

## December 8, 2019

Derry Borough Council met in regular session Monday, December 8, 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, Jim Ritenour, Mary Landis, and David Jones. Daniel Chaney was absent. Lee Demosky, Solicitor was not present. Nick Cammuso was reporting for the Latrobe Bulletin.

**MOTION** by David Jones to approve the minutes for the regular council meeting of November 18, 2019. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. 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 \$363,348.22 for November 30, 2019. Motion **SECONDED** by Mary Landis. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

### RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

1. Keith Lewis – 115 2<sup>nd</sup> Street – Stormwater issue. He was requesting follow up with council regarding his issue with stormwater flooding his yard. Grant Nicely reported public works added gravel, but it didn’t fix the issue. Mr. Lewis is requesting a stormdrain in that area to catch the runoff. Mr. Nicely is going to communicate with the water authority to see what may be a positive resolution.
2. Sara Cowan – 316 W. Sixth Ave – New councilmember observing
3. Matthew Cever – 308 W. Sixth Avenue – Observing
4. Melodie Rogowski – 305 High Street – Planning Commission Inquired as to why there is no fire hydrants near her area of high street. There was recently a fire and it would have been better circumstances if there was a hydrant close to the location.
5. Jasen Lentz – 309 W. Keeling Avenue – Planning Commission
6. Alison Camp – 301 S. Ligonier Street – New councilmember 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

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The Mayor reported for November 2019 with receipts of \$1,534.86 which included traffic receipts of \$332.49, non-traffic receipts of \$186.12, and \$1,016.25 in miscellaneous receipts. There were 16 complaint calls, 4 traffic citations, 0 non-traffic citations, and no parking tickets.

### BUILDING INSPECTIONS UNDERWRITERS, INC. MONTHLY REPORT

BIU reported for November one (1) code violation.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

*Municipal Authority Review Committee – Al Checca and Dan Chaney*  
*Grant Nicely – Public Works*  
*Al Checca-Police*

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*Chad Fabian – Derry Community Pool*

*Lori Latta – Parks- Eagle Scout Project Derry Community Park Sign erected, DASD Pic Program with Drone Marketing of our Area.*

*Mary Landis – Grants*

*Adam Hebenthal – PW- Christmas Banners Up*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Derry Borough Council went into executive session at the Derry Borough Worksession held on Monday, December 2, 2019 at 7:30pm for personnel reasons with the police department. Executive session ended at 7:38pm.**

PLANNING COMMISSION

Reported they will be having a public hearing in January for the review of TSI plans and provide a recommendation to council.

REPRESENTATIVES

- Bowling for DARcee scheduled for February 8, 2020

COMMUNICATIONS

- PSAB Conference announced for June 7-10, 2020 Hershey Lodge

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **MOTION** by Grant Nicely to advertise for Board and Commission terms expiring in the Borough:

- a) Two (2) vacancies and (1) alternate vacancy for the Zoning Hearing Board
- b) Vacancy Board Chairman
- c) Civil Service Commission
- d) Municipal Authority Board Member term expiring 12-31-2024

Motion **SECONDED** by Jim Ritenour. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

2. Owens Avenue Extension Project – Gibson – Thomas is preparing final pay estimate.

3. Community Park Bathroom-

4. Occupancy Permit Ordinance – Al Checca is waiting on follow up from Youngwood Borough for some discussion.

5. Porcelain Park – F/U with KU Resources – Finalizing Plans

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NEW BUSINESS

1. **MOTION** by Al Checca to approve 2020 General Fund Budget. Motion SECONDED by David Jones. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
2. **MOTION** by David Jones to approve Ordinance 784-19 Establishing the Tax Rate 29 mills and Street Light Tax at 2.5 mills for 2020 (no increase) Motion SECONDED by Mary Landis. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
3. Paving Project – Develop Plan and submit list to Peoples by February 29, 2019
4. **MOTION** by Al Checca to approve Jasen Lentz and Mark Wydareny to attending Planning Commission Class provided by PSAB at New Stanton Borough for cost of \$95 each. Motion SECONDED by Grant Nicely. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
5. **MOTION** by Grant Nicely to approve advertising Ordinance 785-20 for Real Estate Tax Exemption for the construction of New Dwelling Units. Motion SECONDED by David Jones. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
6. **MOTION** by Grant Nicely to approve advertising Ordinance 786-20 for Real Estate Tax Exemption for certain deteriorated industrial, commercial and other business property. Motion SECONDED by David Jones. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
7. **MOTION** by David Jones to approve PSAB, Westmoreland COG, Blairsville Indiana COG, Mayors Association, Westmoreland Cleanways memberships for 2020. Motion SECONDED by Mary Landis. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
8. **MOTION** by Grant Nicely to approve letters supporting funding requests for the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Derry for a Sludge Press Building, Infiltration and Inflow Study of Sewer System Infrastructure, and Waterline Replacement Projects deferring planning to the Westmoreland County Department of Planning and Development. Motion SECONDED by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
9. **MOTION** by David Jones to approve letter of commitment for the match of the Garland Mills Project in the amount of \$55,024 with reserve funds to submit with grant application. Motion SECONDED by Mary Landis. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

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10. **MOTION** by Mary Landis to approve David Jones resignation as councilmember. Motion **SECONDED** by Grant Nicely. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. David Jones abstained. Motion passed.

11. **MOTION** by Al Checca to approve \$257 to be used for the interpretive sign staying within the original budget of the project. Motion **SECONDED** Grant Nicely. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

**Derry Borough Council went into executive session at 7:21pm for police personnel and legal matters. Executive session ended at 7:35pm.**

#### **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**MOTION** by Grant Nicely to approve payment of bills totaling \$52,751.85 and all outstanding legitimate bills through the end of the month. Motion **SECONDED** by Jim Ritenour. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Jim Ritenour to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Latta  
Secretary