

April 13, 2020

Pursuant to the Borough of Derry Resolution 642 of 2020 and Governor Wolfes Covid-19 proclamation of Disaster Emergency public meetings were conducted remotely via Zoom. Derry Borough Council met in regular session on Monday, April 13, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. remotely with the Zoom App inviting the public to attend electronically with the following members present: Grant Nicely, Presiding, Sara Cowan, Jim Ritenour, Al Checca, Matthew Clever, and Allen Hixson. Alison Camp was absent. Lee Demosky, Solicitor was present. Nick Cammuso was reporting for the Latrobe Bulletin.

MOTION by Al Checca to approve the minutes for the regular council meeting of March 9, 2020. Motion **SECONDED** by Matt Reeves. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION by Sara Cowan to approve the treasurer’s report with a General Fund Balance Sheet totaling \$269,124.69 for March 31, 2020. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

1. Barbie Pickford- Corner of St. Route 217 and McFarland - Attended meeting via Zoom – Concerns about recent police matter in their neighborhood.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

No report for the public

MAYOR’S REPORT

The Mayor reported for March 2020 with receipts of \$ 1,265.11 which included traffic receipts of \$808.66, non-traffic receipts of \$0, and \$456.45 in clerk of court and miscellaneous receipts. There were 47 complaint calls, 22 traffic citations, 0 non-traffic citations, and no parking tickets.

During the Derry Borough Council worksession held on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 the Mayor Alanna Gaudiello presented a verbal proclamation providing for the Declaration of Emergency in the Borough of Derry. A MOTION was made by Matt Clever to approve Resolution 642-20 providing for the Declaration of Emergency issued by the Mayor of the Borough of Derry. Motion SECONDED by Sara Cowan. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

(Note: Due to the state of emergency imposed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Westmoreland County, Borough Council determined that it promoted the health, safety and welfare of the residents to enact Resolution 642-20 at this properly advertised agenda/work meeting rather than waiting to enact said resolution at the 4/13/20 regular monthly meeting)

K-9 Report

The Mayor reported \$4,604.63 as balance in K-9 account. Training has been delayed due to the COVID-19 which is now tentatively scheduled for May 2020.

Council went into executive session at the Derry Borough Council Worksession held on April 7, 2020 at 7:58pm for police personnel matters. Executive session ended 8:08pm.

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ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

BIU did not submit a report March 2020.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works – Adam Hebental reported

- Pool Cover will be removed Monday next week on April 20, 2020.
- Materials to assist with pothole maintenance are currently unavailable which limits the public works ability to repair all pot holes.
- The Ralph Smith Building (Porcelain Park) and Schmucker properties have been secured on Derry Borough's behalf for safety purposes.
- Pool maintenance will be worked on the next month including the fence in the front of the building. Back side of the pool roof needs maintained with the shed at the community park.
- New volleyball posts and horseshoe pits will be upgraded at Community Park.
- Mossback Park flagpole was damaged during our last storm, the pole will be replaced.

Buildings and Grounds

Police- Grant Nicely reported. Falcon Coulson will be finishing up her orientation and training period soon.

Finance/Budget

Zoning/UCC/Code – BIU is not currently operational due to COVID-19.

Parks and Recreation -Hope Fannie applied for Pool Manager.

Refuse/Recycling

Fire Protection

Grants - Lori Latta will apply for the Play Equipment, installation, and professional services for the Derry Community Park as part of the final Phase of the Community Park Project The grant application is through DCNR, which has a deadline of April 22, 2020.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pursuant to the Borough of Derry Resolution 642 of 2020 and Governor Wolfes Covid-19 proclamation of Disaster Emergency public meetings were conducted remotely via Zoom in the month of April of 2020. Derry Borough Council met in work session on Monday, March April 6, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. remotely at the electronic meeting place utilizing the Zoom App inviting the public to attend electronically.

PLANNING COMMISSION

REPRESENTATIVES

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

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COMMUNICATIONS

- Westmoreland County Boroughs Association banquet to be held on Friday June 26, 2020 at Ferrantes Lakeview Banquet Facility at 6pm Please RSVP with Lori if you plan on attending by June 16th. (Prime Rib or Chicken Parm)
- E-Code – General Code online option sent to council by email. Will be discussed further at the May work session.

PUBLIC HEARING COMMENT SECTION

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

No public comment received.

MOTION was made by Allen Hixon to approve the amendments for 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 Employees (Public Works Department). Motion **SECONDED** by Jim Ritenour. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Ordinance 788 Ordinance of the Borough of Derry Modifying Derry code chapter 358 Article IV Excavations 358-12 through 358-20 to address restoration of streets excavated within the Borough of Derry

No public comment was received.
Tabled – Ordinance 788 until May

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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 – Justin Tresco is to be working up at the community park this week per Misty Ong from Gibson-Thomas.
 3. Occupancy Permit Ordinance
 4. Porcelain Park – KU Resources Planning – Currently in the response to comments process for the planning phase and NPDES application for permit.
 5. 2020 Paving Project – Letter submitted to Peoples, review of storm drains (emailed Amy) Committee members Al and Grant will discuss with Amy how much of the maintenance work will be completed in the 2nd Ward this spring.
 6. McGee Run Wall Collapse- Solicitor is to meet with the contractor this week to develop contract and proceed with temporary easements to prepare for the actual work to be completed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Garbage Recycling Contract – Distribution of information submitted to committee for comments. There will be a committee meeting via zoom for the refuse and recycling upcoming bids for contracted services on Monday, April 20, 2020.
2. **MOTION** by Sara Cowan to advertise for part-time lawn maintenance position for public works. Motion **SECONDED** by Matthew Clever. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
3. In-ground Tanks Storage Repeal or Amendment Review – DEP handles licensing Council agreed to remove from agenda unless there is specific interest.
4. Approve 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. – Approved earlier in the meeting.
5. **MOTION** by Allen Hixon to approve Police Pension Plan Amendments by Resolution 643-20. Motion **SECONDED** by Matthew Clever. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion Motion passed.
6. Approve Ordinance 788 Modifying Derry Code chapter 358 Article IV Excavations to address restoration of streets excavated within the Borough of Derry §358-12 through §358-20. Tabled for May meetings. - Tabled for May meetings.
7. Pool roof maintenance and Community park shed roof maintenance. Adam Hebenthal will get an estimate to know if we need to advertise for bid request or if three quotes will satisfy the requirement for the maintenance work needed.
8. **MOTION** by Allen Hixson to approve Alison Camp resignation for council. Motion **SECONDED** by Sara Cowan. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
9. **MOTION** by Sara Cowan to advertise for council vacancy. Motion **SECONDED** by Matthew Clever. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
10. **MOTION** by Matthew Clever to approve Hope Fannie as the pool manager for summer season of 2020. Motion **SECONDED** by Sara Cowan. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

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11. **MOTION** by Sara Cowan to approve applying for DCNR grant for play gym equipment for Derry Community Park and authorize signature for application. Agree to match of \$9,000 if awarded. Resolution 644-20. Motion **SECONDED** by Allen Hixson. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION by Jim Ritenour to approve payment of bills totaling \$31,768.35 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 Sara Cowan to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. Motion **SECONDED** by Matthew Clever. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Latta
Secretary