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Derry Borough Council met in regular session Monday, May 14, 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, and Stephen Kozar. Lauren Friscarella was absent. Solicitor Matthew Kovacik and Mayor Susan Bortz were present. Reporters present: Marie McCandless, Latrobe Bulletin.

MOTION by Curt Robbins to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 9, 2007. Motion **SECONDED** by Eric Tepper. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION by Steve Kozar to approve the Treasurer’s report for April 30, 2007. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Snyder. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Don Ritenour – Observing

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Nothing for the Public.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Eric Tepper announces that he was elected the President of the Wage Tax Board. There will be a Zoning Planning Committee Meeting on Saturday, June 2, 2007 at 9:00am at the Derry Municipal Building. Project completion is anticipated for an extended time beyond June.

Todd Krehlik Chairman of the Street Department Committee mentions there was a request for two watch children signs in 1st Ward that the street department will be installing.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Susan Bortz presented the Mayors Report with receipts of \$3,294.06 the month of April 2007, which included traffic receipts of \$2,447.19 and non-traffic receipts of \$296.96. There were 72 complaint calls, 85 traffic citations, and 4 non-traffic citations.

Mayor asked what the green lines are for that are being marked on our streets. Steve Kozar mentions that Jesse McGraw has been marking sewer lines for upcoming projects.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

None

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COMMUNICATIONS

- Letter received by Westmoreland Cleanways for collection of Hazardous Waste Materials at the Westmoreland County Fairgrounds on Saturday, September 22, 2007 from 9AM to 2PM.
- Received notice to proceed for the 217 Pump Station Project.
- Letter of resignation from Rick Watson as councilmember effective immediately.
- Thank you received from Jack Denny family.

Council President requests motion to accept Rick Watson's resignation. **MOTION** by Eric Tepper to accept resignation of Rick Watson as Derry Borough councilmember effective immediately. Motion **SECONDED** by Curt Robbins. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of motion. Motion passed. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to advertise for council vacancy. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Snyder. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of motion. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Porcelain Park Clean-Up Council – Merle Musick is starting to create daily citations effective May 1, 2007. Solicitor Kovacik suggested that council may want to file a public nuisance lawsuit to proceed with pursuit of clean up. Kristine Snyder and Steve Kozar mentioned that they did repair the fence.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Zoning officer presents report for April 2007 collecting fees of \$57.00 for two permits.

There is a fireworks company that wishes to apply for a temporary (one/two week) permit to be present in the Rite Aide parking lot, however, there isn't a fee schedule created for such a permit. Mr. Sieminkewicz requests council to act on it at this meeting. Council discusses different fee amounts. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to approve Resolution #468-07 creating a fee amount of \$150.00 for a temporary business permit. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Snyder. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

2. One letter of interest was received by Francis Plummer for the Code Enforcement Officer. Curt Robbins will schedule a committee meeting to interview Mr. Plummer.

3. A list of the top five (5) abandoned properties will be created for next meeting.

Susan Bortz mentioned that a house on West Second Avenue and Utopia has been propped up with wooden beams for a long period of time and is a concern for some neighbors.

4. Re-advertise Civil Service Vacancies in June.

5. No letters of interest have been received for the Zoning Hearing Board Vacancies.

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6. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to approve Ordinance #716 – Prohibiting unnecessary noise within the Borough of Derry and fixing penalties. Motion SECONDED by Kristine Snyder. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

7. **MOTION** by Steve Kozar to submit letters to banks requesting interest rates for Paving Project Loan to be paid from Liquid Fuels Fund. Motion SECONDED by Eric Tepper. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

8. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to approve advertising for bids on 2007 Paving Project, once rate and loan institution is selected and loan is approved. Motion SECONDED by Kristine Snyder. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

9. Recodification process will take some time. Eric Tepper has requested Richard Sutter and Associates to address the questions listed in the manuscript and editorial analysis.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **MOTION** by Eric Tepper to accept resignation of Randy McCreary as Emergency Management Coordinator effective immediately. Motion SECONDED by Steve Kozar. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

2. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to approve the proposal from Blairsville Floor Covering in the amount of \$878.00 for the Borough Municipal Building Office and Hallway. Motion SECONDED by Kristine Snyder. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

3. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to approve the Borough Secretary to attend the Pennsylvania Local Government Secretaries Association Conference Aug 15-18, 2007. (Cost = Room & Board & Mileage) Motion SECONDED by Eric Tepper. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

4. **MOTION** by Steve Kozar to approve Resolution 467-07 to sponsor class at WCCC on “Safety and the Police Officer Family”. Motion SECONDED by Kristine Snyder. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

5. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to approve Requisition #2 Fourth Ward Project for \$64,082.23. Motion SECONDED by Kristine Snyder. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

6. A memorial was approved by the Municipal Authority of Derry to place such Memorial on Lake Ethel Walking Path. Rich Thomas will be handling the details.

7. Rick Watson’s resignation approved at the beginning of meeting.

8. **MOTION** by Kristine Snyder to purchase a storage shed for the Sewer Plant in the amount of \$3,500.00. Motion SECONDED by Steve Kozar. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

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Council went into executive session at 7:33p.m.

Council came out of executive session at 7:47p.m.

MOTION by Curt Robbins to accept the resignation of Matthew L. Kovacik and appoint Rachel Riedel as the Solicitor of Derry Borough. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Snyder. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Eric Tepper to adjourn meeting at 7:50p.m. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Snyder. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Latta
Secretary