

September 8, 2014

The September 8th 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.

Executive Session Update

Councilman Daub reported that Denver Borough Council held an Executive Session with the Borough Solicitor on Thursday, September 4, 2014, to discuss the draft Cocalico Regional Police Commission's Draft Articles of Agreement.

Citizen's Concerns

There were no citizen concerns reported.

Meeting Minutes

Councilman Stover made a motion, seconded by Councilman Gensemer, to approve the August 11, 2014 and August 25, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Borough Council President

Councilman Daub did not have a report.

Mayor

Mayor Redcay reported that on August 7th he attended a Fireworks Committee meeting and on August 28th he went to the Police Advisory Board meeting which ended up being canceled.

Borough Manager

Borough Manager Michael Hession reported that tomorrow morning there will be a drone flying over the Denver Memorial Park to take aerial photos of the Denver Fair layout and the location of the Ash trees. A member of the Borough's Shade Tree Commission has a relative who owns the drone which is being donated to the Borough and hopefully the photos can be used in the planning process for the Denver Memorial Park after the Ash trees are removed.

Mr. Hession reported that during the next Borough Council meeting there will be a discussion regarding the future of the Borough Lot including the types of materials that will be accepted at the facility and the Access Card process and fees. The Borough will notify the community about the meeting and since a large number of residents may attend the meeting, the next Borough Council meeting will be held at the Denver Fire Company.

Personnel Committee

Councilman Gensemer reported that the Collective Bargaining Committee met and hopefully everything is resolved without any changes from the last session. Mr. Hession reported that the Teamsters' Union employees will meet to vote on the final Collective Bargaining Agreement on Thursday, September 11th. Following that action, Borough Council can consider the new Collective Bargaining Agreement during their September 29th meeting.

Borough Council Comments

Councilman Cohick reported that there is a "Narrow Bridge" sign by the Denver Memorial Park on Main Street that could come down now since the bridge has been rebuilt. Mr. Hession

reported the request to remove the sign will be submitted to PennDOT since the sign and bridge are owned and maintained by PennDOT.

Mayor Redcay inquired about the process to remove the Denver Bible Church sign from the “Welcome to Denver Sign” on Main Street since the church is no longer in operation. Discussion followed.

Councilman South inquired if there was any progress with PP&L concerning the purchase of the streetlight system by the Borough. Mr. Hession reported that he spoke to the consultant today and he was recommending the possibility of another course of action the Borough can consider. The Borough would purchase the lights, install them, and then have PP&L remove their current lights. The lights would be installed on PP&L poles. Mr. Hession stated he informed the consultant if another course of action is being recommended he would like to have him come to a Borough Council meeting to discuss this with Borough Council. Mr. Hession also reported that here is a Lancaster County Boroughs’ Association meeting scheduled for September 17th and after the meeting he will discuss the PP&L issue with a representative from the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) who has been asked to try to intervene with this issue. Discussion followed.

Councilman Gensemer reported that he received an email from a citizen concerning a person dressed like a cop in the Denver Memorial Park. Councilman Gensemer read the email and shared the citizen’s concern regarding the person who claimed to be an Act 235 Officer who was not an East Cocalico Township policeman. The citizen got a picture of the person’s pick-up truck, his name, and stated all he seemed to want to talk about was how much lethal weapon authority he had. Discussion followed. Mr. Hession reported that he received a call from the East Cocalico Police Department regarding this and he discussed this with Dennis Worley who is in charge of the Denver Fair and the hiring of security guards. Mr. Worley will supply a list of all the security people to the Borough and that list will be provided to the East Cocalico Police Department. It appears that the person in question has been contracted by the Fair Committee to provide security during the Denver Fair. Discussion followed.

Councilman Cohick reported that he attended a Park Association meeting where the members discussed having the Borough place stone around the kitchen pavilion where there currently is a drop off to existing stone. Councilman Cohick stated that on Saturday he visited the Park to see if the stone was installed and the Public Works Department did a good job putting the stone in and packing it to keep people from tripping.

Discussion Items

Borough Council reviewed the draft regional police Articles of Agreement. Councilman Gensemer reported that the Police Advisory Board meeting was supposed to be last Thursday night, however, since there is nothing new to meet about and because of vacation schedules, the Police Advisory Board members thought it would be a good idea not to hold the meeting. However everyone was not notified about the meeting cancelation and some people showed up for the meeting. Discussion followed. Mr. Hession reported that he is putting together a list of comments that will include items that were discussed and comments from the Borough Solicitor. Borough Council can review the list of comments before it is presented to the Police Advisory Board. Borough Council recommended that John Weaver be copied on the list of comments as well since he is the Borough’s citizen representative on Police Advisory Board. Discussion followed.

Borough Council discussed the disposition of the property at 1975 North Reading Road; the status of the remaining Note balance; and the status of the 7.096 acre tract of land donated to the municipalities. The sale of the property was finalized and there were some questions concerning the payment of the proceeds from the sale as well as the payment of funding in the Regional Park Fund against the balance owed on the 1975 North Reading Road note. The Borough confirmed that each day that a balance remains on the loan the participating municipalities are assessed interest fees. Mr.

Hession reported that he tried to set up a meeting with the managers and administrative staff of the municipalities to discuss a plan of action so the municipalities can go back to the elected officials to take any action required to pay off the remaining amount, however he was not able to coordinate the meeting. Mr. Hession reported that he did receive a call from Mark Hiester, East Cocalico Township Manager today and there didn't seem to be a willingness to meet regionally. Discussion followed.

Borough Council also discussed how the Borough wants to address the 7.096 acre tract of land that has been donated by DenTech to the municipalities. Borough Council should decide whether they want to be bought out for their portion (16.0%) of the land value or whether they want to be a co-owner with East Cocalico Township. The Borough has learned that Adamstown Borough and West Cocalico Township appear to want to be bought out of their ownership in the land. Discussion followed and Borough Council did not take a position concerning the 7.096 acre tract of land. In regard to the loan balance, Councilman Cohick made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fink, to authorize the President of Borough Council and the Borough Manager to meet with the Chairpersons from the Boards of Supervisors and the Municipal Managers from East Cocalico and West Cocalico Township, and, the President of Borough Council and the designated staff person from Adamstown Borough, to discuss the 1975 North Reading Road Property including the payment in full of the outstanding debt on the Bond as well as the issues concerning the 7.096-acre tract of land donated back to the municipalities by the new owner. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Action Items

Councilman Stover made a motion, seconded by Councilman South, to approve the August, 2014 Treasurer's Report. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business to discuss.

Adjournment

Councilman Fink made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stover, to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Michael Hession
Borough Manager/Secretary

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