

October 12, 2009

Derry Borough Council met in regular session Monday, October 12, 2009 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, Todd Krehlik, Curtis Robbins, Kristine Snyder, and Chris Holnaider. Mayor Susan Bortz and Barry Smith were absent. Solicitor Rachel Riedel was present. Marie McCandless, Latrobe Bulletin and Jeff Himler, Dispatch Tribune-Review were reporting.

MOTION by Curt Robbins to approve the minutes for regular council meeting of September 21, 2009. Motion **SECONDED** by Eric Tepper. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION by Kristine Melville to approve the treasurer’s report for September 30, 2009. Motion **SECONDED** by Curt Robbins. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

VISITORS

None

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor’s Report for September 2009 with receipts of \$2,371.76 which included traffic receipts of \$1183.03 and non-traffic receipts of \$319.04. There were 117 complaint calls, 40 traffic citations, and 6 non-traffic citations.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT

Bob Sieminkewicz reported \$10.00 in zoning fees were collected for September 2009 including one fence permit. Mr. Sieminkewicz dealt with some violations this past month such as the following:

- A civil suit has been filed with a property owner on 4th Street, which is scheduled in November.
- The Keeling Avenue property owner is in the process of cleaning up debris that has been buried on that property and most of the clean up is complete with the exception of some steel and pipe that needs removed. The violation has been abated.
- There is a neighboring property of the Keeling Avenue property that needs to be addressed which also has a large amount of debris that needs to be removed.

REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT

Eric Tepper reported the COG meeting held in Blairsville on September 28, 2009 they discussed some upcoming sign requirements by 2015, which will be given to Barry to forward to the public works supervisor. The next meeting will be held on October 26, 2009.

The next Wage Tax Board Meeting will be held on November 3, 2009 at 4p.m.

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Allen Skopp, Council President reported that the first Non-Uniform negotiation meeting took place and the next one will be held in mid November.

Secretary The next Westmoreland County Borough's Association meeting will be held on Thursday, October 22, 2009 at the West Leechburg Fireman's Recreation Building. They will begin the installation of offices.

COMMUNICATIONS

- B.J. Shaw, part-time policeman's letter of resignation.
- Alfred Young's letter of interest to the planning commission.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Porcelain Park - Tabled
2. Recodification – General Code is processing.
3. Housing Redevelopment - Tabled
4. Ordinance Officer/Temporary Enforcement – Tabled
5. Sewer Plant Back-Up Operator – Interviews will be scheduled according to Barry Smiths schedule.
6. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to approve Ordinance #729 Amending Grass, Weeds and Certain Other Vegetation Prohibited as Nuisances and Constituting a Fire Hazard Under Certain Conditions. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Melville. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
7. Stop Signs for intersection of West Third and Utopia – Sol. Riedel will review current Ordinance for next meeting.
8. **MOTION** by Kristine Melville to appoint Alfred Young to the Planning Commission. Motion **SECONDED** by Curt Robbins. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **MOTION** by Chris Holnaider to approve Halloween Parade at 3:00 and Trick or Treat Hours for Saturday, October 31, 2009 starting after parade from 4pm to 7pm. Motion **SECONDED** by Eric Tepper. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
Eric Tepper mentioned that it's important that motorist use caution during this time to avoid any accidents as sometimes children are carefree and not paying enough attention to traffic while trick-or-treating. Allen Skopp mentioned it might be a good idea to have an extra officer on during the parade and trick-or-treating for four (4) hours.
MOTION by Curt Robbins to donate \$200 to the DABPA for the Halloween Parade. Motion **SECONDED** by Eric Tepper. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
2. **MOTION** by Todd Krehlik to accept the resignation of B.J. Shaw as a part-time police officer. Motion **SECONDED** by Eric Tepper. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

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3. **MOTION** by Kristine Melville to advertise for part-time police officers. Motion SECONDED by Curt Robbins. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
4. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to accept retirement date of Jesse E. McGraw effective December 31, 2009. Motion SECONDED by Chris Holnaider. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
MOTION by Curt Robbins to reimburse Jesse E. McGraw \$9,800.00 for tools purchased during his employment for the sewage plant. They have been inventoried and need to be secured for use by Borough employees. Motion SECONDED by Todd Krehlik. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
5. 2010 General Fund Budget – First committee meeting will be held at the end of the month once the secretary creates a preliminary budget based on actual spending of 2009 in preparation of November work session.
6. 2010 Sewer Fund Budget – First committee meeting will be held at the end of the month once the secretary creates a preliminary budget based on actual spending of 2009 in preparation of the November work session.
7. **MOTION** by Kristine Melville to approve Resolution 497-09 Adopting the Hazard Mitigation Plan of Westmoreland County. Motion SECONDED by Chris Holnaider. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
8. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to approve Resolution 498-09 a Cooperation Agreement between the Westmoreland County Housing Authority (W.C.H.A.) and Derry Borough for Derry Manor Housing. Motion SECONDED by Kristine Melville. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
9. **MOTION** by Curt Robbins to approve Resolution 499-09 Application for Employee Safety Committee Certification. Motion SECONDED by Kristine Melville. 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 Chris Holnaider.

Todd Krehlik asked if no parking signs were put up on North Chestnut Street, and Allen Skopp explained the Public Works Supervisor has been notified to place a sign in that area to support the Ordinance. He asked if the corners along Rt. 217 can be marked by yellow paint and explained that no parking is allowed 25ft from the corners along Rt. 217 according to state code. He has noticed an issue with people parking at the intersection of Owens Avenue in the past creating a hazard. Council agreed they should be painted. **MOTION** by Chris Holnaider that all curbs on intersecting corners of Rt. 217 need painted by public works following state regulation. Motion SECONDED by Kristine Melville. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Payment of the bills motion reviewed. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Eric Tepper to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Motion **SECONDED** by Kristine Melville. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Latta
Secretary