

July 28, 2014

The July 28th meeting of Denver Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Jr. Councilperson Shupp, Cohick, Fink, Flory, South, Stover, Daub, and Mayor Redcay. The invocation was given by Jr. Councilperson Shupp, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Citizen's Concerns

There were no citizens' concerns.

Borough Council Comments

Councilman Fink reported that he and his wife went to the new restaurant "R Place" at 336 Main Street and stated that it is a really nice restaurant with really good food. He recommended everyone try it.

Emergency Management Coordinator Report

Emergency Management Coordinator Andy Boyer was not in attendance.

Police Department Report

Chief George Beever reported on the following incidents and calls for service in the Borough: on July 14th the Department responded to a residence on the 600 block of Main Street for disturbance and the person creating the disturbance was charged with aggravated assault and resisting arrest; on July 14th at 6:45 p.m. there was a two (2) car crash at the intersection of North 6th Street and Poplar Street and several people were injured, but not seriously and the person responsible was charged with a stop sign violation; and on July 26th just before midnight, officers responded to the 200 block of Willow Drive for a disturbance where an intoxicated female was causing a problem and removed from the residence. The person was taken to her residence in East Cocalico Township and later the same individual was seen driving in the 100 block of Hawthorne Drive and was arrested for DUI. Discussion followed.

Denver Fire Company Report

Chief Shannon Hilton was not in attendance.

Police Advisory Board Update

Councilman Daub reported that Councilman Gensemer is on vacation, but he informed him that the Police Advisory Board meeting went well and the draft charter is close to being prepared for review. The Police Advisory Board is targeting October for the receipt of comments from the municipal officials. The Borough expects to receive the final draft version of the Charter Agreement by the end of this week. Discussion followed.

Director of Public Work's Report

George Whetsel, Director of Public Works, reported that the Public Works Department removed all of the playground equipment from the North 4th Street Playground along with the old PP&L poles and recycled the steel from the equipment. The Department also replaced the rotted wooden border on a play lot unit at the Denver Memorial Park and added mulch to this play area. Mr. Whetsel reported that the Department completed blacktopping in the Borough during the past month; the paving on Jefferson Avenue is complete; the Borough's dump truck rear axle will need to be repaired prior to inspection; the broken window at the Pool Snack Bar is repaired;

the fitting on the Baby Pool pump is repaired; the hydrant maintenance program has started; the end of the month water/sewer reports and the quarterly Susquehanna River Basin Commission reports are complete; the drain lines in the Denver Memorial Park have been flushed; the weed spraying in the Borough is complete; and the Department will continue to work on stone alleys in the Borough.

Mr. Whetsel reported that a manhole cover adjacent to Main Street by the Ephrata National Bank was missing. Following the inspection, it appeared that the cover was knocked off by a snow plow this winter and the manhole could not be seen due to the high grass. The Department repaired the exposed six-inch (6") opening which was approximately 18-feet deep. Mr. Whetsel also reported that the Borough Lot gate has been installed and the Department placed a large concrete block from High Concrete by the entrance. The Department also will replace two (2) sets of the "School Zone" signs on South 4th Street with steel posts and the is trying to finalize the date with Zeager Brothers to chip the woody yard waste pile at the Borough Lot. Discussion followed.

Discussion Items

Borough Council discussed the sale of the property at 1975 North Reading Road. Mr. Hession reported that the Finance Committee met and discussed the Borough's projected expenses for 2014 and how to approach the amount of money the Borough owes on the property. As of today the settlement date has not been scheduled. However based on the May 1st payoff amount and projecting the settlement date until the end of August, the Borough estimates the amount owed by Denver on our portion of the loan will be \$176,839.80. The Finance Committee discussed the option of using monies from the General Fund reserve to pay this balance; the option of using a combination of \$100,000.00 from the General Fund reserve and approximately \$77,000.00 from Downtown Revitalization Fund with the goal of paying the Downtown Revitalization Fund back over two (2) years; and the option of continuing to pay on the current loan with Ephrata National Bank. The Finance Committee's recommendation was to pay the loan off using monies from the General Fund reserve and a two (2) year loan from the Borough's Downtown Revitalization Fund. Discussion followed concerning the proposed 7.6 acres of land to be donated to the four (4) municipalities.

Borough Council discussed the request from Rodney Hainley, 195 Horseshoe Trail Road, for permission to archery hunt on the Borough's land behind the Smokestown Fire Company from October 4, 2014 through January 10, 2015. Mr. Hainley already completed the required waiver/release form indemnifying the Borough. Discussion followed. Councilman Cohick made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stover, to approve the request from Rodney Hainley, 195 Horseshoe Trail Road, for permission to archery hunt on the Borough's land behind the Smokestown Fire Company from October 4, 2014 through January 10, 2015. Motion carried unanimously 6 to 0.

Borough Council discussed the proposed playground design for the North 4th Street Playground Redevelopment Project. Mr. Hession reported that the Public Works Department has removed the old equipment from the site. Also the plans are in the process of being finalized and DCNR has to approve them before the project can be put out to bid. The Recreation Board met last week and reviewed the proposed items. The budget is limited to \$60,000.00, which includes the recreation equipment, the safety surface material, the paving, and the new border. Discussion followed concerning the request to add a swing to the site and the reasons why a swing is not included in the specifications due to space and budgetary restrictions.

Borough Council discussed the development of a policy regarding future requests for the installation of non-regulatory signs in the Borough (i.e. Children At Play and/or Deaf Child

signs.) Borough Council discussed the effectiveness of some of these signs as well as the development of a policy to charge residents who request non-regulatory signs to help offset the cost of the sign and the installation. Borough Council decided to table this discussion item until a future meeting in order to see if other municipalities have similar policies for the installation of resident-requested non-regulatory signs.

Borough Council discussed the Borough's policy to paint lines on the street marking the 22-foot handicap parking space following the approval of a handicapped parking space on a public street. Discussion followed concerning an ongoing issue in the 400-block of Walnut Street where the handicap parking space lines were painted and a dispute was created between neighbors since one (1) of the lines was painted in the street in front of the neighboring property. Borough Council decided to continue to implement the policy to paint lines on the street marking the handicap parking space. Borough Council also asked the Borough Manager to contact the property owners on the 400-block of Walnut Street to inform them of the policy to paint the lines on the street. If the property owners are opposed to the painting of the lines, the handicap parking sign in this location will be removed.

Action Items

Councilman Fink made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flory, to approve the July, 2014 monthly invoices and bills report. Motion carried unanimously 6 to 0.

Councilman Fink made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stover, to contract with Lincoln Pavement Services, Inc., to complete the 2014 Jefferson Avenue Pavement Marking Project at a total cost of \$2,150.00. Motion carried unanimously 6 to 0.

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Unfinished Business

No unfinished business to discuss.

Adjournment

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

Michael Hession
Borough Manager/Secretary

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