

January 28, 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 Denny Gabrielli, Cheryl Swank, John Kautz, Diane Bradshaw, Cindee Virostek, Mark Greenawalt, and Nancy Walker were present. Solicitor Tim Miller was present. Mayor Held was present.

Public Comments: Resident James Rawls, manager at the Apollo Senior Center, has been a resident of Apollo for four years. He has previous experience working with youth in the communities. He discussed a self-esteem program, financial planning, and community service. He has held teen dances, developmental sports team, and fishing programs for youth (YMCA) experience.

Bill Walker from Volunteer Fire Department #2 would like to build a new relationship with council, and open up lines of communication. He plans on attending council meetings in the future and giving council reports on their calls, etc. They have mutual aid agreements with other departments and communities.

Engineering Report: The attached engineering report was given by Rich Craft. Rich was asked to attend the North Apollo council meeting next week to discuss the road we are building from the access road to route 66.

PennDOT's highway permit department – at the pre-application meeting they wanted to know what we intend to build there and how much traffic will be going in and out. A letter of interest from the fire companies – North Apollo and Apollo #3 would be helpful.

A motion was made by Cindee Virostek, and seconded by Cheryl Swank, to pay Olsen Engineering Invoice 14159 in the amount of \$754.55 from the general fund, and 14157 from the general fund in the amount of \$49.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Cheryl Swank, to approve the meeting minutes from December 17, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Cheryl Swank, to approve the meeting minutes from January 4, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor gave his quarterly financial report on the police department.

Solicitors Report: PW contract negotiations – there is a session scheduled for Monday.

Borough Manager Report: A motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Mark Greenawalt, to approve the tax ordinance #268-15 as advertised. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to include the following paragraph in the council meeting minutes to clarify the minutes of September 24, 2015. Motion carried unanimously. "Apollo council members agree that the minutes of September 24, 2015 should be clarified in the second paragraph under the Borough Manager's report. Cindee Virostek voluntarily resigned as Council President, as well as Chairman of the Finance Committee, and asked that her name be removed as a signature on the borough checking accounts."

Planning Committee Report

Cheryl Swank – Chairman

If Apollo does not get either of the grants that were applied for, the committee would like to look at spending some money on more lamp posts on Warren Avenue and First Street, increasing our signs, and planting more trees. 2016 goals include a farmer's market in the plaza; sprucing up town with planters, fresh flowers, and bringing in the industrial sweeper prior to the Bicentennial celebration, improving the backs of the commercial buildings facing route 66 (post office to BZ Mart), hide their dumpsters, etc.

Denny will meet with the fire departments to try and do something special for the Memorial Day ceremony in 2016.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Cindee Virostek, to start a FB page for the borough, name Jamie Johnston as administrator, so things like the angel program and other projects can be posted.
Motion passed unanimously.

Public Works & Streets Committee Report:

Mark Greenawalt – Chairman

2016 goals include a PW contract, completion of the cul de sac road; bridge backfill and cut more trees; Owens Grove projects; replacement of street signs, as well as changes; roof of the maintenance garage and the improvement of the fountain.

Public Safety & Public Service Committee Report:

Diane Bradshaw – Chairman

2016 goals include administrative training for the OIC; reviewing and updating ordinances for dog safety; children at play signs for the grove; investigate an angel program for the elderly (snow, grass cutting). A motion was made by Diane Bradshaw to pass resolution 001-2016 to accept the general obligation note from First Commonwealth to purchase a new police car. Motion passed unanimously.
A motion was made by Cindee Virostek, and seconded by Cheryl Swank, to accept the financial proposal from First Commonwealth Bank for financing the new police vehicle at \$35,159.50. Motion passed unanimously.
A motion was made by Diane Bradshaw, and seconded by Mark Greenawalt, to authorize Dr. Kautz to sign the documents to purchase & sign for the police department vehicle. Motion passed unanimously.

Property Committee Report:

Denny Gabrielli – Chairman

Goals for 2016 include deciding how to deal with the property beside Rockhoppers; the riverfront property and the highway project; the lease with Pat Greene; Owens Grove trees; upkeep Soldiers and Sailors, and the pavilions in the Grove.
A motion was made by Denny Gabrielli to have Bill Serena appraise the property the borough recovered from the lease with RRWA, seconded by Cindee Virostek. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee Report

John Kautz – Chairman

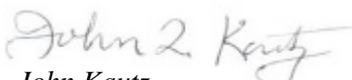
John Kautz, Council President, appointed Denny Gabrielli to represent Apollo with the UCC Group.

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

Garbage Fund – \$7598.00
General Fund (includes payroll) – \$66138.42
Liquid Fuels Fund – \$3502.82
Sewer Fund – \$7971.67
Sewer Separation Fund - \$2395.03
Parking Fund – \$267.65
Total – \$87,873.59

A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Cindee Virostek, 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. Motion passed unanimously.


John Kautz
Council President


Cynthia McDermott
Borough Manager