

DERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL
January 6, 2020 7:00 P.M.

REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES

**OATH OF
ADMINISTERED BY
THE HONORABLE MARK J. BILIK
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE
FOR**

Mayor
Alanna Gaudiello

NEWLY ELECTED CONCILMEMBERS

Sara Cowan
Al Checca
James Ritenour
Alison Camp

The Honorable Mark J. Bilik opened the meeting with Oaths of Office for Alanna Gaudiello, Sara Cowan, Al Checca, and James Ritenour.

The Mayor Alanna Gaudiello opened with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

Roll Call was taken. There were five council members present. Alison Camp was absent and there is one council vacancy.

Mayor Gaudiello requested a nomination for council President.

Chad Fabian nominated Al Checca for president with a MOTION. Motion was SECONDED by Grant Nicely. Roll Call Vote was taken – Chad Fabian Yes, Grant Nicely- Yes, Sara Cowan – No, and Jim Ritenour – No. Al Checca abstained. There was a tie vote. Mayor Gaudiello voted to break the tie. She voted – No. Motion failed.

Mayor Gaudiello requested another nomination for council President. Jim Ritenour nominated Sara Cowan. Chad Fabian nominated Grant Nicely.

MOTION was made by Jim Ritenour to appoint Sara Cowan as President of Council. Motion died for a lack of second. MOTION was made Chad Fabian to appoint Grant Nicely as President of Council. Motion SECONDED by Al Checca. Roll Call Vote was taken. Chad Fabian –Yes, Al Checca- Yes, Sara Cowan – No, and Jim Ritenour – No. There was a tie vote. Mayor Gaudiello voted to break the tie. She voted – Yes. Motion passed.

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MOTION was made by Chad Fabian to appoint Al Checca as Vice President of Council. Motion **SECONDED** by Grant Nicely. A Roll Call vote was taken. Chad Fabian- Yes, Grant Nicely- Yes, Sara Cowan- No, and Jim Ritenour- No. Al Checca abstained. There was a tie vote. Mayor Gaudiello voted to break the tie. She voted – Yes Motion passed.

Gavel is handed over to President of Council.

President Nicely requested nominations for Pro-Tem. Chad Fabian nominated Jim Ritenour as Pro-Tem. **MOTION** by Chad Fabian for Jim Ritenour as Pro-Tem. Motion **SECONDED** by Sara Cowan for Jim Ritenour. Three members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Al Checca voted no. Jim Ritenour abstained. Motion passed.

The reorganization meeting ended and council agreed to move into a regular council meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

PROCEED WITH REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

ROLL CALL

APPROVE SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2020

MOTION by Chad Fabian to advertise the schedule for the council meetings in 2020. Motion **SECONDED** by Jim Ritenour. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & TREASURER’S REPORT

MOTION by Chad Fabian to approve regular meeting minutes of December 9, 2019. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION by Chad Fabian to approve the treasurer’s report with a General Fund Balance Sheet totaling \$344,409.82 for December 31, 2019. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

1. Bridget Wyant – 205 Park Street- Observing
2. Joe Serrao – 225 W. Owens Avenue – Interest in MABD Board
3. Matt Clever- 308 W. Sixth Avenue – Observing

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

No report for the public.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Report will be available later in the month.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT

Report will be available later in the month.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Lee Demosky as Solicitor for 2020
- Letter from Gibson-Thomas with rates for 2020
- Interest from Rennie & Associates for 2019 audit
- Letter from Fred Goodman for the vacancy on the Derry Borough Municipal Authority Board
- Letter from Amy Forsha for support of Fred Goodman for the vacancy of the Derry Borough Municipal Authority Board
- Letter from Joe Serrao for the vacancy on the Derry Borough Municipal Authority Board

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- New Committees will be assigned by president of council

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS/DARCee

- Bowling for DARCee scheduled for February 8, 2020

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Board and Commission terms expiring in the Borough:
 - a) Two (3) vacancies and (1) alternate vacancy for the Zoning Hearing Board
 - b) One (1) vacancy on the Municipal Authority Board term expiring December 31, 2024.
 - c) Vacancy Board Chairman
2. Community Park Bathroom Project
3. Occupancy Permit Ordinance – Al Checca communicating with Youngwood regarding their Ordinance and to discuss implementation.
4. Porcelain Park – KU Resources Planning
5. 2020 Paving Project
6. **MOTION** by Chad Fabian to approve Ordinance 785-20 for Real Estate Tax Exemption for the construction of New Dwelling Units. Motion **SECONDED** by Sara Cowan. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

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7. **MOTION** by Chad Fabian to approve Ordinance 786-20 for Real Estate Tax Exemption for certain deteriorated industrial, commercial and other business property. Motion SECONDED by Jim Ritenour. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **MOTION** by Chad Fabian to approve Lee Demosky as Borough Solicitor for 2020. Motion SECONDED by Jim Ritenour. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

2. **MOTION** by Al Checca to approve Derry Borough Fire Chief Josh Campbell for 2020. Motion SECONDED by Jim Ritenour. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

3. **MOTION** by Chad Fabian to approve David Colecchia as Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor for 2020. Motion SECONDED by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

4. **MOTION** by Chad Fabian to approve Tim Rennie, CPA and his proposal to conduct the 2019 Borough and Tax Audits. Motion SECONDED by Sara Cowan. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

5. **MOTION** by Jim Ritenour to approve Fire Chief Permission to change 911 Call Outs. Motion SECONDED by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

6. **MOTION** by Jim Ritenour to approve Resolution 637-20 Police Officers in the Borough of Derry shall not be required to make contributions to the Police Pension Fund for the calendar year 2020. Motion SECONDED by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

7. **MOTION** by Chad Fabian to approve Resolution 638-20 Appointment of Primary and Secondary Voting Delegate for the Westmoreland Count Tax Collection Committee effective January 6, 2020, Sara Cowan as Primary and Lori Latta as Secondary delegates for 2020. Motion SECONDED by Jim Ritenour. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

A letter of resignation was read by Chad Fabian as this would be his last meeting as a council member. Letter submitted to council.

Al Checca made a MOTION to accept his letter of resignation. Motion SECONDED by Sara Cowan. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

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8. **MOTION** by Al Checca to advertise for two (2) council vacancies. Motion SECONDED by Sara Cowan. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
9. Garbage Recycling Contract – Committee appointed to include Al Checca, Sara Cowan, and Lori Latta.
10. **MOTION** by Chad Fabian to approve Resolution 639-20 A Resolution supporting HB 1775 & SB 101 Stormwater Facilities on State Highways making Penn Dot responsible to maintain storm water drainage facilities on state highways within boroughs. Motion SECONDED by Jim Ritenour. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
11. **MOTION** by Al Checca to approve Final Pay Estimate #4 for A Folino for the Owens Avenue Extension Project in the amount of \$11,517.69, which includes Change Order #2 in the amount of \$13,794.72 reflecting on additional excavation and paving included with the project. Motion SECONDED by Chad Fabian. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
12. **MOTION** by Al Checca to approve hiring Braden Linebarger as part-time police officer. Motion SECONDED by Jim Ritenour. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
13. **MOTION** by Jim Ritenour to approve transferring K-9 Blade to Chief Glick for \$1 for retirement (Resolution 640-20). Motion SECONDED by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

President Nicely requested council to address the vacancy of the Municipal Authority Board of the Borough of Derry.

MOTION by Al Checca to appoint Joe Serrao to the vacancy on the Municipal Authority Board of the Borough of Derry. Motion SECONDED by Chad Fabian. A roll call vote was taken. Al Checca – Yes, Chad Fabian- Yes, Jim Ritenour – No, Sara Cowan- No, Grant Nicely – Yes. Motion passed.

Al Checca requested council to address an extension of advertising for the full-time Police Officer position without a deadline until we can receive more applicants for the position. **MOTION** by Al Checca to extend the advertisement of the full-time police officer position with no deadline. Motion SECONDED by Chad Fabian. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

14. **MOTION** by Jim Ritenour to authorize the Borough Secretary/Treasurer to pay bills between meetings to take advantage of discounts and prevent certain bills from becoming overdue. Motion SECONDED by Sara Cowan. The reorganization meeting ended and council agreed to move into a regular council meeting.

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PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION by Chad Fabian to approve payment of bills and all outstanding legitimate bills through the end of the month. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Chad Fabian to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. Motion **SECONDED** by Jim Ritenour. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Latta
Secretary