

September 27, 2018
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, Ashley Stiffy, John Steele, and Nancy Walker were present. Dennis Gabrielli and Dylan Foster were absent. Solicitor Tim Miller was present. Mayor Virostek was absent. Borough Manager was present.

Public Comments: Mike Mollick, EMA Director and representative to the Hazard Mitigation Team presented his training plan to be held three times a year, and reported there will be no significant changes to the plan. A motion was made by Nancy Walker, and seconded by Ashley Stiffy, to join the Armstrong County Hazardous Mitigation Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

Ken Kaminsky from RRWA stated to council that Roaring Run would no longer maintain the section of the trail between First Street and N. Third Street. They want that section removed from the lease with the borough. Solicitor Tim Miller would not recommend that action and will look into it for further discussion at a later time.

Karen Graham of Kingdom Come Ministries discussed another tree being planted down by the bridge. She will work with Nancy Walker regarding assistance from the Public Works Department.

A motion was made by Diane Bradshaw, and seconded by Nancy Walker, to move Council into executive session to discuss litigation, CBA, and personnel at 8:05 PM, and went back on the record at 8:45 PM.

After discussion, council agrees that BZ Mart must comply with the borough ordinance and remove the propane tanks and cages from the sidewalk adjacent to the building.

Engineering Report: Report from Rich Craft was received by council. A motion was made by Nancy Walker and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to pay the following invoices: #16035 & 16036 in the total amount of \$670.44 from the general fund, and #16037 in the amount of \$127.50 from the sewer fund. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion regarding a section of the old storm line on South Third Street, council agrees we should try to get a contractor to excavate and check for a break before we contract any paving. The section is between Gulliford Way and Warren Avenue. The borough manager will try to retain someone local who can do the excavation and a repair at this location.

After discussion, council agrees that there is no conflict with John Steele working with Olsen Craft and Associates on a land development project for his personal property.

Solicitor's Report: Having been duly advertised, a motion was made by Nancy Walker, and seconded by Ashley Stiffy, to adopt Ordinance #278-2018 an amendment to #257-92. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Nancy Walker, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to pay the invoice from Christopher Gabriel in the amount of \$49.50. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Ashley Stiffy, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to approve the minutes of the meeting from August 30, 2018. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report: Absent.

Borough Manager Report: The utility relocation agreement with PennDOT for the 11th Street bridge project was discussed and tabled until it can be reviewed by the borough solicitor.

James Andring's office has advised they will no longer collect non-traffic assessments and fees from the garbage and sewer accounts. Their collections will be limited to fines and costs as may be assessed by the court.

Planning Committee Report

Ashley Stiffy – Chairman

Public Works & Streets Committee Report

Nancy Walker – Chairman

Public Safety & Public Service Committee Report

Diane Bradshaw – Chairman

The small green space at the corner by the bridge was discussed for placement of a kiosk describing the mosaics recently placed on the side of a building in Apollo. The Boy Scouts have volunteered to take care of installation and this will be coordinated between Diane Bradshaw and Cris Kostiuik.

ARHS has requested the annual homecoming parade to take place on Friday, October 5, 2018 at 5:30 PM. Police Department will escort to Owens Field.

Property Committee Report

Dennis Gabrielli - Chairman

Finance Committee Report

John Kautz – Chairman

Approval of items for payment as follows (MTD September 2018):

Garbage Fund – \$7,598.00
General Fund (includes payroll) – \$40,400.86
Liquid Fuels Fund – \$3,732.01
Sewer Fund – \$7947.17
Sewer Separation Fund - \$2,395.03
Parking Fund – \$78.52
Total – \$62,151.59

A motion was made by Ashley Stiffy, and seconded by Nancy Walker, to pay all bills, including payroll. The motion passed unanimously.

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

John Kautz
Council President

Cynthia McDermott
Borough Manager