

March 9, 2020

Derry Borough Council met in regular session Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. in the Derry Station Community Room, 200 West Second Avenue, Derry, PA with the following members present: Grant Nicely, Presiding, Sara Cowan, Jim Ritenour, Al Checca, Matthew Clever, Allen Hixson, and Alison Camp. Lee Demosky, Solicitor was present. Nick Cammuso was reporting for the Latrobe Bulletin.

MOTION by Sara Cowan to approve the minutes for the regular council meeting of February 10, 2020. Motion **SECONDED** by Jim Ritenour. 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 \$296,645.69 for February 29, 2020. Motion **SECONDED** by Sara Cowan. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Morgan Sobota presented his summary of his completed Eagle Scout project. Council thanked him for his efforts and successful project. Lori Latta, Secretary submitted a media coverage request to Latrobe Bulletin to publicize his commendable efforts and positive results for our community park.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

1. Courtney Hixson- 201 Park Street – Observing
2. Tay Waltenbaugh – 293 Rocky Mt. Road, New Stanton – Tax Credits for new business and established business are available who wish to make improvements and work with non-profits.
3. Barbara Phillips – 241 W. Owens Avenue- Observing
4. Jerris Weller – 241 W. Owens Avenue- Observing
5. Dan Lynch – Derry Township- Observing
6. Cheryl and Bill Morgan – 219 West 4th Avenue – Observing Eagle Scout Project Summary
7. Nancy and Justin Smathers- 144 Keystone Estate Road, New Alexandria – Observing Eagle Scout Project Summary
8. Morgan and Mark Sobota- 646 Philly Road, Blairsville – Presentation Eagle Scout Project Summary
9. Joan Reynolds – Observing with interest for developing cultural business in the downtown area & is currently the Railroad Days vendor coordinator.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

The Solicitor provided a written report to Borough Council relating to public and attorney client privileged issues.

MAYOR’S REPORT

The Mayor reported for February 2020 with receipts of \$1,692.11 which included traffic receipts of \$1,102.29, non-traffic receipts of \$56.06, and \$533.76 in miscellaneous receipts. There were 25 complaint calls, 41 traffic citations, 0 non-traffic citations, and no parking tickets.

K-9 Report The Mayor will report a balance of \$3,632.80 after purchasing the new K-9, including the trip to DC to pick up SMOKE, a routine vet appointment and having him registered with a lifetime chip.

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Council went into executive session at the Derry Borough Council Worksession held on March 2, 2020 at 7:45pm for personnel reasons. Executive session ended 8:17pm.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

BIU reported for January 2020 18 Occupancy Permits and 14 Zoning Permits in summary for 2019 annual report. BIU reported for February 2020 five (5) Violation Notices and one (1) Occupancy Permit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works –Plans to redo horseshoe pits, repair volleyball court poles, and close large dog park for maintenance temporarily.

Buildings and Grounds- Sara Cowan reported she is initiating a clean-up day for our community working with Celia from DARCEE and Ellen Keefe, Westmoreland Cleanways. The public has been noting on facebook that we have some trash debris throughout the community that needs cleaned up.

Police-Discussion of K-9 vehicle accident. Chief Glick reported vehicle was totaled unfortunately. Good news is we can transfer all the equipment for the dog to the newer police vehicle and utilized for the K-9. We will need to purchase a new vehicle for patrols with the insurance proceeds and a payment plan. Chief Glick provided council with the new vehicle information. The new vehicle cost will be \$33,235.00 from TriStar a Costars provider. The outfitting of the new vehicle from Valero Service will cost \$6,829.56 which includes Jotto seat, barrier, partition, console, computer stand. Window Bars Coax Cable, graphics, and miscellaneous shop supplies with labor. Total cost of vehicle with equipment is \$40,064.56. Down payment from insurance proceeds of \$15,500 will be utilized for down payment and we will finance the remaining portion of \$24,564.56 with four (4) annual payments at \$6,619.65. **MOTION** by Sara Cowan to approve purchase of new police vehicle. Motion **SECONDED** by Jim Ritenour. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed. **MOTION** Alison Camp to send the 2017 Police Vehicle to be outfitted as new K-9 vehicle. Motion **SECONDED** by Matthew Clever. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Finance/Budget-

Zoning/UCC/Code

Parks and Recreation - Outdoor Community Pool Heating Possibilities, Advertised for a pool manager. Lawn tractor purchase.

Refuse/Recycling – Schedule review meeting for committee in March.

Fire Protection

Grants DCNR – Deadline April 22, 2020

Westmoreland County Parks Local Art Grants – Deadline March 17, 2020

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 11, 2020 Registration at 12 noon Search for eggs starting 1pm-3pm hosted by Railroad Days Committee at Derry Community Park

Friends of Keystone – Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 11, 2020 \$3 per person Registration 10am Egg Hunt 11:00am – 12:30pm at Keystone State Park

PLANNING COMMISSION

Approve resignation of Jasen Lentz – **MOTION** by Sara Cowan to approve Jasen Lentz. Motion **SECONDED** by Allen Hixson. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Jerris Weller expressed interest in the position for planning commission or Zoning Hearing Board. **MOTION** by Al Checca to appoint Jerris Weller to the planning commission vacancy. Motion **SECONDED** by Sara Cowan. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

REPRESENTATIVES

DARCEE Car Show will be held on Sunday, August 2, 2020

DARCEE Brochure Distribution

DARCEE Thank a Business Campaign

COMMUNICATIONS

- Memo of Agreement from DASD school board for police service contract for 2020
- Model Stormwater Ordinance Review Sessions Thursday, March 5, 2020 at Ligonier Township Mun Bldg at 6:30pm or Thursday, March 12, 2020 at the WCD J. Roy Houston Center at 6:30pm RSVP at tammy@wcdpa.com
- EQM Road Bond Permit for Y Street
- Westmoreland County Boroughs Association Meeting March 26, 2020 Speaker John Turack , SmartGrowth 6:30pm Economic development strategies for municipal officials and community participation. RSVP with Borough office by March 21st if you plan on attending.

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1. 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
 2. Community Park Bathroom Project
 3. Occupancy Permit Ordinance – Tabled
 4. Porcelain Park – KU Resources Planning – Currently in the response to comments process for the planning phase and NPDES application for permit.

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5. 2020 Paving Project – Al Checca referenced the old list for the paving project provided by Pat in 2017.

6. **MOTION** by Allen Hixson to approve Police Contract and Memorandum of Understanding with DASD for the 2020 year. Motion **SECONDED** by Matthew Clever. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

7. McGee Run Wall Collapse – Motion by Al Checca to have Santella remove the fallen wall from the McGee Run Stream for estimated cost of \$5,000. Motion **SECONDED** by Jim Ritenour. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed. Lee Demosky will need to prepare temporary easement paperwork for the properties that will need accessed and Santella will need to submit insurance certificate to indemnify the Borough for his work.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Garbage/Recycling Contract – Plan review/Appoint Committee- Committee meeting scheduled for 4:30pm at the Municipal Building on Thursday, March 19, 2020.

2. Full-time police officer position – **MOTION** by Al Checca to approve Rex Hunter for the full-time police officer position. Motion **SECONDED** by Allen Hixson. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

3. **MOTION** by Allison Camp to approve Easter Egg Hunt to be held on April 11, 2020 at the Derry Community Park hosted by the Railroad Days Committee. Motion **SECONDED** by Matthew Clever. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

4. **MOTION** by Sara Cowan to approve the DARCEE Car Show to be held at the Derry Community Park on Saturday, August 2, 2020. Motion **SECONDED** by Jim Ritenour. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

5. **MOTION** by Al Checca to approve transfer of funds for Police Department Pension from American National to NGL for Diversification of Funds with higher interest rate. Motion **SECONDED** by Matthew Clever. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

6. **MOTION** by Al Checca to approve to advertise Ordinance 787 electing to amend the non-uniform pension plan administered by PMRS pursuant to article IV of the PA Municipal Retirement Law as amended, and adopt the updated PMRS Defined Benefit Plan for Non-Uniform Employee. Motion **SECONDED** by Jim Ritenour. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

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7. **MOTION** by Al Checca to advertise the draft Ordinance 788 prepared by Lee Demosky for Backfilling Street openings by contractors, utility companies, and others after contracted work Ordinance amendment. Motion **SECONDED** by Matthew Clever. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

8. **MOTION** by Jim Ritenour to approve Falcon Coulson as a part-time officer. Motion **SECONDED** by Alison Camp. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

9. In-ground Tanks Storage Repeal or Amendment Review – Tabled Lee Demosky will review in preparation of next month.

10. **MOTION** by Alison Camp to approve Hope Fannie and Adam Hebenthal to attend Educational Certification National Pool Foundation April 1st and April 2nd \$250 a person. Motion **SECONDED** by Allen Hixson. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

11. **MOTION** by Sara Cowan to approve purchase Husqvarna 46” riding mower with bagger for the pool grounds. Estimated \$2,400. Motion **SECONDED** by Matthew Clever. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Advertisement for Pool Manager and Assistant Manager was published requesting applications in March, we have not received any new applicants at this time. Hope Fannie is interested in the Pool Manager position.

Derry Borough Council went into executive session at 8:00pm for possible litigation regarding situation on Utopia Street. Executive session ended at 8:30pm.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION by Alison Camp to approve payment of bills totaling \$38,726.81 and all outstanding legitimate bills through the end of the month. Motion **SECONDED** by Sara Cowan. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Jim Ritenour to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Motion **SECONDED** by Sara Cowan. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Latta
Secretary

