

May 25, 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, Cheryl Swank, Dennis Gabrielli, and Nancy Walker were present. Council members Cindee Virostek and Ashley Stiffy were absent. Solicitor Tim Miller was present. Mayor Held was present. .

Public Comments:

Lea Thompkins from New Life Baptist Church introduced herself, and stated to council that she just wanted to be involved in the community, and thought the meeting would be a good place to start for her.

Rev. Karen Graham discussed planting flowers at the Leonard Miller memorial.

Representatives from the Solid Rock Church of God asked council about passing out hot dogs and soda in Apollo this summer. The New Life Baptist Church already does this on the weekends in front of St. Vincent DePaul.

Engineering Report:

Denny Gabrielli discussed the paving on North Second Street. A combination of two things – scratch and milling material – will be used at a cost of up to \$16,000 for the extra milling on the project. A motion was made by Nancy Walker, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw to approve this paving cost.

A motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Nancy Walker to pay the invoices presented for Olsen & Associates. General Fund totals \$1681.30 and Sewer Fund totals \$325.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor's Report:

A letter was sent to North Apollo terminating Apollo's offer for police services.

An email was received from the Green's attorney to offer to extend the lease term as requested. A motion was made by Diane Bradshaw, and seconded by Nancy Walker, to accept the offer. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Nancy Walker, to pay the solicitor's invoices in the total amount of \$710.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Nancy Walker, and seconded by Cheryl Swank, to approve the minutes from the meeting of 4/27/2017. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report:

Dillon Butz-Retzer was the recipient of the Leonard Miller Scholarship. The Mayor encouraged council to increase the amount of the scholarship for future years, and to include Lenape student. A note will be put in the budget file for discussion in 2018.

An interfaith church service was held during the Bicentennial. The Pastor of the church across First Street would like to use the gazebo and Soldiers & Sailors Hall on July 16th to have another service. The date is available. A motion was made by Nancy Walker, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to allow the service and waive any rental fees. Motion passed unanimously.

The Leonard Miller memorial needs cleaned, and there have been reports of graffiti in the Grove. These will be checked out and taken care of.

Borough Manager Report:

Rainbow Emergency Communications has asked to hold a boot drive on Friday, June 23rd. A motion was made by Nancy Walker, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to approve this request. Motion carried unanimously.

A solicitation permit request was made by a student who works for Southwestern Advantage. One person would like to solicit for 12 weeks. They sell educational materials. A motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Nancy Walker to table this request until the June meeting.

Discussion regarding the planting of trees/shrubs for the plaza resulted into a motion made by Nancy Walker, and seconded by Cheryl Swank, to purchase alternating arborvitae trees and knock out rose bushes and include the healthy trees that are currently growing in the root wells. The motion included purchasing flowers and greenery to fill the pots from last year and place them on the canal sign. The budget limit for these items is to be up to \$300.00. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to approve Resolution #001-2017 to authorize the borough to approve a line of credit with First Commonwealth Bank in the amount of \$316,325 for the purpose of having available grant anticipation funds to pay our contractors for the grant projects that are currently in progress. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Nancy Walker, and seconded by Cheryl Swank, to approve the obligation note and to approve the require signatures. This motion includes approving the commitment letter and authorizing Dr. Kautz and the borough manager to sign the closing papers as needed. Motion carried unanimously.

Liberoni Inc. has submitted their #1 pay application in the amount of \$114,524.19. This has been reviewed and approve by Engineer Rich Craft. A motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to submit pay application #1 to DCED for payment on the Greenways and Multimodel grants. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning Committee Report

Cheryl Swank – Chairman

Cheryl introduced Jennifer Botthel (N. Apollo) who is very interested in developing community gardens. She would like to see council continue discussions for potential vegetable gardens along Park Avenue in the park.

Property & Planning committee members have looked at a couple of potential properties for housing the borough offices and police stations. She may have more specific information available at the next council meeting.

Public Works & Streets Committee Report:

Nancy Walker – Chairman

Interviews were conducted by the committee for part time public works. A motion was made by Nancy Walker, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to hire Andrew Hreha. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Safety & Public Service Committee Report:

Diane Bradshaw – Chairman

There are still some stop sign issues on the streets.
There was a general discussion about parking signs on either side of streets.

Property Committee Report:

Denny Gabrielli – Chairman

Discussion regarding the piles of millings that were put down at the riverfront site by Liberoni when they milled North Second Street. These are to be left for Apollo borough's use.

Finance Committee Report

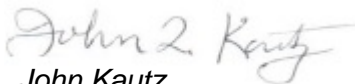
John Kautz – Chairman

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

Garbage Fund – \$7598.00
General Fund (includes payroll) – \$42693.01
Liquid Fuels Fund – \$4037.29
Sewer Fund – \$9242.17
Sewer Separation Fund - \$2,395.03
Parking Fund – \$207.03
Total – \$66,172.53

A motion was made by Nancy Walker, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, 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