

April 14, 2008

Derry Borough Council met in regular session Monday, April 14, 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, , Kristine Snyder, Chris Holnaider, and Barry Smith. Todd Krehlik was absent. Solicitor Rachel Riedel was present. Marie McCandless reporter of the Latrobe Bulletin was present.

MOTION by Krisine Snyder to approve the minutes for regular meeting of March 10,2008. Motion **SECONDED** by Barry Smith. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION by Eric Tepper to approve the treasurer’s report for March 31, 2008. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Snyder. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed

1. Chuck DeNunzio is requesting the Borough Council produce a letter to the IRS to accept care of the cabooses with money left from the Railroad Days Committee in case of dissolution. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to approve Resolution #481-08 accepting responsibility of the care of the two railroad cabooses, if dissolution of the Derry Railroad Days Committee occurs. Motion seconded by Kristine Snyder. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

2. Ed Schmitt – Gibson Thomas Engineering, Latrobe – One Manhole Bid was received from Ligonier Construction. The original bid amount was \$100,000. Ligonier Construction has since added a change order #1 lowering the amount of paving cost, changing the total project cost to \$89,869.00. The options are to re-bid the project or accept the bid from Ligonier Construction. Ed Schmitt stated the bid was a fair amount. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to approve bid from Ligonier Construction in the amount of \$100,000.00 deducting change order #1 totaling \$10,131.00. (Total Project bid with change order is \$89,869.00). Motion **SECONDED** by Barry Smith. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Wednesday of May 7th will be the first meeting for water authority project at 9a.m. They will be holding monthly meetings. Details will be forwarded to Borough secretary.

The 4th Ward Project is proceeding well.

Tedesco Construction will be working soon on the change order for under the bridge for access to trash rack and use of machinery on the 3rd Street Project.

Paving should begin on Third Street Project in approximately two months after waterline placement.

Council went into executive session at 7:14p.m. Executive session ended at 7:25p.m.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street Department Chair Barry Smith reports:

- F250 has been repaired with decals.
- He presented a bid for a tree removal from Klapchars to remove a Locust tree in the Community Park by Pavillion #2.
- Woody's Electric inspected electric in Community Park. There could be some improvements to the electric outlets so the public will not trip the breakers. If the electric goes out during a rental, we have to call in the street department for a 4 hour call out, which is a major expense that exceeds the rental fee. President Skopp requested an itemized quote for the repairs.
- DEP Floodplain seminar is Tuesday-Thursday, Public Works would like to use the borough truck for travel to and from Seven Springs. President Skopp stated that would be fine.
- Back hoe has a leaking line that needs to be repaired. This should be a shared expense since it is used for both the Sewer Fund and the General Fund.

Eric Tepper reported on status of Zoning Ordinance. April 21, 2008 will be the next Indiana/Blairsville COG meeting. In May, there will be a wage tax board meeting to further discuss the County Wage tax collections.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Sol. Rachel Riedel has reviewed the Zoning Ordinance. She was notified that there needs to be an addition regarding Subdivision and Land Development. She recommended council vote to advertise. The Zoning Officer felt that it was not an appropriate time to advertise as yet, the committee still has more to review.

Andrew Sheif from DCED has confirmed that Porcelain Park KOZ status has been revoked or denied for 2007. Lynn Ewing can bill them for 2007. Dennis Rafferty Marlboro Holding's defense attorney has been having a difficult time communicating with them as well.

Abandoned properties letters have been mailed, however no responses have been received.

Truck Sign Ordinance will be ready for next meeting.

Sol. Rachel Riedel requests council to make a motion to withdrawal appeal and accept the new negotiated amount. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to withdrawal the appeal and accept the new negotiated amount to accept in lieu of taxes for Derry Station from National Church Residents. Motion **SECONDED** by Eric Tepper. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

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Kristine Snyder, Eric Tepper, and Lori Latta attended a meeting with the Blairsville Code Enforcement officer earlier today to gain some information on their Ordinance and process for Occupancy Permits. Blairsville has over 200 landlords and they have completed 23-25 inspections so far this year. Kristine has researched 40 landlords for the Borough of Derry. There will be an additional meeting to set this up for Derry Borough. The secretary will contact the Courthouse to receive on CD a data list of all properties in the Borough to convert to our database.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Presented report for April 2008 including \$62.80 in receipts for a fence and pool.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor's Report for March 2008 with receipts of \$3,609.11 which included traffic receipts of \$2,569.06 and non-traffic receipts of \$922.23. There were 80 complaint calls, 36 traffic citations, and 7 non-traffic citations.

Mayor reported that Senator Bob Regola is going to help us with the bridge after we deal with the Porcelain Park issue.

Mayor Bortz attended a Multi-Municipality Shared Services workshop gaining a lot of information regarding grants and shared services. She will be giving council a summary report of this conference.

Don Lupyan is selling 7000 ft. of property surrounding railroad tracks. He inquired with the Mayor if there was a plan for Porcelain Park. He would like to contact Norfolk Southern to see if they might be interested in his property. He stated he spoke with State Rep. Petrarcas office and heard there was a plan for the property. Sol. Riedel stated she would contact Norfolk Southern.

She is forwarding a resume from Charles Derito who would like to help with Porcelain Park.

There will be a smart growth workshop for May 28, 2008 \$45 per person.

COMMUNICATIONS

Don & Cheryl Reinard would like to attend the PSATS Planning Code Conference for \$25.00 per person. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to approve attendance of Don & Cheryl Reinard to attend the Planning Code Conference. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Snyder. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed

DABPA will be holding their Spring Banquet on April 24, 2008. Council members who wish to attend need to let the secretary know so they can be registered. The next DABPA meeting will be held on May 12, 2008 at 12 noon at the Derry First United Methodist Church.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Porcelain Park – Discussed earlier.
2. Abandoned Properties – Sol. Riedel reviewed in her report.
3. Truck Signs – Sol. Riedel will prepare for next meeting.
4. Occupancy Permits – Discussed earlier.
5. Code Enforcement Officer - Tabled.
6. Derry Station Pilot Program - Motion was made earlier in the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Three bids were opened for the sale of the 1990 L8000 Dump Truck and Laurel Trailer. They were the following:
Michael Weimer **Dump Truck -\$10,301.00 Trailer – \$625.00**
Rogers Auto Sales **Dump Truck - \$1690.00 Trailer – \$260.00**
John Cramer **Dump Truck - \$3650.00 with Plow and Spreader**
MOTION by Curt Robbins to accept bid from Michael Weimer in the amount of \$10,926.00 for the Dump Truck & Trailer. Motion SECONDED by Kristine Snyder. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
2. **MOTION** by Kristine Snyder to approve Resolution #480-08 Derry Borough Police Officers shall not be required to make contributions to the Police Pension Fund for the Borough of Derry for the calendar year 2008. 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 #8 for the Fourth Ward Project in the amount of \$118,806.53. Motion SECONDED by Kristine Snyder. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
4. **MOTION** by Kristine Snyder to accept resignation of Eric D. Bosco as Full-time patrolman effective March 21, 2008. Motion SECONDED by Eric Tepper. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed
5. Manhole Project approved earlier in meeting after Ed Schmitt reviewed projects.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Krisitne Snyder to adjourn at 8:06p.m. Motion **SECONDED** by Eric Tepper. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Latta
Secretary