

## TOWN OF DERRY

Town Council  
Derry Municipal Center

January 22, 2019  
Tuesday - 7:00 PM

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### 7:00 PM Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance, warning of fire exits, handicap access, & turn off all cell phones

**Roll Call:** Councilors Chirichiello, Bourdon, Tripp, Katsakiores, Foote, Wetherbee, and Chairman Morgan

Present: TA David Caron, Town Clerk Daniel Healey

### Public Forum - *\*30 Minutes\**

#### Open Public Forum – all agreed

Brian Chirichiello: Rollins St – Did not like the way the sidewalks were plowed on Rollins Street.

**Motion by Councilor Katsakiores to close public forum, seconded by Councilor Foote – all agreed**

### Consent Agenda

19-04 Approve Minutes – January 8, 2019

**Consent agenda approved**

### Chairman's Report – James Morgan

Jeffrey Moulton the Chair of the Net Zero Task Force presented an update on the committee. They would like to create cost effective solutions for reduced energy use on town-controlled properties. Produce enough renewable energy to meet the municipal portion of the town's annual electricity consumption by 2025 and achieve Net Zero for this segment. Educate and assist schools, businesses and residential home owners in evaluating and implementing their own renewable energy projects. Evaluate feasibility of converting town owned vehicles to electrical and achieve Net Zero for this segment. Evaluate feasibility of converting town HVAC systems to renewable and achieve Net Zero for this segment.

### Town Administrator's Report – David Caron

There will be a Town Council workshop next Tuesday January 29<sup>th</sup> regarding the downtown. It will begin at 6:30 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor meeting room. The cable franchise renewal is up in October and an agreement will need to come before Council before then. Human Resources Director William Scimone will be retiring March 7<sup>th</sup>. The position will be filled in March or April. The Town will not be renewing the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the contract with Buxton. The newly hired tax collector Diane Mulholland will begin full-time starting on Monday.

The First Quarter Financial report prepared by CFO Susan Hickey was presented. December 31<sup>st</sup> is 50% through the fiscal year. The General Fund revenue and expenditures are at 45% and 57% respectively. Cable revenue and expenditures are at 14% and 27% respectively. Water revenue and expenditures are at 57% and 48% respectively. Wasterwater revenue and

expenditures are at 56% and 44% respectively. Finance is high due to disability payments received from our insurance company. Fire is high due to receipt of contracted ambulance services and grants received. Information Technology is high due to sale of town property. Assessing is high due to receipt of payments in lieu of taxes. Other Municipal Obligations is high due to exceeding the budgeted levels on interest income. Planning is high due to an increase in planning application fees. Buildings and Grounds is high due to rental income received. Previous year first quarter revenues were at 50%. Departments are trending individually between 13% and 84%. Emergency management is low due to not being utilized to date. Information Technology is high due to annual software support payments being paid or encumbered. Assessing is high due to the reservation of contractual fees due to Corcoran Associates. Other Municipal Obligations is high due to payments made for earned time to eligible employees and payments for Exit 4A. Planning is high due to encumbered funds for upcoming management services. Highways and Streets is high due to the reservation of funds for roadway maintenance projects. Transfer Station is high due to reservations for contractual services. Previous year first quarter expenditures were at 55%.

CHS Executive Director Donna Tighe presented a report on the Human Services department. They have fielded 475 calls and completed 359 appointments since July 1<sup>st</sup>. The total assistance they have provided totals \$34,837.99.

An update of the Solar Panel array at the Transfer Station showed that the Solar Panels are meeting production estimates over the first eight months. Summer of 2018 was favorable but Fall of 2018 experienced lower production due to record precipitation over the three-month period. Production yields drop seasonally with lower sun angles and shorter days in fall and winter. The panels have required no maintenance costs and there has been one minor alignment/adjustment to date.

#### **Councilor Comments / Liaison Reports –**

Councilor Wetherbee – Appalled by the treatment of Pinkerton Headmaster Dr. Powers at the school budget hearing. Dr. Powers is the new headmaster and has been trying to work with the school district and residents.

Councilor Foote – The Derry Village Rotary Club will be hosting a free spaghetti dinner on February 8<sup>th</sup> at Pinkerton Academy from 5pm to 6:30pm. The school board budget public hearing will be Tuesday January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at West Running Brook Middle School.

Councilor Katsakiores – Thanked all that donated blood during the Derry Police Department blood drive this past Friday.

Chairman Morgan – Agreed with Councilor Wetherbee. Chairman Morgan and Town Administrator Caron have been discussing expanding one of the TIF districts downtown. There are also excess funds in the TIF district that need to be redistributed back to the taxpayers. Please attend the downtown workshop next Tuesday at 6:30pm.

Councilor Chirichiello – There is an education bill that would bring money back to the taxpayers and help with a retirement fund. Sign-ups begin tomorrow for the Town and School Election.

**Adjournment: 8:30 p.m.**

  
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Town Clerk

2-7-19  
Date

**Recording & Transcription by: Daniel Healey, Town Clerk**