

February 12, 2007

Derry Borough Council met in regular session Monday, February 12, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. in the Derry Station Community Room, 200 West Second Avenue, Derry, PA with the following members present: Todd Krehlik presiding, Eric Tepper, Curtis Robbins, Kristine Snyder, Stephen Kozar, Rick Watson, and Lauren Friscarella. Mayor Susan Bortz was present. Also present: Solicitor Matthew L. Kovacik. Reporters present: Marie McCandless, Latrobe Bulletin.

MOTION by Curt Robbins to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 8, 2007. Motion **SECONDED** by Stephen Kozar. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION by Stephen Kozar to approve the Treasurer’s report for January 31, 2007. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Snyder. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

President wishes to wait until Solicitor arrives for any public comment.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT

Zoning Officer presents the report for the month of January 2007 collecting fees of \$204.00 for one permit.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Susan Bortz presented the Mayors Report with receipts of \$2047.59 the month of January, which included traffic receipts of \$1641.38 and non-traffic receipts of \$297.80. There were 90 reported incidents, 33 traffic citations, and 9 non-traffic citations.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Solicitor will be attending the meeting late.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Eric Tepper announces there will be a Indiana-Blairsville COG meeting on February 26, 2007 which he plans on attending, and there will be a Zoning Planning Committee Meeting on February 28, 2007 at 6:30pm at the Derry Municipal Building at 10:30am this Saturday for the Zoning Planning Committee. He is hopeful for everyones participation.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

None

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COMMUNICATIONS

- Derry Basketball Boosters submitted a Thank you letter for Derry Borough's contribution.
- Cheryl Reinard submitted a letter requesting an appointment to the Planning Commission.
- Lynn Ewing sent a Thank You for the sympathy fruit basket sent to her from the Borough.

MOTION by Curt Robbins to appoint Cheryl Reinard to the planning commission. Motion **SECONDED** by Eric Tepper. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Porcelain Park Clean-Up Council President wishes to wait for Solicitor before covering issue.
2. Abandoned Properties within the Borough. Curt Robbins mentions that the police department is completing a questionnaire given to them and a report should be presented to council next month.
3. Adopt a Hazard Mitigation Plan – Mayor Bortz mentions that the Borough may have an option to adopt the County's Plan instead of creating our own. She will look into it further.
4. Vacancy to the Planning Commission appointed earlier in meeting.
5. Cat Licensing – Held till Solicitor arrives.

NEW BUSINESS

1. NIMS Municipal Resolution #461-07 – Held till Solicitor arrives.
2. Ordinance Officer – President Krehlik asks Mayor if any information was received on funding for that position. Mayor is following up on that item.

President Krehlik requested an executive session for personnel reasons at 7:19pm. Executive session ended at 7:41p.m.

4. Curt Robbins mentions that the Public Safety Committee recommends hiring David Loughner for the second full-time police officer position. **MOTION** by Eric Tepper to hire David Loughner for the second full-time patrolman position.

Lois Lazarchik asks if civil service is needed to hire the second full time officer. Solicitor Kovacik replies that once his position is filled then civil service will be involved with promotions and hiring. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Snyder. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed. Lauren Friscarella abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

5. Refuse Services for the Borough - President Krehlik states that council is presently researching options to lessen the cost of refuse removal.

6. Sidewalks – repair & snow removal. Kristine Snyder has contacted the state for grant information to repair our community sidewalks in the walking business district.

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Council President referred back to Number three.

3. Requisition No. #2 Third Street Culvert – Tedesco Construction for \$143,362.89. Solicitor explains the requisition. **MOTION** by Kristine Snyder to submit the second requisition to PennVest. Motion **SECONDED** by Curt Robbins. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Solicitor Kovacik has been in contact with the Attorney for the owners of Porcelain Park. Their attorney responded that she would review the list that Merle Musick forwarded with her client. Sol. Kovacik is happy there is now an open line of communication.

Lois Lazarchik asked if we contacted the county regarding the KOZ tax relief for the property owner. The KOZ was initiated in 1999.

Sol. Kovacik replied that he did contact the county and sent them a list of violations. If they do not comply the county can revoke the KOZ on an annual basis.

VISITORS LIST

1. Lois Lazarchik – 417 West Sixth Avenue, Derry, PA 15627
She asked Council President Krehlik why he wanted on the Water Authority Board? He replied “To learn the system and help out”
2. Don Rittenour – 139 East Owens Avenue, Derry, PA 15627
3. Cheryl Reinard – 100 Reed Street, Derry, PA 15627
Present due to request for appointment on Planning Commission.
4. Brandy Atterbeiger – Preparing a paper for school.

Blairsville Borough Manager came to discuss their Cat Ordinance in Blairsville Borough. Their goal is to get the cats off the street and or return to the appropriate family. They have sold approximately 60 cat license. He mentions the success of the program depends on your enforcement. He felt that the ordinance has helped with the issue.

Sol. Kovacik mentioned that there were many residents in Blairsville Borough complaining of the stray cat problem and this was their solution to help with the problem.

Curt Robbins referred back to Item #1 under new business

NEW BUSINESS

1. NIMS Municipal Resolution #461-07 – Tabled

PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION by Curt Robbins to pay bills for February 2007. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Snyder. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of motion. Motion passed.

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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Eric Tepper to adjourn meeting at 8:18p.m. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Snyder. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Latta
Secretary