

November 17, 2016
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, Mark Greenawalt, and Denny Gabrielli. Solicitor Tim Miller was present. Mayor Held was present. Council member Nancy Walker was absent. Borough Manager, Cindee McDermott was absent.

Public Comments: John Steele discussed the 11th Street sewer pipe system and that he thinks PennDOT is going to take his property. He states that he has seen the plans. He is asking the borough to step in and help him so that his property is not taken.

Karen Graham - tree for down at the bridge from Davey Tree has been planted. They want to schedule a public memorial service and possibly put a marker at the tree.

Christine Kasenko – Oklahoma EMS – wants to get more involved in the community and begin to attend the council meetings.

CDBG Program – Carmen Johnson and Kirsten Primm – presented council with information regarding the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program eligible/ineligible activities. Apollo is considered a non-entitlement community. Eligible activities include curbs, sidewalks, milling (no sealing or tar and chip). The funds would require a local match of 10% minimum. Each community must apply annually – no guarantee of funds from year to year.

Engineering Report: Reviewed by Rich Craft.

Rich discussed amendments to Section 9F and 11P2 of the proposed street opening ordinance. After discussion, a motion was made by Cindee Virostek, and seconded by Cheryl Swank, to advertise the ordinance as amended and proposed today. Motion carried unanimously.

The full engineering report will be attached to next month's meeting minutes.

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

Solicitor's Report:

The 2017 rates of pay for police officers was accepted by the Steelworkers union. There is also a tentative agreement for the OIC to work and be paid by salary for 48 hours per week.

The 2017 Tax ordinance was discussed. The budget has to be passed and then the 2017 tax ordinance can be passed in December, not January.

A motion was made by Cindee Virostek, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to pay the solicitor's invoices. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Cindee Virostek, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to approve the minutes from the meetings of 10/20/2016 and 11/3/2016. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor honored the late Mr. Harold Geiger for his public service record.

The military banners are down and will be brought to the borough building where people can pick them up.

RAID is hosting a Free Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday from 10 AM to 2 PM. They are preparing for 250 meals to be served.

December 6th there will be a free Narcan training class available.

Borough Manager Report: Absent

Planning Committee Report

Cheryl Swank – Chairman

A handout was distributed regarding the ordering of new Christmas decorations. The money from the leftover Bicentennial funds would be used to cover the cost. The estimated total cost of 12 LED snowflakes, shipping, electric cost of installation, artificial wreaths, mittens, hats and scarves for decorating the bikes is \$6675.00. There will be a collaboration between ARHS students and Apollo for decorating the bikes. A motion was made by Cindee Virostek, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to move forward with purchasing everything on the list. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Works & Streets Committee Report:

Mark Greenawalt – Chairman

The men have been working on Christmas lights and decorations.
A need for a new leaf blower was discussed as for next year.

Public Safety & Public Service Committee Report:

Diane Bradshaw – Chairman

There is a second meeting scheduled with North Apollo regarding a contract for police coverage.

Property Committee Report:

Denny Gabrielli – Chairman

Denny & Mark surveyed all the empty lots on the repository. No recommendations at this time.

Finance Committee Report

John Kautz – Chairman

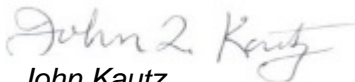
The highlights of the proposed budget were reviewed by Dr. Kautz. A motion was made by Cindee Virostek, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to advertise the budget. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of items for payment as follows (MTD November 2016):

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 Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to pay all bills, including payroll. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Cindee Virostek, to adjourn the meeting.


John Kautz
Council President


Cynthia McDermott
Borough Manager