

December 7, 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, Cindee Virostek, Ashley Stiffy, and Nancy Walker were present. Denny Gabrielli and Dylan Foster were absent. Solicitor Tim Miller was present. Mayor Held was absent.

Public Comments: Linda and John Steele asked council if they had considered their request to not designate their properties as vacant and enforcing our vacant property ordinance. Council explained that at this time the Steeles needed to allow the inspections that were previously scheduled with the inspector to comply with the ordinance.

Stanley Matthews expressed concerns about the zoning ordinance violations that he received regarding the parking area/retaining wall that he had built. The solicitor suggested to him to seek a variance.

An executive session was requested by the solicitor to discuss litigation at 7:12 PM. Council was back on the record at 7:35 PM.

The Christmas tree down by the bridge was donated by Magistrate James Andring and his family.

The borough police department received a wreath from The Fallen Heroes Wreath Program in honor of Apollo's fallen Patrolman Leonard C. Miller. The wreath was placed in front of the memorial which stands beside the bridge. Officer Miller was shot and killed on Thursday, January 3, 1980.

Planning Committee Report

Ashley Stiffy – Chairman

Ashley reported that the committee is looking for new signs to be installed in Owens Grove regarding "No Pets" except for service animals and "no Bikes". Residents have been using the new walking trail regularly and need to be reminded that no pets are allowed in the park.

There is a family from Apollo that has expressed an interest in placing a plaque in Owens Grove in memory of their son who recently passed away. The Lions Club has been discussing putting a handicap swing in the park. Council is very interested in helping this family place a plaque in their son's memory.

Public Works & Streets Committee Report:

Nancy Walker – Chairman

Several candidates were interviewed for the part time public works position. The committee has recommended Joshua McMillen for the position, and asked for council approval. A motion was made by Cindee Virostek, and seconded by Ashley Stiffy to hire Joshua McMillen, and have him start working on Monday, December 11th, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Safety & Public Service Committee Report:

Diane Bradshaw – Chairman

Property Committee Report:

Denny Gabrielli – Chairman

Finance Committee Report

John Kautz – Chairman

After comments regarding the budget, including the borough is not raising taxes for 2018, Dr. Kautz asked for a motion to approve the budget as proposed by the Finance Committee to council. A motion was made by Cindee Virostek, and seconded by Nancy Walker, to approve the budget. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the tax ordinance for 2018 was made by Ashley Stiffy, and seconded by Cindee Virostek. Motion passed unanimously.

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


John Kautz
Council President


Cynthia McDermott
Borough Manager