

October 22, 2020

Apollo Borough Council Meeting

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a brief invocation, the Apollo Borough council meeting was called to order by Council President John Steele at 7:00 PM at the Soldiers & Sailors Hall at Owens Grove Park.

Present: Council members John Steele, Mark Tarle, Jennifer Mullins, Patrick Zelonka, Craig Williams and Kristina Fox were present. The Engineer and Solicitor and Secretary/Treasurer were present. Council member Chad Gradwell, Solicitor and Mayor were absent.

Public Comments:

Kate Myers - An Apollo Ridge High School student asked if she could do an art project in Apollo Borough that will raise awareness of water pollution to the river. She will be designing a small scale mural to be drawn on top of a storm drain to illustrate the importance of keeping the water that flows into the river clean. She offered to come back in February to present the designs and has asked council for permission to proceed with the project that plans to start next spring.

Lyle Rusz & Jake Rusz – Volunteer Firemen of Apollo Hose Company #3 voiced concerns regarding an incident with one of their fire trucks needing repairs on a damaged door. The secretary-treasurer contacted Apollo Borough's insurance company after receiving a call from the Fire Chief of Apollo Hose Co. #3 on September 11th stating that they had damage to one of their trucks while on a fire call. The insurance company asked for the fire chief's contact information to discuss the incident with him. On October 22nd the secretary-treasurer received a call from the claims adjuster who reported that damage to the fire truck was only cosmetic. The pictures and estimate were emailed to the secretary-treasurer and forwarded to the council president and vice president. The fire company submitted one estimate to the insurance company for costs totaling \$4754.31 which includes a \$1000 deductible. It was suggested that the fire company pay the \$1,000.00 deductible and get another estimate since the fire truck is still fully operational.

Further discussion of the Apollo Hose #3 Fire Truck tabled for the next meeting.

Engineering Report: Discussion of a PennDot Grant application – Road Widening Project.

A motion was made by Mark Tarle and seconded by Jennifer Mullins to adopt a resolution to request funds and to schedule an appointment before November 6, 2020 for project funding. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Jennifer Mullins and seconded by Patrick Zelonka to go into Executive Session at 7:54 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Patrick Zelonka and seconded by Mark Tarle to leave Executive Session at 8:47pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor's Report: A motion was made by Jennifer Mullins and seconded by Craig Williams to pay Charlton Law invoices. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Mark Tarle and seconded by Kristina Fox to approve the September 24, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report. The Mayor was absent.

Public Safety: Mark Tarle, chair. The police report was given by Councilman Tarle. There were 38 complaints, 43 citations and 12 incidents.

Secretary/Treasurer Report:

- PMRS 2021 Worksheets
- Storm Drain Art Project
- Education Foundation Signage
- Approval of Garbage & Sewer Invoice Dates
- Treasurers Report

A motion was made by Craig Williams and seconded by Jennifer Mullins to approve Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System (PMRS) minimal municipal obligation worksheet for 2021. Motion passed unanimously.

Council unanimously approved Kate Myers Art Project for the Storm Drains.

Council unanimously approved the Education Foundation Signage Project for Aaron Worst's Eagle Scout Project.

A motion was made by Patrick Zelonka and seconded by Jennifer Mullins to approve the 2021 Garbage Fund and Sewer/Storm Water Maintenance Fund due dates. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Craig Williams and seconded by Kristina Fox to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee Report – John Steele, chair

A motion was made by Mark Tarle and seconded by Jennifer Mullins to pay the bills. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of items for payment as follows (9/23/2020 to 10/21/2020)

Garbage Fund - \$7822.00
General Fund (includes payroll) - \$36224.86
Liquid Fuels Fund - \$3268.41
Parking Fund - \$263.97
Sewer Fund - \$7947.17
Sewer Separation Fund - \$2395.03
Total - \$57921.44

The Finance Committee is finalizing the projected 2021 budget for review at the November meeting.

Personnel/HR Committee Report: Jennifer Mullins, chair

A motion was made by Patrick Zelonka and seconded by Mark Tarle for each employee to have a yearly review and to approve raises for employees. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Patrick Zelonka and seconded by Mark Tarle to approve a legal consultation with Eckert Seaman's law firm. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Works & Streets Committee Report: Patrick Zelonka, chair

There was a discussion about the location and size of the public works new salt shed and whether or not a foundation will need to be dug.

Property & Planning Committee Report: Mark Tarle, chair

Property planning working with zoning officer regarding permits and setbacks on the new salt shed.

Public Relations/Citizens Advisory Committee Report: Jennifer Mullins, chair

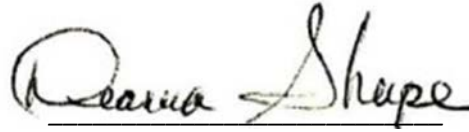
Discussion of Christmas Events – A decision has been made to cancel Christmas Events due to the rising cases of COVID. A suggestion was made to possibly have a house decorating contest instead.

It was discussed to review the Vending Ordinance and to do a Resolution.

At 9:23 a motion was made by Patrick Zelonka and seconded by Jennifer Mullins to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.



John Steele
Council President



Deanna Shupe
Borough Secretary/Treasurer