

**January 25, 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, and Nancy Walker were present. Dylan Foster was absent. Solicitor Tim Miller was present. Mayor Virostek was present.

Public Comments: Jake Ruzs, Vice-President from VFD#3 told council they are very interested in joining the borough to put together a truck room with the new borough building. They were asked to put their interest in writing and forward it to council.

Scott Brunermer and his wife discussed the property they purchased at 719 N. Warren Avenue and the challenges they have had trying to make improvements to it. They asked council for a waiver from the vacancy ordinance. They have an inspection scheduled to determine waiver status.

7:30 PM to 8:18 PM Executive session to discuss litigation and potential litigation.

Letters of interest for the open council seat were received by council from Dennis Gabrielli, Mike Bowersox, and Dave Heffernan. Nominations were open. Nancy Walker nominated Dennis Gabrielli, seconded by Ashley Stiffy. There were no other nominations and the nominations were closed. Council approved the nomination unanimously. Dennis Gabrielli was sworn in by Mayor Cindee Virostek and took his seat.

The meeting was interrupted by Jim Minnick from The Chambers Hotel. He stated he has problems with Apollo and would like to meet with someone. Mayor Virostek stated she would meet with him sometime, along with a member of the public safety department.

Engineering Report:

There is a PennDOT meeting scheduled for the bridge project on 11th Street which he will attend on February 1st. He will bring up the small area that will be land locked after they take the right of way. He will also bring up the relocation of the sewer line placement.

Discussion regarding the flow monitoring from KVWPCA. Their board is considering a flat rate in addition to a rated one. Vince Milie was present and states that the board will not be making a decision until the affected municipalities have an opportunity for input.

The Railroad Steet project from the high rise entrance to Benninger Lane was discussed. The balance of the grant funds, approximately \$113,000 will be used for this project. A motion was made by Ashley Stiffy, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to advertise the project and have the bids be due before the February meeting on February 22nd. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Nancy Walker, and seconded by Ashley Stiffy, to pay Olsen invoices in the amount of \$832.12 from the general fund, and \$2524.98 grant match funds. \$250 will be billed directly to Gary & Elizabeth Davis. Motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor's Report: (Executive session.)

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Ashley Stiffy, and seconded by Nancy Walker, to approve the minutes from the meetings of 12/14/2017 and 1/2/18. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report: A report from the Police Department for a period of January 1 to January 19th was given.

Borough Manager Report:

Planning Committee Report

Ashley Stiffy – Chairman

Public Works & Streets Committee Report

Nancy Walker – Chairman

The new part time public works employee seems to be doing a good job so far.

Public Safety & Public Service Committee Report

Diane Bradshaw – Chairman

A motion was made by Diane Bradshaw, and seconded by Nancy Walker, to move Jose Pantoja from probationary to regular part time police officer, effective tomorrow. Kautz – yes. Bradshaw – yes. Walker – yes. Stiffy – yes. Gabrielli – Abstain. Motion passed.

The meeting was interrupted by Brad Broman who wanted to discuss a legal issue with a property he owns in Apollo. The solicitor advised him that cannot be discussed in this open meeting.

Property Committee Report

Finance Committee Report

John Kautz – Chairman

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

Garbage Fund – \$7689.40
General Fund (includes payroll) – \$63439.49
Liquid Fuels Fund – \$7058059
Sewer Fund – \$4515.00
Sewer Separation Fund - \$2,395.03
Parking Fund – \$218.30
Total – \$85,315.81

A motion was made by Diane Bradshaw, and seconded by Ashley Stiffy, 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