1) alternate vacancy for the Zoning Hearing Board
 - b) One (1) Planning Commission Vacancies
 - c) Vacancy Chairman
2. Garland Mills –Project Planning - 5th Avenue Area and W. 2nd Avenue Area RedZone Robotics
4. Owens Avenue Extension Project – List given to public works regarding our work share of the project.
5. Community Park Bathroom Upgrades – Re-Advertised Special Meeting scheduled for Monday, August 19, 2019 at 5pm to approve contractor selected. Bid openings will be held earlier in the day at 1pm.
6. Morgan Sobota – Derry Community Park Sign – Council agreed to go with the white and blue lettered sign originally sent due to the quality of the sign and it is resistant to fading.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **MOTION** by Al Checca to approve Resolution 632-19 Signature Cards Mayors Account. Motion **SECONDED** by Grant Nicely. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
2. Occupancy Permits Ordinance – Committee meeting scheduled
3. **MOTION** by Al Checca to approve Ordinance 783-19 Amending Fire Escrow Ordinance. Motion **SECONDED** by Jim Ritenour. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
4. **MOTION** by Mary Landis to approve Emily Oswald as part-time administrative office assistant. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

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5. Adam Hebenthal is unable to attend Penn Prime Sessions at State College September 19-20th, as our new public works crewleader – all expenses are paid by Penn Prime.
6. **MOTION** by Al Checca to approve Clint McChesney’s resignation as a part-time police officer. Motion **SECONDED** by Grant Nicely. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
7. **MOTION** by Al Checca to approve Derry Railroad Days Parade Route and submit route to Penn Dot for approval to be held Saturday, September 21, 2019. Motion **SECONDED** by Jim Ritenour. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
8. **MOTION** by Al Checca to approve letter of support to WCHA for Derry Garden Apartments in Derry Borough as requested from Erik Spiegel of WCHA. Motion **SECONDED** by Mary Landis. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
9. **MOTION** by Al Checca to approve Derry Highschool Homecoming Parade Route to be held on September 27, 2019 at 5:30pm and submit route to Penn Dot for approval. Motion **SECONDED** by Mary Landis. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
10. Approve temporary sponsor banner for Railroad Days at the intersection on Rt. 217 and submit permit to Penn Dot to support Railroad Days Committee. – **MOTION** by Al Checca to approve the banner. Motion failed a second. Council reviewed the area sited, and are not sure which poles are assigned for placement and who will install the banner. Council tabled as they had more questions regarding installation and placement of the banner.
11. **MOTION** by Grant Nicely to approve Pay Requisition #1 for the Multimodal Grant reimbursement with submission of paid expenses for Gibson-Thomas Engineering Fees for preliminary and final design costs for the Owens Avenue Extension Project. Paid invoices dated from 10-20-15 through 6-3-19 in the amount of \$12,641.68 will be submitted to Penn Dot for our grant reimbursement for the MultiModal Fund Grant. (The amount reimbursed from the funding will be \$8,400.00 as eligibility is at 70%). Motion **SECONDED** by Mary Landis. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
12. Police Contract - Tabled

Derry Borough Council went into executive session at 7:44pm for personnel and legal discussions regarding the police contract and a zoning violation. Executive session ended at 8:20pm.

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PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION by Grant Nicely to approve payment of bills totaling \$24,575.67 and all outstanding legitimate bills through the end of the month. Motion **SECONDED** by Mary Landis. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Jim Ritenour to adjourn at 8:24p.m. Motion **SECONDED** by Mary Landis. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Latta
Secretary