

APRIL 13, 2009

Derry Borough Council met in regular session Monday, April 13, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the Derry Station Community Room, 200 West Second Avenue, Derry, with the following members present: Allen Skopp presiding, Curt Robbins, Kristine Melville, Barry Smith, Chris Holnaider, Todd Krehlik, and Eric Tepper. The Mayor Susan E. Bortz and Solicitor Rachel Riedel were present. Reporters present: Jeff Himler, The Dispatch and Marie McCandless reporter from Latrobe Bulletin.

MOTION by Barry Smith to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 9, 2009. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Melville. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION by Kristine Melville to approve the minutes of the special meeting of March 17, 2009. Motion **SECONDED** by Barry Smith. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION by Curt Robbins to approve the Treasurer's report for March 31, 2009. Motion **SECONDED** by Chris Holnaider. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

1. Ed Schmitt – Gibson Thomas Engineering – Eric Roble came to the worksession to discuss West Second Culvert bids upcoming on tonight's agenda. The 5th Avenue project should resume progress next Wednesday removing stone off road and preparation for paving. There was resident concern on East Third which was reviewed and will be repaired. Rt 217 and Chestnut St. intersection is being reviewed and a concrete base will be needed with plates and traffic control and a final overlay. Traffic will need to be redirected. There was a water problem over at the end of 5th Avenue that was repaired by the Borough Public Works. Gibson Thomas is working on contracting out the press for local municipalities.
2. Chuck DeNunzio – Distributed a Brochure for the Keystone State Park and discussed their upcoming plans. Sponsorship is used to help maintain the park.
3. Chuck Derito – The temporary fix in alley way by his house is not holding up for local traffic and is asking council for a permanent solution. Barry Smith will have Pat Byers look at it again. Mr. DeRito suggested putting in a modified base in the holes so that the fill will remain. He is a member of DARC and invited council to come and assist with Revitalization clean up efforts. He had concerns about several properties that could use clean up in addition to the property DARC is working on.

DARC COMMITTEE REPORT

Kristine Melville reported that she, Susan, and Lori attended the Youth Economic Exchange Day at Latrobe Area High School with support of Smart Growth. The students developed a plan of revitalization for the Derry Area and would like to present to council at the May worksession. Council agreed.

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SOLICITOR'S REPORT

There has been no updated information on Porcelain Park, and the clean up plan. Litigation is still ongoing with the occupancy permit case in Allegheny County.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Zoning Officer presented report for March 2009 submitting fees of \$160.00 for a residential fence and a temporary tent sale for fireworks. There are some violations that he is addressing and have copied council.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Report presented by Mayor Bortz with receipts of \$2,471.17 for the month of March 2009 including traffic receipts of \$1,218.13 and non-traffic receipts of \$264.75. There were 88 reported incidents.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Barry Smith has researched trash receptacles and gave secretary the two chosen which were emailed to council. Allen is going to get some price quotes for the more expensive containers that will last longer. Todd mentioned contacting the Vo-Tech School. The containers should be purchased by Memorial Day.

Eric Tepper reported that the next COG meeting will be held on April 27, 2009 at 10 a.m. The next Wage Tax Board meeting will be held May 5th 4pm at the administration building.

Eric had a discussion with Brian Hieple regarding the property located behind his insurance agency.

Todd Krehlik reported a security company will be coming out through Vita Charge to give an estimate to the Borough for security surveillance. Rachel mentioned that the Allegheny County DA's office has offered assistance with cameras in the Pittsburgh areas.

There is a grate by the Dollar General that is a concern of safety. Pat has been notified of the issue.

Allen asked Susan for follow up on a tow truck company, if one has been chosen, and have any discussions been held regarding the DASD contract for police services. Tow Truck Company. The Mayor is still working on both topics.

Allen mentioned there will be an upcoming meeting for developing a plan for an additional office space on the second floor of the municipal building. This office will serve for Mayors/Emergency Management office in the old space and new space for the fire department office and records.

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COMMUNICATIONS

Derry Borough is receiving two temporary summer employees through the County WIB program. One individual will be working with the public works department and the other will be working in the Borough office. The program will last up to 12 weeks.

Kappe Associates forwarded a letter on the excellent maintenance program that our Sewer plant operators maintain.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to approve the bid from Donegal Construction in the amount \$216,498.00 for the West Second Avenue Culvert Project. Motion **SECONDED** by Barry Smith. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

2. Porcelain Park – Rachel sending letter to their attorney's office. A meeting is set up for the 23rd of April with Larry LaReese and April Kopas regarding the property.

3. Recodification- Under planning commission review.

4. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to acquire the property at 140 South Chestnut Street by deed transfer from property owners Kathy Steppic and Paula Wisneski. Motion **SECONDED** by Eric Tepper. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

5. Occupancy Permits - Tabled

Colleen Holnaider, Director of the Recreation Board explained her plan for the skate park and the pool area. She requested council to give parcel 29 and 30 to the Recreation Board as a match to a DCNR grant for the skate park, and requested a letter of intent from council to meet an application deadline. There were some items of detail that needed to be furthered discussed. Council was willing to do a long term lease for 25 years. Rachel suggested creating a pro/con list for council to review at next work session supporting her plan.

MOTION by Barry Smith to create an intent letter for a long term lease (25 years) of parcel 29 for the purpose of a skate park. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Melville. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to approve separation of funds for the Police Pension Plan to secure investments. Motion **SECONDED** by Chris Holnaider. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION by Curt Robbins to match the Derry Police Association donation to the Pittsburgh Policemen who lost their lives recently. Motion **SECONDED** by Eric Tepper. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

2. Derry Borough Property where Council chambers was located by Ameri-Serve Drive Up Banking. - Discussions are being held with Mr. Hieple.

3. Fire Hydrant Maintenance - Tabled

Allen mentioned the potential of the property located on Rt. 217 as a possibility as a new Fire Station.

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4. **MOTION** by Chris Holnaider to donate \$300 for the DARC for the year 2009. Motion **SECONDED** by Barry Smith. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION by Eric Tepper to build an additional office on the second floor of the municipal building not to exceed \$1,500.00. Motion **SECONDED** by Curt Robbins. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

5. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to approve Requisition #20 for Fourth Ward Project in the amount of \$4,335.18. Motion **SECONDED** by Barry Smith. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

6. **MOTION** by Kristine Melville to approve Requisition #23 for the 3rd St. Storm Sewer Separation Project in the amount of \$240.00. Motion **SECONDED** by Barry Smith. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION by Chris Holnaider to pay the bills. Motion **SECONDED** by Barry Smith. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:12p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Latta
Secretary