

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
September 20, 2010

The Town Council meeting was held in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry.

PRESENT: Town Council: Chairman Paul DiMarco; Vice Chairman Sean O’Keefe; Councilors: Mike Brown; Tom Dolan; John Farrell; Town Manager Dave Caron; Executive Assistant, Margo Lapietro.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman DiMarco opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a moment of silence for the men and women fighting for our country.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Hank Peterson and Karen Flaherty Hank Peterson and Karen Flaherty from the Londonderry Grange were in attendance to inform the public that they will have the noted stone wall builder Kevin Garner speaking at the Grange about building stonewalls on 9/30/10 at 7:00PM. Kevin Garner also published a book entitled Granite Kiss.

Recognition of Welcome to Londonderry Sign Sponsors - The Council recognized the following town business who sponsored the “Welcome To Londonderry” signs:

In Attendance Tonight:

Rotary Club of Londonderry accepted by Reed P. Clark
Steven Feinberg-Appletree Business Services
Tony DiSessa-Londonderry Wildcats

Not In Attendance Tonight:

Giovanni Verani-Prudential Verani Realty
Ron Hill-Shady Hill Greenhouse and Nursery
Eric Skinner-Trimmmers Landscaping
Dave Johnson-Dave Johnson Landscaping
Fred Fuller-Fred Fuller Oil

Andre Garron-Radek Maly, Falling Waters Development – Andre Garron, Community Development Director introduced Radek Maly, CEO of Highland Forwarding, Inc. Mr. Maly received conditional approval to build a 125,000 sq ft office building and a 23,000 sq. ft. warehouse located in Kitty Hawk Landing in Londonderry. Phase 1 had a groundbreaking ceremony this past July and is ongoing. Mr. Maly explained he is the president and owner of Highland Forwarding. It is a logistics company that started in 1998 in the Manchester area; they moved 2 years ago to Bedford and are now relocating to Londonderry. They are involved in the international logistics business and being close to the airport was an advantage. He thanked the town for helping him out with the long process. He said he had a good experience with the town. He said his company is one of the fastest growing companies in the country. Councilor O’Keefe thanked him for coming asked specifically what the company does. Mr. Maly said they focus on

international logistics, import/export. They do customs clearance exporting and importing by ocean and air. It is strictly international mainly with China, Russia, and the former Soviet Republics. Councilor Farrell said he is building a very nice facility and thanked him for choosing Londonderry. Councilor Dolan asked him about his experience with the permitting process and asked him for suggestions on how to improve that process. Mr. Radek responded he had no experience to compare it to, it took time and the engineering firm found it smooth. He did note that the change in bonding requirements was a little difficult. Councilor Dolan suggested he talk to Art Rugg who is the chairman of the International Exchange Committee. They work with our sister city in Russia and suggested Mr. Radek talk to Art. Councilor Brown thanked him for coming and asked what the factors were that allowed him to grow in a difficult economic climate. Mr. Radek said his ability to hire and attract very smart and capable people allows them to do their job better than their competition in Boston. Chairman DiMarco thanked him for coming in to talk to them. A. Garron explained that the town revamped their bonding requirements in the early 2000's. They have contacted several banks and bonding/insurance companies that do business in Londonderry to revise the bonding to allow a less expensive mechanism for the building community to move their projects. They now have a tool that is equally as protective as the former tool and is less expensive.

Dennis Martin, 182 Pillsbury Rd talked about the use of a private ambulance service in town. He said he works in the field and this is a zero impact, it is cost effective when you bring in a private ambulance. He said he does not understand why there is no discussion on this subject and why it gets tabled. Chairman DiMarco said at the July 15 Council meeting they asked the Town Manager to investigate it, it is something we are looking at. Town Manager Caron said he has nothing new to report at this time. Councilor Farrell stated that 2 people have come in to talk about private ambulance service and both of them worked for private ambulance companies. Councilor Farrell said we asked the Town Manager to look at it and he has said that we operate in a cash positive manner. We have also said we will look at it in the budget process. The Town Manager also stated that this will not decrease staff. We have a lot of things to look at, there is no need to go immediately to a private ambulance service and the public has not indicated their interest. Pauline Caron, 369 Mammoth Rd. said she mentioned having a private ambulance at prior meetings, so she is the third person and does not remember the dates.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Order #2010-16 – Relative to the Expenditure of Capital Reserve Funds for Highway Trucks and Equipment. Councilor O'Keefe read the first reading and made a motion to accept, second by Councilor Dolan. Town Manager Caron stated that the Town is replacing vehicles and are not adding additional vehicles to the fleet. Councilor Dolan clarified for the public that this is money on hand it has already been voted on by the public from the capital reserve fund. Councilor O'Keefe asked what would happen if the money sat for another year. Town Manager Caron responded the interest earned would be negligible, the existing equipment will become older which will wear down more and have down time and loss of productivity, and costs will increase. Janusz Czyzowski, Director of Public Works said we have a maintenance plan that we are following and were supposed to replace this equipment a year ago. Councilor Brown asked about the fund balance after this money is expended. Town Manager Caron

responded the balance in the truck reserve will be about \$155K; the equipment capital reserve will be approximately \$157K. Chairman DiMarco asked if there was any value in the old equipment, J. Czyzowski responded we have value from the trade-in. **Council's vote was 5-0-0.**

Ordinance #2010-05-Relative to an Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Revising the number of units in a Residential Multiunit Structure and Associated Phasing Ordinance Revisions - Councilor Dolan made a motion to accept the first reading tonight and schedule a second reading and public meeting on 10/4/10, second Councilor O'Keefe. Council's vote was 5-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of Councils Public Meetings of 09/13/10. Councilor Farrell made a motion to accept the minutes, second Councilor O'Keefe. Council's vote was 5-0-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Liaison Reports -Councilor Dolan said at the polls he heard from a representative from the Attorney General's Office talking to the Town Moderator, saying everything was done correctly and it was one of the few towns where everything ran well at the polls.

Board/Committee Appointments/Reappointments -

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Farrell made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 PM, second Councilor O'Keefe. Council's vote was 5-0-0.

Notes and Tapes by: **Margo Lapietro** Date: **09/20/10**

Minutes Typed by: **Margo Lapietro** Date: **09/22/10**

Approved; **Town Council** Date: **10/04/10**