

March 12, 2007

Derry Borough Council met in regular session Monday, March 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, and Lauren Friscarella. Mayor Susan Bortz was present. Reporters present: Marie McCandless, Latrobe Bulletin.

MOTION by Curt Robbins to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 12, 2007. Motion **SECONDED** by Eric Tepper. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION by Stephen Kozar to approve the Treasurer’s report for February 26, 2007. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Snyder. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Chuck Ritenour – Observing

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT

No report for the month of February. Zoning Officer mentions letter he wrote to council discussing court case regarding Uniform Construction Code.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Susan Bortz presented the Mayors Report with receipts of \$3,196.68 the month of February 2007, which included traffic receipts of \$1966.48 and non-traffic receipts of \$880.36. There were 62 reported incidents, 30 traffic citations, and 2 non-traffic citations.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Solicitor absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Eric Tepper announces there will be a Zoning Planning Committee Meeting on Saturday, March 24, 2007 at 9:00am at the Derry Municipal Building. Project completion is anticipated for June.

Eric requested a letter from council of support for the Derry Little League Association for a project to add more baseball playing fields and possibly lighting.

MOTION by Eric Tepper for council to send a letter of support for Derry Youth Athletic Association. Motion **SECONDED** by Curt Robbins. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Todd requests that Eric Tepper schedule a safety meeting within the next couple of weeks as chairman of safety committee.

Kristine Snyder is looking for volunteers for painting flower pots on Chestnut Street business district.

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Stephen Kozar mentions the Penn Dot meeting he attended at Latrobe Airport, and his concern that Penn Dot did not acknowledge our bridge on 217 as one of their state bridges. The sidewalk needs repaired as well as the steps, catch basins, and other areas. There was an accident there with one of our residents last fall and this matter should be addressed. President Krehlik stated our life expectancy on our bridge has reached its maximum and on an emergency stand point this issue must be addressed.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

DABPA will be having a meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2007 at 6:00pm at Palumbo's Restaurant.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Derry Borough Police received a \$15,000 grant for duty weapons, patrol rifles, and a car video from Congressman Murtha.
- Dorthy Kist and Virginia Gray resigned from the civil service commission.
- Letter of resignation from Don Gray for the planning commission.
- Westmoreland County Boroughs Association will be holding an annual banquet on Friday, April 27, 2007. All Derry Borough council members and the mayor are invited to attend. The cost is \$20 per person.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Porcelain Park Clean-Up Council – Tabled due to Sol. Kovacik's absence. Mayor Bortz mentions that Mr. Laurice from the County will attend next month's work session to discuss this issue.

2. Abandoned Properties within the Borough. Curt Robbins mentions our list has been reviewed by our police department, and they have determined that there are six (6) residences unoccupied in poor condition. The committee will review the residences and prioritize them, so that one or two properties can be focused on per year.

3. Adopt a Hazard Mitigation Plan – Mayor Bortz mentions that it is very important that Derry Borough Council pass the Resolution she has brought to the meeting to adopt the County Plan. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to adopt Resolution 465-07 which adopts the County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion **SECONDED** by Eric Tepper. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Mayor Bortz also presented a survey that had improperly been submitted by our emergency management coordinator which needs to be reviewed by council and resubmitted for emergency funding in case of a community disaster. This survey will be discussed and filled out properly at the next work session meeting.

4. NIMS Municipal Resolution #461-07. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to adopt NIMS Municipal Resolution #461-07. Motion **SECONDED** by Eric Tepper. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

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5. **MOTION** by Steve Kozar to advertise Ordinance # 715 for the Licensing of Cats. Motion SECONDED by Kristine Snyder. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

6. Part-time Ordinance Officer (20 hours week) – Tabled President Krehlik mentions that Chief Glick state that the police force will be able to enforce the majority of ordinances this summer until funding is available.

7. Sidewalks-repair/snow removal. Kristine Snyder stated the application for a \$500,000.00 grant she sent in will take three to four months before a determination will be given if the Borough will receive the grant money.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to approve Requisition #3 Third Street Culvert in the amount of \$157,693.41. Motion SECONDED by Kristine Snyder. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

2. **MOTION** by Eric Tepper to accept resignation of Don Gray for the Planning Commission. Motion SECONDED by Kristine Snyder. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

3. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to appoint William Ehman to the Planning Commission Term Ending 12-31-2010. Motion SECONDED by Kristine Snyder. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

4. **MOTION** by Kristine Snyder to accept the resignations of Virginia Gray and Dorthy Kist to Civil Service Commission and advertise vacancies. Motion SECONDED by Curt Robbins. Mayor Bortz stated that teachers are great people to fill these positions. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

5. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to approve Resolutions 462-07, 463-07, and 464-07 for S&T Bank Visa, Lake Ethel CD, and General Signature Card changes. Motion SECONDED by Steve Kozar. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

6. **MOTION** by Steve Kozar to approve replacing Stop Signs (estimated cost \$800.00). Motion SECONDED by Kristine Snyder. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

7. Announcement - Playground Planning Committee will meet for the first time on March 20, 2007 at 6:30pm at the Derry Municipal Building. Any volunteers are welcome to attend.

8. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to approve Police Department spending of \$15,000.00, according to the grant terms given. Motion SECONDED by Eric Tepper. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION by Kristine Snyder to pay bills for March 2007. Motion SECONDED by Steve Kozar. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of motion. Motion passed.

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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Lauren Friscarella to adjourn meeting at 8:19p.m. Motion
SECONDED by Kristine Snyder. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the
motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Latta
Secretary