

DECEMBER 10, 2007

Derry Borough Council met in regular session Monday, December 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, Steve Kozar, Kristine Snyder, and Allen Skopp. Chuck Adams and Mayor Susan Bortz were absent. Solicitor Rachel Riedel was present. Marie McCandless reporter of the Latrobe Bulletin and Jeff Himler from the Blairsville Dispatch were present.

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

MOTION by Eric Tepper to approve the treasurer’s report for November 30, 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 minutes for special meeting of December 3, 2007. Motion **SECONDED** by Allen Skopp. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION by Kristine Snyder to approve the minutes for special meeting of December 6, 2007. Motion **SECONDED** by Allen Skopp. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

1. Steve Culberson – Gibson Thomas Engineering - discussed change order in Storm Sewer Project that is included in Requisition #10 for \$14,788.20 to lower existing waterline. The sanitary line and two additional manholes should be installed within the next two weeks and at that time there will be temporary paving provided for winter months. Complete paving will take place in spring of all roadways included in project.

4th Ward requisition presented. There was a manhole problem on Dorothy Street that has been taken care of regarding sinking of roadway. President Krehlik requested binder to be used on Dorthy St. due to all the rain we are receiving. Steve stated he would discuss with Ed Schmitt. Steve Kozar mentioned the importance of notification of problems or road closings for emergency purposes.

2. Barry Dwire – 402 West Fifth Avenue – Observing.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT

Presented report for November 2007 with receipts in the amount of \$86.60 for rear porch addition and residential pool.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Secretary present the Mayor’s Report for November 2007 with receipts of \$1,780.78, which included traffic receipts of \$1,481.20 and non-traffic receipts of \$73.70. There were 64 complaint calls, 35 traffic citations, and 4 non-traffic citations.

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SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing for the public at this time

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Eric Tepper reports the Zoning Planning Committee is close to completion on the new Zoning Ordinance and Map.

Council received copies of a proposal for Sutter & Associates to write grants for the Borough. In January Council can make a decision regarding the contract and their services.

Kristine Snyder reports a donation letter should be received in January from Chief Glick for the Heritage Festival.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

DABPA elected new officers for 2008. Amanda Hudson, President, Elisabetta Moschetto, Vice-President, Tie for Treasurer between Cindy Bush and Cindy Rowe, Lori Dudzinsky, Secretary.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A thank you card was received from the Yolanda Richardson family for flowers that were sent by the Borough.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Porcelain Park – Solicitor Riedel reports that the fines were reported to Marlboro Holdings and Paul Kaye. PNC has been contacted and Solicitor is waiting for a response. Condemned signs are up. Attorney Rafferty did not confirm representing Marlboro Holdings at this time.
2. President Krehlik asks council to reconsider a 3.5 mill increase to 2.5 mills due to a surplus in the General Fund Budget. There have been many increases within the community with water, sewage, and last year tax increase and council should consider lessening the millage increase. Curt Robbins mentions salt will be needed to get through 2008 and it may impact our expenses and effect our General Fund Budget and a surplus would be good to have for the General Fund for the beginning of the year.
Roll call vote was taken for a 3.5 mill increase. Todd Krehlik- No Steve Kozar – No Kristine Snyder – No Eric Tepper- No Curt Robbins – Yes Allen Skopp- Yes Council decided to discuss further at the end of the meeting so that a special meeting will not be needed.
3. **MOTION** by Kristine Snyder to approve 2008 Sewer Fund Budget. Motion **SECONDED** by Eric Tepper. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
4. Police Contract Agreement – Tabled

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5. Abandoned Properties – Sol. Riedel recommend letters be written to the owners of the property requesting relinquishment of ownership, so the Borough could receive county funding to demolish the abandoned buildings. Steve Kozar will provide list to Rachel Riedel to move forward with process.
6. New Zoning Ordinance – Tabled
7. Ordinance #720 Increasing Derry Borough to Tax 27.5 Mills – To be discussed later in the meeting.

Steve Kozar mentions there shouldn't be an issue with police or public works parking in area of front bay of garage. He doesn't want signs posted on the garage door or on the building. Issue was dropped.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to discontinue the Derry Station Pilot Program and return \$500 check for 2008. Motion **SECONDED** by Allen Skopp. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
2. Council decided that the organization meeting will be the only meeting in January and will be held on January 7, 2008.
3. **MOTION** by Steve Kozar to approve Hoffman's Dog Contract for 2008. Motion **SECONDED** by Alan Skopp. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
4. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to advertise the following Terms:
 - A. One (1) Five-Year Term expiring December 31, 2007, on the Zoning Hearing Board.
 - B. One (1) Alternate Vacancy for Zoning Hearing Board
 - C. One (1) Five-Year Term expiring December 31, 2007, on the Municipal Authority Board of Directors.
 - D. Vacancy Board Chairman for 2008
 - E. One (1) vacancy on Civil Service Commission.Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Snyder. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
5. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to advertise for the council vacancy. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Snyder. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
6. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to approve Requisition #10 in the amount of \$112,960.91. Motion **SECONDED** by Allen Skopp. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
MOTION by Curt Robbins to approve Change Order #4 in the amount of \$14,788.20 for the Storm Sewer Project. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Snyder. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
7. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to approve Requisition #4 for 4th Ward Project in the amount of \$90,935.88. Motion **SECONDED** by Eric Tepper. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

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Steve Kozar requests better communication with the projects for emergency purposes from the construction crew and Gibson & Thomas.

Recess of meeting at 8:15.

Pilot program is projected to 1/3 or 1/2 mill of tax revenue. There will be a surplus of one mill. Todd asked council for a reduction of mill increase.

Curt Robbins and Allen Skopp agree that the Recreation programs should not lose funding so that the 2nd Ward Playground can be completed in 2008. Costs are continuously increasing in our General Fund budget and we can not predict from year to year what cost the Borough's will be.

MOTION by Curt Robbins to approve 2 mill increase pending we do not have to re-advertise for our 2008 General Fund Budget changing to a 2 mill tax increase. Motion **SECONDED** by Allen Skopp. President Krehlik requested a Roll Call Vote on this motion. Todd Krehlik- Yes, Steve Kozar – Yes, Kristine Snyder – Yes, Eric Tepper – Yes, Curt Robbins – Yes, Allen Skopp – Yes. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Todd Krehlik thanked the voters for their votes from this years election.

MOTION by Kristine Snyder to pay the bills. Motion **SECONDED** by Alan Skopp. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION by Curt Robbins to adjourn at 9:01 p.m. Motion **SECONDED** by Alan Skopp. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Latta
Secretary