

July 9, 2007

Derry Borough Council met in regular session Monday, July 9, 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 Allen Skopp. Lauren Friscarella was absent. No Solicitor was present. Mayor Susan Bortz were present. Marie McCandless, Latrobe Bulletin was present.

MOTION by Steve Kozar to approve the minutes for regular meeting of June 11, 2007. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Snyder. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

1. Chuck Denunzio, 701 East Fourth Ave., Derry, PA – Railroad Days Committee. Passed out applications for residential memberships for the Committee to hold the annual festival. Railroad days will be held on Saturday, September 29, 2007. A parade will be held. Steve Kozar mentioned that a parade route will need submitted to the Borough office so that the secretary can submit proper paperwork to the state.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT

Presented report for June 2007 including \$40.00 in receipts for fences.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Susan Bortz presented the Mayors Report with receipts of \$2,299.91 for the month of June 2007, which included traffic receipts of \$1629.79 and non-traffic receipts of \$106.47. There were 99 complaint calls, 59 traffic citations, and 3 non-traffic citations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Kristine Snyder presented a timeline and violation list that Merle Musick and the committee developed for Porcelain Park clean-up. Rick Wajdic has not applied for any permits that are required. He stated to Kristine that he has requested financial help with clean-up from government sources. Merle posted condemned signs on property for safety issues. The committee wants to request a bond from Porcelain Park in the amount of 110% and is working with Solicitor regarding that matter. Sarah Hinton was communicated with and was unaware that any activity by Rick Wadjic was taking place. The committee is requesting clean up within 45-60 days. There can be no more demolition until the debris existing is cleaned up. There will be daily citations applied to the property beginning May 1, 2007. There are certain violations that do not fall under UCC so the police department will have to create those specific citations.

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MOTION by Curt Robbins to approve the proposed timeline for the Porcelain Park Clean-up. Motion **SECONDED** by Eric P. Tepper. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Eric Tepper mentions that the Zoning Planning Committee is very close to completing the new Zoning Ordinance. They are scheduled to have a final meeting with Sutter and Associates to finalize the Ordinance to present to council.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Letter from Derry Area School Board to the 2nd Ward Playground Committee approving tearing down the retaining wall and grading the property. Steve Kozar will follow up with communication regarding the School District helping the committee with removal of the wall.
- A \$1000 grant was awarded to Derry Borough for the purchase of Safety Signs for the Public Works Department. The secretary will need to attend a meeting on September 20, 2007 to receive the grant.
- The Derry Area Historical Society is selling etched bricks at the Fulton House to honor a family member or friend for their memorial walkway. Proceeds will benefit the Historical Society.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Porcelain Park Clean-Up– Discussed previously at the beginning of the meeting.
2. Abandoned Properties – The County needs contacted regarding the amount available for abandoned properties and the provisions. President Krehlik mentions that Rachel will need to assist council with this matter. Steve Kozar will get in touch with Terri Yurcisin from the County to receive more information.
3. David Bolen submitted a letter of resignation for the Zoning Hearing Board. **MOTION** by Steve Kozar to accept Dave Bolen’s resignation. Motion **SECONDED** by Eric Tepper. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
4. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to appoint Frank A. Martin to the vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Snyder. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Curt asked the President of Council if anything had been discussed regarding the Solicitor fees for the Zoning Hearing Board. The bill received so far have far exceeded the 2007 budget. President Krehlik stated he would follow up with this matter.

5. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to accept Pro 1 Paving bid for \$3,800 for the entrance area of the Sewer Plant. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Snyder. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

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6. **MOTION** by Steve Kozar to appoint George P. Latta to the Civil Service Commission. Motion **SECONDED** by Eric Tepper. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

7. There is another individual interested in the position of Part-time Code Enforcement Officer. The committee will interview the applicant within the next couple of weeks.

8. Recodification- Tabled

NEW BUSINESS

1. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to appoint Charles Adams to the council vacancy. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Snyder. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

2. **MOTION** by Kristine Snyder to approve the 2nd Ward Playground site plan to be professionally created by Sutter and Associates, which was prepared by the 2nd Ward Playground Committee. Motion **SECONDED** by Curt Robbins. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

3. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to approve Requisition No. 5 in the amount of \$30,640.53 for the Third Street Culvert Project. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Snyder. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Steve Kozar asked when the 4th Ward Project was to begin. Curt Robbins explained that they are working along with the Water Authority’s project to replace lines at the same time, to minimize cost and timeliness.

MOTION by Curt Robbins to give \$500 to the Derry Railroad Days Committee for Railroad Days being held on September 29, 2007. 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 July 2007. Motion **SECONDED** by Curt Robbins. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of motion. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Eric Tepper to adjourn meeting at 7:55p.m. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Snyder. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Latta
Secretary