

## **FEBRUARY 11, 2008**

Derry Borough Council met in regular session Monday, February 11, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the Derry Station Community Room, 200 West Second Avenue, Derry, PA with the following members present: Allen Skopp presiding, Eric Tepper, Curtis Robbins, Todd Krehlik, Kristine Snyder, and Barry Smith. 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 re-organization and regular meeting of January 7, 2008. Motion **SECONDED** by Curt Robbins. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

**MOTION** by Curt Robbins to approve the treasurer’s report for December 31, 2007. Motion **SECONDED** by Barry Smith. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

1. Terri Selembo – On behalf of Rep. Joseph Petrarca Terri came to request a letter from the Borough be written of support to DEP so they can move forward and pursue clean up of the Porcelain Park Property. Also, Waste Management may be a good resource for helping to clean up the property and offer some financial assistance with the project. Solicitor Riedel stated the Borough has not acquired the property, however, we have issued fines in pursuit of some action from the owners. Solicitor stated she would contact Wayne Kukich the next business day. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins for Solicitor Rachel Riedel to draft a letter to DEP requesting support for clean-up of Porcelain Park. Motion **SECONDED** by Barry Smith. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
2. Barry Dwire - 402 West Fifth Avenue – Following up with council to see if anything can be done, before he tears down his structures on the floodplain. President Skopp stated that at this time there is nothing council can do at this time legally.
3. Ed Schmitt – Followed up with a resident complaint from 4<sup>th</sup> Ward project. She had some flooding in basement. The construction company’s insurance is reviewing issue. The Water Authority received their funding, which benefits the coordination of the water and sewer line placements projects. He reviewed requisitions to be paid on agenda.

### **SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

Sol. Riedel appealed the tax exempt status of National Church Residents on behalf of Derry Borough. No representative of Derry Station or National Church Residents appeared. There is another case pending with Superior Court regarding same matter with another municipality. Sol. Riedel would like to pursue a negotiation of an increase of payment in lieu of taxes to maintain the Pilot Program for the seniors of our community to continue their rent rebate program.

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### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Curt Robbins distributed DARB annual report for review of council.

Lori Latta reports on behalf of the safety committee that Penn Prime is sending a representative for our first meeting to create a certified safety committee for the Borough of Derry. The entire process to become certified will take 6 months. The committee will include: Bob Johnson (Public Works), Jim Friscarella (Police Department), Keith Hodgkiss (Sewer Plant), Mike Frayvolt (Fire Department), and Lori Latta (Administration). The meeting will be held on February 1, 2008 at 8:30AM.

Barry Smith reported that public works would like to keep the large dump truck for one month prior to advertising for bid. President Skopp feels we should put out for bid as soon as possible, and requested an appraisal to be done next week. (1990 Ford Dump)

EMC insurance will not cover to replace the entire door of the 2006 F250 truck. Mr. Smith contacted the insurance agent. Grieco Appraisers reviewed the claim. Secretary will contact insurance agent to see if anything can be researched. Council requested that we receive another estimate from the Ford garage.

Mr. Smith mentioned Public Works purchased a new battery and starter for the 1993 Dump.

A dozen stop signs need to be purchased for the borough in the approximate amount of \$848.68. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to purchase Stop Signs and poles. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Snyder. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

They are purchasing the portable Stop Signs and Poles for use in emergency at Rt. 217 and Second Avenue intersection, the cost would be approximately \$450.

Council determined they would be stored in the storage shed at Moss Back Park. The police will be responsible for placement of signs in emergency situations, when the public works department is not working. Todd Krehlik mentioned the possibility of pre-wired safety blinker that would attach to a battery. Then the employees wouldn't have to haul signs and posts. President Skopp requested a price on that option for the future. Barry Smith mentioned that the signs are portable and that they could be used for other situations as well. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to purchase the emergency stop signs. Motion **SECONDED** by Barry Smith. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed

Eric Tepper attended the Wage Tax Board meeting and it was mentioned that residents can file wage tax online. Also, our legislators are discussing county wide wage tax collection program, which may influence the municipalities voice. He will be attending a meeting on February 25 to find out more regarding this topic.

### **ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT**

No report for the month of January. Mr. Sieminkewicz discussed the topic of separating the Flood Plain Ordinance from the Zoning Ordinance. There may be potential risks of that type of procedure in the fact that no one would actually be monitoring our Flood Plain Regulations.

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### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor's Report for January 2008 with receipts of \$1,360.22 which included traffic receipts of \$1,148.83 and non-traffic receipts of \$77.70. There were 83 complaint calls, 36 traffic citations, and 6 non-traffic citations. .

### REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Railroad days will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2008. Strip tickets for support of the event are at all three banks in Derry Borough.

### COMMUNICATIONS

- A thank you card was received by the Robbins family.
- A letter was received by Chris Holnaider requesting appointment of Derry Borough council.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Porcelain Park – Discussed earlier.
2. Police Contract Agreement – Needs to be reviewed with changes for March's regular meeting.
3. Abandoned Properties – Sol. Riedel requested list that had been created previously. She hadn't heard back from Steve Kozar at this time. Bob Sieminkewicz mentioned a property that may need added to the list from 117 Reed Street.
4. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to appoint Chris Holnaider to council vacancy. Motion **SECONDED** by Eric Tepper. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed
5. **MOTION** by Kristine Snyder to approve council meeting schedule and committee meeting schedule for 2008. Motion **SECONDED** by Curt Robbins. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed
6. Truck Route Signs and Ordinance for East Second Avenue – The solicitor requested some information from Gibson -Thomas to review before creating an Ordinance. Secretary has requested the information.
7. Street Signs – They need to be completed by 2011. Barry Smith would like to review the options.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to approve Resolutions 475-08, 476-08, 477-08, and 478-08 for Bank Signature Cards. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Snyder. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
2. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to advertise manhole Replacement Project for bids after discussing list with Gibson Thomas. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Snyder. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

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3. **MOTION** by Kristine Snyder to advertise for Part-time patrolman. Motion SECONDED by Barry Smith. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
4. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to approve requisition #6 for Fourth Ward Project in the amount of \$106,020.30. Motion SECONDED by Kristine Snyder. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
5. **MOTION** by Eric Tepper to approve requisition #12 fro Third Street Culvert Project in the amount of \$9,624.61, including change order #6 for \$712.50. Motion SECONDED by Kristine Snyder. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
6. **MOTION** by Kristine Snyder that we advertise the sale of the 1990 L800 Ford Dump, with /Plow and Trailer. Motion SECONDED by Curt Robbins. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Latta  
Secretary