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Derry Borough Council met in regular session Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. in the AV Germano Hall, 100 E. 2nd Street, Derry, PA with the following members present: Grant Nicely, Presiding, Barbara Phillips, Matthew Clever, Al Checca, and Sara Cowan. Jim Ritenour and Jeremy Stein were absent. Lee Demosky, Solicitor was present. Nick Cammuso was reporting for the Latrobe Bulletin by speaker phone.

MOTION by Sara Cowan to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2020. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION by Al Checca to approve the Treasurers Report for September 30, 2020. Motion **SECONDED** by Sara Cowan. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

1. Jasen Lentz – 309 W. Keeling Avenue – Observing
2. Ashley Heenthal – E. Third Street – Observing
3. Jerris Weller – 241 W. Owens Avenue – Observing
4. Pat Showalter – 676 Dinco Road – Observing and RR Days Committee Thank you

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

No report for the public.

MAYOR’S REPORT

The Mayor reported for September 2020 with receipts of \$ 301.52 which included traffic receipts of \$85.80, non-traffic receipts of \$0, and \$ 215.72 in clerk of court and miscellaneous receipts. There were 57, complaint calls, 3 traffic citations, 2 non-traffic citations, and no parking tickets.

K-9 Report

The Mayor reported a balance of \$5,046.76 in the K-9 account. Twenty days of K-9 training have been completed including locating humans, fugitive searches, obedience, and article searches. Training will continue with aggression control, handler pretention, and gun fire. K-9 Hoodies and T-Shirts are available for sale by contacting Chief Randy Glick.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT

BIU reported 4 violation notices for September 2020.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works – Radio and Light Installed of new F250, 2015 Dump Truck Inspected, Tie Rod Repaired. Watch children signs to be installed near intersection of W. 2nd Ave and Utopia. Water Main Break created a large area in need of repair on S. Chestnut Street in the Business district with both the sidewalks and the street. MABD will need to repair the area as soon as

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possible. The 2006 F-250 with Meyer Plow is ready for sale. Ms. Latta will put out on Muncibid in the next few weeks.

Buildings and Grounds

Police

Finance/Budget

Zoning/UCC/Code

Parks and Recreation – Water will be shut off in parks when weather gets colder, most likely in November 2020.

Refuse/Recycling

Fire Protection

Pool – Pool Closed for Season, Lou Schmitt to do a walk through in the next week or two. Fire Suppression System needs cleaned and inspected. Storage facilities are being emptied.

Grants- DCNR Pending for Play Equipment at Community Park

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Derry Borough Council went into executive session at the Derry Borough Council Worksession held on Monday October 6, 2020 for legal review at 8:11. Executive session ended at 8:22.

PLANNING COMMISSION

REPRESENTATIVES

DARcee Brochure in final stage and ready for print. This brochure will be distributed for local real estate agents, businesses, and community designations.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Maintenance Bond for Derry Community Park provided by JT Construction and final payment is being processed by Westmoreland County CDBG funds.
- Registration is Open for the PSAB Fall Conference Online Learning Experience Oct. 19-22, 2020 The Fall Conference Experience is being offered for FREE for PSAB Members, Municipal Associates, Training Discount Program Members, and Business Partners. Email forwarded to council on 9-29-2020 direct link to register.
- Westmoreland Cares Municipal Grant Application deadline October 15, 2020
- The Municipal Authority of the Borough of Derry has just completed a \$575,000 electrical upgrade at the water treatment plant upgrade after receiving \$223,890 Small Water and Sewer grant and cordially invites council to an Open House to see all of our recent plant upgrades.

In addition, Representative Joseph A. Petrarca will recognize our Chairman Richard K. Thomas for 30 years of service to the Derry Borough Municipal Authority On Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. during an Award Ceremony

Location: Ethel Springs Water Treatment Plant, 630 North Chestnut Street, Derry, PA
15627

OLD BUSINESS

1. Board and Commission terms expiring in the Borough:
 - a) Two (2) vacancies and (1) alternate vacancy for the Zoning Hearing Board
2. Porcelain Park – KU Resources Planning – Currently in the response to comments process for the planning phase and NPDES application for permit. - Tabled
3. 2020 Paving Project – DCED and PIB applications will be initiated in October to move forward with the Paving Project.
(Loan amount of \$200,000)
4. Approve Resolution 649-20 Application for Loan Agreement with the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank for \$200,000 and DCED application for approval.
5. Stormwater Ordinance- Under review by Doug Siler, GTE – Review suggested to model Greensburg’s Ordinance.
6. 5th Avenue Culvert - Grant Award Letter (Email to President and Vice President for authorization),
7. Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer -Share agreement with the City of Latrobe for services.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **MOTION** by Al Checca to approve Halloween Trick or Treat to be held in Derry Borough on Saturday, October 31, 2020 5pm-8pm. Motion **SECONDED** by Sara Cowan. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
2. General Fund Budget (*Committee: Barb Phillips, Sara Cowan, Matt Clever, and Lori Latta*)
3. Sewer Lateral Testing Ordinance - Review
4. Vacancy on the Board of Directors for the Municipal Authority expiring December 31, 2022. **MOTION** by Al Checca to appoint Tom Sylvester to the vacancy on the Municipal Authority Board. Motion died for a lack of second. **MOTION** by Matthew Clever to appoint Sara Cowan to vacancy on the Municipal Authority Board. Motion **SECONDED** by Barbara Phillips. A roll call vote was taken. Matthew Clever – “aye”, Grant Nicely – “aye”, and Barbara Phillips – “aye”. Al Checca – “nay” and Sara Cowan abstained. Motion passed.

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5. Emily Oswald – PT Assistant Office – One year anniversary **MOTION** by Al Checca to give a .50 raise to the PT Assistant office position. Motion **SECONDED** by Sara Cowan. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

6. **MOTION** by Al Checca to approve requesting bids for the 2006 F250 Sale of Truck and Plow . Motion **SECONDED** by Matthew Clever. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

7. **MOTION** by Sara Cowan to approve Res 648-20 Distribution of State Aid Pension Funds in the amount of \$16,016.36 to PMRS for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

8..**MOTION** by Al Checca to approve purchasing a new laptop for the Borough office with a budget of \$850. Motion **SECONDED** by Sara Cowan. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

9. **MOTION** by Sara Cowan to approve drafting and advertising Ordinance791 an Ordinance increasing the Indebtedness of the Borough of Derry, Westmoreland County, PA by the issue of a General Obligation Note in the amount of \$200,000 for purposes of Street Resurfacing in the Borough of Derry. Motion **SECONDED** by Matt Clever. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

10. **MOTION** by Matt Clever to approve Resolution 650-20 Application for Westmoreland Cares Grant for COVID-19 related expenses, and authorizing President of Council and secretary as the official representatives for the application process. Motion **SECONDED** by Sara Cowan. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

11. **MOTION** by Matt Clever to approve purchase of new tires for Lift Truck estimated cost \$2,800. Motion **SECONDED** by Sara Cowan. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

12. Zoning Hearing Board Appeal Fee Increase – Review and more information needed. Current appeal fee is \$350.00. (Board Fees, Solicitor Fees, and Court Reporter)

Derry Borough Council went into executive session at 7:55pm for police personnel matters. Executive session ended at 8:29pm.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION by Matt Clever to approve payment of bills totaling \$27,359.42 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

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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Al Checca to adjourn at 8:33pm. Motion **SECONDED** by Sara Cowan. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Latta
Secretary