

December 14, 2015

The December 14th meeting of Denver Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Junior Councilperson Wallace, 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.

Meeting Minutes

Councilman Stover made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fink, to approve the November 9, 2015 and November 30, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Citizen's Concerns

Mike Wetherhold, a resident of Adamstown, reported that he is not here on any official capacity tonight and in the beginning of the year he will be a member of the Adamstown Area Library Board again and also will be a member of the Adamstown Borough Council. Mr. Wetherhold reported that he has been visiting the different municipalities in the Cocalico region to apologize because most have read in the newspaper about the Adamstown Area Library looking to purchase the VFW in Adamstown. He explained that whole process moved along so quickly that they did not have a chance to talk to any municipal officials with the exception of Adamstown Borough prior to visiting the building. Mr. Wetherhold reported that Adamstown Borough Council voted during their December 1st meeting to give the Adamstown Area Library \$150,000.00 towards this project and it was misstated in a couple of newspapers that the money is a loan. Mr. Wetherhold confirmed that the money is not a loan, but is a donation for the Adamstown Area Library to pursue the purchase of the VFW building. Mr. Wetherhold reported that during the last several weeks there have been inspectors at the building and an architect conducting a preliminary review of the building. He provided a brief history of the VFW building. Discussion followed concerning the new building and the annual funding provided by municipalities to the Adamstown Area Library.

Donald Wenger inquired about the former Weave Corporation building on North 3rd Street and the "For Sale" sign posted at the location. Borough Manager Michael Hession reported that the new owner of the building is looking to lease space in the building and the Borough has not heard of anyone who expressed interest in the building. Discussion followed.

Borough Council President

Councilman Daub thanked Mayor Redcay, Mr. Hession, and everyone else who was involved in the annual Tree Lighting. He stated that it was a really good turnout and Santa showed up at the right time.

Mayor

Mayor Redcay reported that on November 10th he presented Charles Messner with a Master Craftsman Award at the Lancaster County Historical Preservation Trust's Annual Awards Dinner and on November 18th he attended a Mayors' Luncheon at Adamstown. Mayor Redcay thanked Ken Wallace and the other students who volunteered to sing during the Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Junior Councilperson

Junior Councilperson Wallace reported that the Borough can seek the services of any of the Cocalico High School's service organizations in the upcoming year. Mr. Wallace stated that these organizations would be more than happy to help and are always searching for volunteer opportunities.

Borough Manager

Mr. Hession reported that the Borough's leaf collection program has ended, however, some residents have placed leaf piles along the curb. The Public Works Department was out today with the smaller trac-vac gathering up the smaller piles of leaves placed along the curbs in the Borough. If any new piles of leaves appear the Borough will notify the property owners and ask them to take the leaves to the Borough Lot for recycling. During the 2015 leaf collection season, the Public Works Department collected 105 loads of leaves which totaled 1207.5 cubic yards of leaves. The total weight was 94.77 tons and there were 96 dry loads and nine (9) wet loads collected.

Mr. Hession also reported that the Borough has received complaints lately about people parking in various alleys in the Borough and causing access problems for people traveling in those alleys. The Borough currently does not have an ordinance that prohibits or regulates parking in Borough alleys. The Street Committee will be asked to review this issue following the reorganization meeting in January, 2016.

Borough Council Committee Reports

Councilman Cohick reported that on two (2) occasions there have been boxes of food dropped off in various locations in the Borough and he took one (1) of the boxes to the food bank in Ephrata. The sites where food has been dropped off include the Denver Fire Company parking lot, the handicap parking space at the North 4th Street Playground, and the driveway at the Denver Community Pool. Councilman Cohick did inform the Police Department to be on the lookout for more boxes. Mayor Redcay stated that he took one (1) box of food to a family in need. Mr. Hession reported that the Borough did try to track down where the boxes came from with no luck. The Borough took the other boxes to the Faith United Church's Peter's Porch Food Bank prior to Thanksgiving. Discussion followed.

Borough Council Comments

Councilman Stover inquired whether there is an update on the status of the Borough Lot and the process to collect and dispose of non-woody yard waste. Councilman Stover stated that he saw the Public Works Department hauling the non-woody waste from the Borough Lot to one (1) of the Borough's well sites in East Cocalico Township. He also stated he thought that the Borough was going to take the material somewhere else since the Borough now is charging a \$10.00 annual fee for access to the Borough Lot. Mr. Hession responded that Borough Council has not taken action to prohibit dumping non-woody yard waste at the Borough Lot. Discussion followed concerning the future of the Borough Lot, whether the Borough should be receiving non-woody yard waste at this site, costs associated with getting rid of this material, and the possible conflicts with the wellhead protection zones for the Borough's wells. Borough Council decided to add this issue as a discussion item on Borough Council's first meeting agenda in January, 2016.

Mayor Redcay inquired about the closed signs and barricades at the loop driveway entrance in the Denver Memorial Park. Mr. Hession reported that the driveway is closed to vehicles this winter in order to keep vehicles off of the areas where new grass seed was planted in the fall. The Park facilities are open throughout the year. Discussion followed about improving the signs for use in the future.

Discussion Items

Matt Arment, Arment Concrete, LLC, discussed the proposed improvement project to the Denver Skatepark. Mr. Arment reported he is a Denver native and skateboard advocate who formed a small committee to start raising money to make some improvement to the Denver Skatepark. He stated that he previously spoke to the Borough Manager and the Park Association to obtain permission to develop a committee to raise money for the improvements. Mr. Arment highlighted some of the

fundraising projects and discussed the popularity of skateboarding and the need for boroughs big and small to have an area dedicated for youth and adults to skate so that they stay off public streets and private property. Mr. Arment reported that with local sponsorship the committee is looking to begin the first phase of the improvement project to start this winter and his company, Arment Concrete, LLC, is looking to donate half of the required \$6,000.00 for the project. Mr. Arment requested permission from Borough Council to close the skatepark so that the ramps can be out of the way and the new surface and ramps can be formed and poured. Discussion followed concerning the milling of the existing macadam and the pouring of a concrete surface. Mr. Arment requested, and Borough Council agreed, that instead of milling the macadam surface, the first phase can include pouring concrete onto the macadam surface and leaving a four (4) inch graded area until the subsequent second and third phases are complete. Borough Council also discussed the Borough's requirements for Arment Concrete, LLC submit to the Borough a Certificate of Insurance, a signed agreement, and a bond or Letter of Credit for the improvement project prior to starting the project. Councilman Cohick made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stover, to approve the request from Matt Arment, Arment Concrete, LLC to close the Denver Skatepark for the improvement project contingent upon Arment Concrete, LLC submitting a Certificate of Insurance, a signed Developer's Agreement, and a bond for the project. Motion carried unanimously 6 to 0. Councilman Fink left the meeting at 7:40 p.m. prior to the vote.

Borough Council discussed the 2016 Draft Denver Borough Budget. Councilman Gensemer reported that this will be the fifth consecutive year that the Borough will not be raising taxes and recognized the Borough management for doing a nice job. Mr. Hession reported the only change to the proposed budget includes the insertion of a Stormwater Management Inspection Fund to be used for future inspections of storm water management facilities installed by developers. The 2016 Proposed Budget is advertised for approval by Borough Council during the December 28th Borough Council meeting.

Borough Council discussed the status of the proposed changes to the Borough's Floodplain Management regulations. The deadline for the Borough to adopt an ordinance which meets the requirements of the new floodplain study and maps is April, 2016. Borough Council discussed the new floodplain ordinance and whether it will be more advantageous to the Borough to develop the new ordinance as a standalone ordinance rather than as part of the Zoning Ordinance. If the Borough decides to make the ordinance a standalone ordinance, the Borough will have to draft and advertise the new ordinance and also take action to remove the existing ordinance from the Zoning Ordinance. Councilman South made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stover, to make the Floodplain Ordinance a standalone ordinance. Motion carried unanimously 6 to 0.

Action Items

Councilman Gensemer made motion, seconded by Councilman Flory, to approve the November, 2015 Treasurer's Report. Motion carried unanimously 6 to 0.

Councilman Flory made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stover, to appoint Michael Hession to serve as the municipal representative and Mark Hiester to serve as the alternate municipal representative for the municipalities in the Cocalico School District on the Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau (LCTCB) for 2016. Motion carried unanimously 6 to 0.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

Adjournment

Councilman Stover made a motion, seconded by Councilman Gensemer, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried unanimously 6 to 0.

Michael Hession
Borough Manager/Secretary

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