

May 18, 2015

The May 18th meeting of Denver Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Cohick, Fink, Gensemer, Flory, South, Stover, Daub, and Mayor Redcay. The invocation was given by Mayor Redcay, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Citizen's Concerns

Donald Wenger expressed his concerns regarding safety at the Main Street Bridge Project.

Borough Council Comments

Mayor Redcay reported that he attended the Denver Park Festival and the opening for Armed Forces Day which was a nice event.

Councilman Gensemer reported that Dr. Bruce Sensenig from the School District mentioned to him that the school's solicitor commented on how great it was to work with the Borough's solicitor on the school project.

Councilman Daub thanked Councilman Cohick for agreeing to be the Master of Ceremonies at the Memorial Day Event. Discussion followed regarding the event.

Emergency Management Coordinator Report

Emergency Management Coordinator Andy Boyer was not in attendance.

Police Department Report

Chief George Beever reported on the following incidents in the Borough: on May 8th a juvenile was cited for harassment after a fight at the high school; in the evening on May 8th a 40 year old Ephrata resident was arrested and charged with simple assault after a domestic violence incident at a residence on the 100 block of South 4th Street; on May 9th an officer responded to an alley in the rear of the 700 block of Walnut Street for the report of a four (4) wheeler being operated in the alley and the driver was located and warned; on April 25th two juveniles age 13 and 11 were found to be involved in a theft from a residence in the 700 block of Main Street and were referred to the Youth Aide Panel; and over this past weekend, a vehicle was reported stolen from a residence in the 400 block of Walnut Street and was recovered a short time later and it turned out to be a family member. Mr. Hession asked Chief Beever if there are any kids who were referred to the Youth Aide Panel and who need community service hours, the Borough is looking for volunteers to help water the new trees planted in the Denver Memorial Park.

Denver Fire Company Report

Chief Shannon Hilton was not in attendance.

Police Advisory Board Update

Councilman Gensemer reported that the Police Advisory Board meeting schedule for the May 28th was postponed until June 1st. He also reported that there was an error in the letter that was mailed to all the Police Advisory Board Members in that it said only Denver and East Cocalico members were invited. This has since been changed and now the West Cocalico Township representatives have been invited back to the discussions. The PAB is moving past the pension issue to complete the draft charter to be taken to the municipalities for review. It was also reported at West Cocalico Township's last meeting they decided to wait until their meeting

tomorrow to make the final decision if they will return to be part of the formation of a regional police force. Discussion followed.

Director of Public Work's Report

George Whetsel, Director of Public Works, reported that the Department has been working to get the Pool ready to open on Saturday; assisted with Park Clean-up; prepped the outside of the Municipal Building and the Filter Plant for the Memorial Day Parade; completed the street sweeping; and contacted the manager of Reilly Sweeping's to discuss the Borough's concerns regarding possible damage to areas of Tamarack Drive where the hydraulic fluids leaked from one of the street sweepers.

The Department also completed the quarterly meter readings; met with a possible buyer of one of the Weave buildings on three (3) occasions; completed the end of the month DEP reports; sprayed the weeds in various areas in the Borough; inspected the installation of water and sewer lines at the Cocalico School District Project; removed all the silt socks from the Denver Memorial Park; assisted with cleaning the fish pond; hauled 39 loads of debris off the Borough Lot; repaired pot holes; rebuilt the pool vacuum; received the paint machine; and met with a possible buyer of 366 Main Street to discuss zoning and code issues. Discussion followed.

Presentation

Dan Ensinger, Weinhold, Nickel and Company, presented an overview of the Borough of Denver's 2014 Audit Report. Mr. Ensinger thoroughly reported on the various categories in the audit. Discussion followed and Borough Council thanked Mr. Ensinger.

Fred Wagaman provided a summary of the Denver Future Vision Meeting held on Saturday, April 25, 2015. Mr. Wagaman reported that the attendance at the meeting was good and the atmosphere was positive. It was a brainstorming session to find out what people would like to see happen in the Borough. Mr. Wagaman explained how the ideas were grouped together, how they were narrowed down to see what was most important to people, and the final recommendations selected by the participants. Mr. Wagaman reported that the number one thing people would like to see is improvements to downtown. He also explained the other items that were important to the community. Discussion followed regarding the next steps to take and Borough Council thanked Mr. Wagaman and everyone else who participated in this study.

The Weaver Road Bridge Citizen's Advisory Committee discussed the results of the Weaver Road Bridge Alternatives Study. Robert Getz introduced the rest of the committee, Charles Messner, Sam DiBlasi, and Jim Stewart. Mr. Getz gave a brief update on how this committee started and the work they have completed during the past couple of years. Mr. Getz reported that the Borough had allocated funding to have a study done by the Borough Engineer and four (4) different proposals drawn up by the engineer. Mr. Getz explained the different approaches to address the problem, he explained which alternative the Advisory Committee feels would work best, and he suggested it's time for Borough Council to take action. Mr. Hession reported that the engineer informed the Borough that to get the bridge on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) list it could take 10 or 12 years or longer and the best case scenario it could be seven (7) years. If the Borough would receive Federal or State monies there still would be municipal component of about \$615,000.00 based off the \$3.2 million projected cost. If the Borough looks to build the bridge on its own it could cost about \$2.2 million and it could reduce the timeline to about 3 years. Discussion followed regarding the various proposals and the next steps if Borough Council decides to move forward with the project.

Discussion Items

Borough Council discussed the cost quotations received by the Borough for electricity beginning on February 1, 2016. Mr. Hession reported that the Borough received two (2) estimates today. One is from the Borough's current provider Constellation Energy which included contract renewal prices for the following terms: 12 months, 24 months, 36 months, and 47 months. The seconded estimate is from APPI Energy who submitted four (4) prices and recommended that the Borough select the 34 month contract with Guttman Energy. The Borough's current electricity contract expires January 31, 2016. The Borough can lock into a price now that would be effective February 1, 2016. Discussion followed. Councilman Fink made a motion, seconded by Councilman South, to contract with Constellation Energy for electricity at the rate quoted for a 36 month term. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Borough Council discussed the Multimodal Grant Kickoff Meeting with representatives from PennDOT concerning the Borough's LED Streetlight Replacement Project. Mr. Hession reported that he attended the meeting today with PennDOT representatives and discussed the grant requirements and the grant timeline. PennDOT will be developing the contract documents and should forward these documents to the Borough in approximately eight (8) weeks. Once the contract is signed, the Borough will have three (3) years to spend the \$227,000.00. The Borough is expecting in initial report from PPL by June 4th and should know at that time what Make Ready work will be required. Mr. Hession stated that he informed PennDOT the PPL issue should possibly be resolved at the latest by the end of this year. Discussion followed. Mr. Hession also reported that while he was at the PennDOT office he inquired about the status of the South 4th Street Bridge project and was informed they are now looking at a let date of November, 2016.

Action Items

Councilman South made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fink, to approve the May, 2015 Monthly Invoices and Bills Report following the review and approval of the President and Vice President of Borough Council. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Councilman Cohick made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flory, to adopt Ordinance No. 624 - An Ordinance Of The Borough Of Denver, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Accepting A Deed And Dedication By And From Cocalico School District, A Pennsylvania Third Class School District, Of The Road Known As South 4th Street, As Set Forth In The Cocalico School District, Roads and Fields Project – Phase II, Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan, Dated December 1, 2014, Last Revised March 13, 2015, And Recorded In The Recorder Of Deeds Office For Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, In Plan Book Volume _____, Pages _____ To _____, Inclusive; Empowering The Borough Solicitor To Record Said Deed And Take Any And All Other Necessary Action In Conjunction Therewith, Repealing Any Inconsistent Ordinances, And Providing For The Ordinance To Take Effect In Accordance With Pennsylvania Law. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Hession reported that Leann Williams, member of the Denver Planning Commission submitted an email that she is no longer going to be able to serve on the Planning Commission. Councilman Cohick made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fink, to accept Leann Williams's resignation from the Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Borough Council discussed the Weaver Road Bridge Project and whether they want to move forward with submitting an application to have the project considered for funding through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The deadline for this application is June 30,

2015. Discussion followed and Councilman Cohick made a motion, seconded by Councilman South, to authorize the Borough Engineer to submit a memorandum application for funding to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for option four (4) of the Weaver Road Bridge Project and to authorize the Borough to notify East Cocalico Township of this application. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Adjournment

Councilman Flory made a motion, seconded by Councilman Gensemer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Michael Hession
Borough Manager/Secretary

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