

August 10, 2015

The August 10th meeting of Denver Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Cohick, Gensemer, Flory, South, Stover and Mayor Redcay. The invocation was given by Mayor Redcay, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. In the absence of Borough Council President Blake Daub, Vice President Michael Gensemer facilitated the meeting

Citizen's Concerns

Donald Wenger reported that he read in the Denver Fair book that the Fair Committee is not sponsoring fireworks this year and he wants to know why. Councilman Gensemer informed Mr. Wenger that his question should be taken to the Denver Fair Committee since they are the organization who contracts for fireworks. Discussion followed.

Mr. Wenger also inquired about how the new trees at the Denver Memorial Park got damaged. Borough Manager Michael Hession reported that 10 trees out of the 52 that were planted died right after they were planted and will be replaced free of charge by the nursery in October. There also are at least two (2) trees that died during the early dry stretch that will be replaced and the cost will be shared 50/50 between the Borough and the nursery. Discussion followed.

Mr. Wenger inquired about various streetlights that are out. Mr. Hession informed Mr. Wenger that when a streetlight is not working, it should be reported to the Borough and the Borough will submit that information to PPL for repair. Mr. Hession mentioned that PPL is aware of and continues to work on a streetlight on North 5th Street that has some underground wiring issues.

Tina Thompson, Constituent Relations Specialist with Senator Ryan Aument, introduced herself to Borough Council and discussed Senator Aument's support to assist the Borough. Senator Aument's office is still at the same location as Senator Brubaker's office was at 301 East Main Street, Lititz and still provides the same services. Discussion followed regarding possible assistant from the Senator to the Borough concerning the buyback of the street lights, the construction of a new Weaver Road Bridge, and the railroad hazardous material storage issue.

Meeting Minutes

Councilman Stover made a motion, seconded by Councilman Cohick, to approve the July 13, 2015 and July 27, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Borough Council President

Councilman Daub was not in attendance.

Mayor

Mayor Redcay reported that on July 17th he attended the Pennsylvania Mayors' Conference in Bethlehem; on July 16th he attended a meeting with officials from PPL concerning the streetlight project; on July 20th he attended the Recreation Board meeting; on July 23rd he attended the Police Advisory Board meeting; and, on July 28th he attended the Regional Leaders meeting.

Junior Councilperson

Jr. Councilperson Wallace was not in attendance.

Borough Manager

Mr. Hession reported that PennDOT's bridge contractor will be pouring the Main Street bridge deck on Wednesday, August 12th at 5:00 a.m. and should be done by 8:00 a.m. The property owners in that area have been contacted. PennDOT is hoping to have the project completed by the first week of September.

Mr. Hession updated Borough Council regarding the Denver Lion Club Annual Yard sale and efforts to coordinate with Goodwill Industries for a truck to be located in the Borough to accept donations. Mr. Hession reported that the original contact at Goodwill is no longer employed there and the new manager is not aware of this arrangement. Mr. Hession stated he is waiting for the new manager to get back to him to see if they are still interested in doing this. If they are, the Borough will include the information about Goodwill taking donations in the next newsletter.

Mr. Hession reported that Councilman Fink is in Lancaster General Hospital again and is scheduled to be released tomorrow.

Mr. Hession reported that the Borough received a check from Fritztown Fire Company totaling \$5,500.00 to be used by the Borough to buy new play equipment at the North 4th Street Playground. The Borough had applied for \$3,900.00 in funding to offset the cost to purchase a new Ten Spin piece of equipment and the Fritztown Fire Company donated \$5,500.00. The Borough will send the Fritztown Fire Company a thank you letter and will invite their officials to participate in the grand opening of the facility. The Cocalico Baseball Organization (CBO), who donated \$2,500.00 towards the project, and, the Park Association, who donated \$250.00, also will be invited to the official opening of the facility. Discussion followed.

Recreation Committee

Councilman Cohick reported that the Shade Tree Committee had a scheduled work night last week, but no one showed up so it is now being rescheduled for September. Anyone can volunteer to help the members of the Shade Tree Commission trim low tree branches on North 6th Street and South 4th Street.

Councilman Cohick also reported that tomorrow he will be taking a tour of the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority's transfer station and while he is there he will also try to get some recyclable containers for the Park.

Borough Council Comments

Mayor Redcay reported that he has received some complaints from two (2) different business owners in the Borough about storage on the former Weave Corporation parking lot on North 3rd Street. Mayor Redcay stated that it appears to be junk stored there now along with two (2) tractor trailers and a fork lift which is an eye sore. Discussion followed and the Borough Manager will discuss the concerns with the current owner and the prospective new owner of the facility.

Borough Council also discussed various residential properties in the Borough with ongoing maintenance issues. Mr. Hession will follow-up on these concerns with an inspection at these properties.

Discussion Items

Borough Council discussed the disposition of the 6.68 acre tract of land located at 1925 North Reading Road, Denver, which was deeded to East Cocalico Township, but owned proportionately by the four (4) municipalities and the need to make a recommendation concerning how to sell the tract of land, either by sealed bid or public auction. Borough Council

reviewed a letter received from Adamstown Borough stating that the Adamstown Borough Council passed a motion at their August 4th meeting to sell the approximate 7-acre remaining parcel located at the 1975 North Reading Road property by public auction as soon as feasibly possible. Councilman Cohick made a motion to echo Adamstown Borough Council's motion that the 6.68 acre tract of land located at 1925 North Reading Road, Denver, be sold by public auction as soon as feasibly possible. The motion failed due to a lack of a second. Discussion followed. Councilman Stover made a motion, seconded by Councilman Cohick, to recommend that the 6.68 acre tract of land located at 1925 North Reading Road, Denver, be sold by either sealed bid or public auction. Motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Borough Council discussed the Historic Preservation Trust's Significant Historic Resource Property Update Project and the possibility of coordinating volunteers in Denver Borough to update information concerning the 33 historically significant sites in the Borough. Discussion followed concerning the assistance that will be provided to the Borough by the Historical Preservation Trust of Lancaster County and the Lancaster County Planning Commission to work with volunteers from the Borough to visit the 33 sites in the Borough, take pictures, gather information, and provide the data to the Historic Preservation Trust and the Lancaster County Planning Commission. Mr. Hession reported that the Borough's Planning Commission previously has expressed interest in possibly doing this and there were also some volunteers in the community who expressed some interest as well. Discussion followed and Borough Council agreed that if there is interest in the community from volunteers to undertake this update, then the Borough should proceed with the project.

Borough Council discussed the status of the proposed regional police force. Councilman Gensemer reported that the Regional Police Board meeting was held on July 23rd and Borough Council met on the July 27th and the only thing that has occurred since then were some letter exchanges. Adamstown Borough and West Cocalico Township had requested and was provided with the cost of a one (1) year contract price for police service. Adamstown Borough and West Cocalico Township are expected to make their decisions by September 1, 2015. Discussion followed concerning the draft regional police charter agreement and Borough Council will review this document and discuss their comments at the next Borough Council meeting.

Action Items

Councilman South made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flory, to approve the July, 2015 Treasurer's Report. Motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Councilman Cohick made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flory, to contract with PremierComm for the purchase and installation of a MiVoice Digital Telephone System at a total cost of \$6,928.64 as per Sales Quote PCL04472-A dated July 30, 2015. Motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Councilman Cohick made a motion, seconded by Councilman South, to ratify the action taken by the Borough Council President concerning the August 3, 2015 response letter sent to West Cocalico Township regarding proposed police services in 2016. Motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Councilman Cohick made a motion, seconded by Councilman South, to authorize the Borough Council President to sign a letter to Adamstown Borough providing a projection of the cost for police services for 2016 through 2020. Motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Hession reported that the Denver Planning Commission will be meeting tomorrow night to discuss the proposed Zoning Ordinance changes.

Adjournment

Councilman Stover made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flory, to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Michael Hession
Borough Manager/Secretary

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