

January 26, 2017
COUNCIL MEETING

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a brief invocation, the Apollo Borough council meeting was called to order by Council President John Kautz at 7:00 PM in the Apollo Borough Municipal building council chambers.

Present: Council members John Kautz, Diane Bradshaw, Cindee Virostek, Cheryl Swank, Denny Gabrielli, and Nancy Walker were present. Solicitor Tim Miller was absent. Mayor Held was present.

Public Comments: Mike Mollick was present representing FD#3, and as the borough's EMA director. Mike stated that the fire department received notification in December that North Apollo was no longer interested in a consolidation with them. They would still like to move forward with purchasing property on the water front from the borough, and they were open to other departments consolidating with them.

Mike is working on the EOP for Apollo – the resource manual updates, checklists, etc. He will let us know when council should act on a resolution for Armstrong County. He also gave an update on some personnel changes in the public safety department at the county level.

Doug Vogel was present to inform council that his company has purchased Copney Disposal. Willie Daniels has joined Vogel Disposal, as well as some other staff members. There should be no disruption in services, and the services previously provided by Copney would not change. When asked specifically about monthly pickup of large items, he confirmed that policy would continue.

Rev. Karen Graham remarked about how beautiful Apollo looked for the holiday season. They would like to put a 24 x 16 ground marker at the pine tree by the bridge. Cheryl Swank volunteered to assist Rev. Graham with a future community event. A motion was made by Nancy Walker, and seconded by Cindee Virostek, to accept the placement of a marker at the tree. Motion passed unanimously.

Keith Davis – Through Attorney Charles Fox, Mr. Davis asked council to consider selling him the piece of property owned by the borough adjacent to his properties on N. Warren Avenue. Council President Kautz explained that any borough property would have to be put out for bid, and council was not interested in putting any of its property out for bid. He asked the borough to open the drive thru behind AJ Tire so he could use it to access his property stating that he needs parking for his lawn mower business. Council took no action on Mr. Davis's requests.

Tom Shank from Vandergrift/Okhahoma EMS – he is looking for the borough's endorsement/representation of their organization. They need an increase in Medicare and would like us to speak to our representatives and senator.

A motion was made by Nancy Walker, and seconded by Cheryl Swank, to accept the resignation of Mark Greenawalt, effective January 1, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Kautz announced there were two letters of interest presented to council for consideration of the open council seat. A motion was made by Nancy Walker, and seconded by Cindee Virostek, to appoint Ashley Stiffy to the council seat. A roll call vote was taken – Kautz – yes; Swank – yes; Bradshaw – yes; Gabrielli – yes; Virostek – yes; Walker - yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Kautz announced nominations were open for Vice-President. Cheryl Swank nominated Diane Bradshaw, seconded by Cindee Virostek. Motion passed unanimously.

Cheryl Swank made a motion to close the nominations, seconded by Cindee Virostek. Motion passed unanimously.

Engineering Report: Reviewed by Rich Craft.

A motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Cindee Virostek to pay the invoices presented for the engineer. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor's Report:

A motion was made by Cindee Virostek, and seconded by Nancy Walker, to pay the solicitor's invoices in the total amount of \$1075. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Nancy Walker, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to approve the minutes from the meeting of 12/15/2016. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor thanked council and stated that the Christmas decorations looked wonderful, as well as the Grove decorations. Also all the new trees and the work that was done in the park. He also thanked council for re-investing in the Police Department, and supporting his RAID project. He is proud to state that a 2nd Chapter of RAID is starting in Parker, PA.

Borough Manager Report: Senate Engineering project for HUD at the high rise was discussed. The certification required to be made by the borough for Senate to get the permit for the project was the topic of discussion. A motion was made by Nancy Walker, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to direct the borough manager to seek advice from the borough solicitor on this subject. Motion passed unanimously.

The March meeting of the Armstrong County Boroughs Association will be hosted by Apollo Borough. After discussion a motion was made by Cindee Virostek, and seconded by Nancy Walker, to approve having this meeting at Soldiers and Sailors Hall in Owens Grove and have it catered. Motion passed unanimously.

The remaining funds in the Bicentennial Fund checking account should be transferred into the General Fund. A motion was made by Nancy Walker, and seconded by Cindee Virostek, to transfer the funds and close the Bicentennial account. Motion passed unanimously.

The new contract with Mr. John for the rental of a portable toilet in the Grove this summer was discussed. The price is the same as 2016. A motion was made by Cindee Virostek, and seconded by Cheryl Swank, to sign the contract for 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

Council reviewed a new contract with Comcast to receive franchise fees for the borough. After review, a motion was made by Cindee Virostek, and seconded by Cheryl Swank, to enter into a new agreement and directing Dr. Kautz to sign the agreement on behalf of the borough. Motion passed unanimously.

Apollo Borough received \$225.96 from the Apollo Lions Club for a portion of the bricks that were sold for an area in Owens Grove to put the Lion fountain.

Planning Committee Report

Cheryl Swank – Chairman

Plans for the grant project are going out for bid.

Reaching out to Mr. Klingensmith to look at the property he owns on First Street.

Status of property on Armstrong that was recommended for demolition.

Public Works & Streets Committee Report:

Dr. Kautz named Nancy Walker as Chairman

Ashley Stiffey will be on this committee.

Public Safety & Public Service Committee Report:

Diane Bradshaw – Chairman

Discussed the proposed contract with North Apollo. A motion was made by Nancy Walker, and seconded by Cindee Virostek, to propose the contract as drafted. Walker – yes; Virostek – yes; Kautz – yes; Swank – yes; Bradshaw – yes; Gabrielli – Abstain. Motion passed.

Property Committee Report:

Denny Gabrielli – Chairman

Finance Committee Report

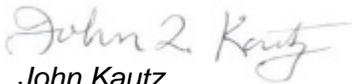
John Kautz – Chairman

Approval of items for payment as follows (MTD January 2017):

Garbage Fund – \$7598.00
General Fund (includes payroll) – \$53,177.86
Liquid Fuels Fund – \$.00
Sewer Fund – \$8495.60
Sewer Separation Fund - \$2,395.03
Parking Fund – \$192.35
Total – \$71,858.84

A motion was made by Cindee Virostek, and seconded by Cheryl Swank, to pay all bills, including payroll. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Nancy Walker, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.



John Kautz
Council President



Cynthia McDermott
Borough Manager