

**October 13, 2014**

The October 13<sup>th</sup> 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 Daub. The invocation was given by Councilman Daub, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Citizen's Concerns

There were no citizen's concerns.

Meeting Minutes

Councilman Gensemer made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stover, to approve the September 8, 2014 and September 29, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously 6 to 0.

Borough Council President

Councilman Daub reported that he appreciates the great job the Public Works Department does with leaf collection.

Mayor

Mayor Redcay was not in attendance.

Borough Manager

Borough Manager Michael Hession reported that the Finance Committee will be meeting Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. to review the draft 2015 Denver Borough Budget. Any revisions made that day will be included in the Draft 2015 Budget and will be sent to Borough Council prior to the next Borough Council meeting and will be included on the Meeting Agenda for discussion at Borough Council's October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Hession also reported he would like to schedule a Personnel Committee meeting prior to October 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss the proposed salary and wage increases for 2015 for the non-union employees as well as to review the final draft of the revised Personnel Policy Manual.

Mr. Hession reported that the union employees will start to receive their updated pay rates in this upcoming pay period and will be paying their additional health insurance co-pay as per the new Collective Bargaining Agreement. The Borough Treasurer is preparing the retroactive calculations for the union employees which will be included in a future pay period.

Mr. Hession reported he would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the Streetlight Project either on Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, or Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> with the Finance Committee, Representative Mindy Fee, the streetlight consultant, representatives from the Pennsylvania State Association of Borough's, and an attorney who was recommended by PSAB due to their work with the Pennsylvania Utility Commission (PUC). Discussion followed.

Mr. Hession reported that he spoke with Councilman Fink who is doing better, however, who will need more time to recuperate before he can return to a Borough Council meeting.

Mr. Hession reported that the Pre-bid meeting for the North 4<sup>th</sup> Street Playground Redevelopment project was held today at the Municipal Building. Four (4) contractors attended the meeting and bids are due back by 10:00 a.m. on October 24<sup>th</sup>. The bids will be read aloud at 11:00 a.m. at the Municipal Building. Borough Council will be able to discuss the

recommendation from the engineer concerning the bids and this project during your October 27<sup>th</sup> Borough Council meeting.

#### Borough Council Committee Reports

There will be a Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

#### Borough Council Comments

There were no Borough Council comments.

#### Discussion Items

Borough Council discussed and reviewed the draft Articles of Agreement for the Cocalico Regional Police and the Borough's proposed comments concerning the draft Agreement. Councilman Gensemer reported that on October 7<sup>th</sup> he attended the Adamstown Borough Council meeting and their one (1) question regarding the draft Agreement had to do with the unanimous approval to get out of the contract in the first five (5) years. Councilman Gensemer also reported that as of that meeting, the Adamstown Borough Solicitor had not yet received the draft Agreement.

Borough Council reviewed and discussed each of the each of the Borough's draft comments that were compiled from comments by Borough Council, the Borough Solicitor, and the Borough Manager. Borough Council decided to remove the comments concerning Article I and the consideration of language that the joinder of an additional party to the regional police be subject to each municipality's approval as well. In regard to Article 6, Borough Council agreed to modify the draft comment concerning the transfer of the existing pension fund assets and liabilities to state that there should be continued discussion to determine how the current unfunded pension liabilities can be shared in a manner other than being based on the proposed proportional formula. In regard to Article 12, Borough Council agreed to remove the second bullet concerning Section 12.1 concerning withdrawal from the regional force during the first five (5) years of the force without unanimous consent of all municipalities. Discussion followed and borough Council agreed to forward a copy of the revised comments to John Weaver, Denver Borough's citizen member appointed to the Police Advisory Board (PAB) for his review and comment prior to submitting the final comments to the PAB for discussion during their October meeting.

Borough Council discussed the future of the Borough Lot facility including the Borough Lot Access Card Fee structure and the types of materials that will be permitted to be deposited at the site in the future. Borough Council reviewed the comments that were received from the public during the September 29<sup>th</sup> Borough Council meeting at the Denver Fire Hall including the willingness to pay an annual fee to continue the Borough Lot and the idea of using local farmers to dump grass clippings and dirt. Mr. Hession reported that the Borough Lot Access Card system has been updated and if Borough Council decides to charge an annual fee, the Borough can continue to use the existing cards and just adjust access rights via the laptop. Discussion followed concerning a possible fee change and the need to continue to review options associated with the future acceptance of grass clippings at the site. Councilman Cohick made a motion, seconded by Councilman Gensemer, to set an annual fee of \$10.00 for the Borough Lot Access Card and to continue to accept the same materials that are currently allowed to be deposited at

the Borough Lot facility. Motion carried 5 to 1 with Councilman Stover voting no. Borough Council will continue to explore options for the grass clippings.

Action Items

Councilman South made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flory, to approve the September, 2014 Treasurer's Report. Motion carried unanimously 6 to 0.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

Adjournment

Councilman Gensemer made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stover, to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Motion carried unanimously 6 to 0.

Michael Hession  
Borough Manager/Secretary

**Action Items:**

- Motion to approve the September 8, 2014 and September 29, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously 6 to 0.
- Motion to set an annual fee of \$10.00 for the Borough Lot Access Card and to continue to accept the same materials that are currently allowed to be deposited at the Borough Lot facility. Motion carried 5 to 1 with Councilman Stover voting no.
- Motion to approve the September, 2014 Treasurer's Report. Motion carried unanimously 6 to 0.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Motion carried unanimously 6 to 0.