

March 30, 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, Denny Gabrielli, and Ashley Stiffy were present. Solicitor Tim Miller was present. Mayor Held was present. Cheryl Swank and Nancy Walker were absent.

Public Comments:

Arthur & Jennifer McCray addressed council regarding their request to have a controlled burn at their property. After discussion, a motion was made by Cindee Virostek, and seconded by Ashley Stiffey, to allow a one time burn under very specific conditions. This is to be performed in daylight hours only under the supervision of their qualified contractor. They are to contact Chad Gradwell, #3 Fire Department chief before they begin burning. They are to not burn any large logs, and must build something around the fire to contain it to campfire size, and it must be out before dusk. Motion passed unanimously.

Rev. Karen Graham discussed her previous request to place a boulder down by the tree that was planted by the bridge. The marker they would like to place on the boulder was approved by council at a size of 20" x 10". They would like to change the size of the boulder to 72" x 36" x 9", and would like Eric's help to place it. Diane Bradshaw would like to be notified when they bring the boulder and be present when it is placed. A motion was made by Denny Gabrielli, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to allow the new marker, and the Public Works personnel to assist with placement. Motion passed unanimously.

Rev. Graham made a suggestion to place a larger flag pole at the memorial by the bridge.

Council then went into an executive session to discuss personnel. After returning to regular session, Ashley Stiffy made a motion to terminate the employment of the current part time public works employee. The motion was seconded by Dennis Gabrielli, and there was a roll call vote. Kautz – yes. Bradshaw – yes. Virostek – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Dennis Gabrielli to place an advertisement for a part time public works department employee.

Engineering Report: Reviewed by Rich Craft.

The grant project award was discussed. A motion was made by Diane Bradshaw, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to make a conditional approval to award the base bid and the alternates one and two to A. Liberoni, the lowest bidder for the project. The conditional approval is based on obtaining the Conrad right of way, and the Green easement. Motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Cindee Virostek, and seconded by Ashley Stiffy to pay the invoices presented for Olsen & Associates. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor's Report:

The solicitor reviewed a proposed addendum to the current landlord ordinance. This discussion was tabled for the April meeting.

A motion was made by Cindee Virostek, and seconded by Ashley Stiffy, to pay the solicitor's invoices in the total amount of \$1285.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Ashley Stiffy, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to approve the minutes from the meeting of 2/23/2017. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report:

The Mayor discussed the repair and maintenance of sidewalks and curbs in the borough. After discussion a motion was made by Denny Gabrielli, and seconded by Cindee Virostek, to post a notice regarding the expectations of compliance and enforcement which will be sent out thirty days after the notices. Motion passed unanimously.

Borough Manager Report:

Debi Carnahan of the Salvation Army has asked to place pinwheels in Apollo representing the 279 reported cases of child abuse in Armstrong County. These will be located at multiple locations throughout the county. They will remove the pinwheels on May 3rd. A motion was made by Diane Bradshaw, and seconded by Ashley Stiffy, to approve this proposal. Motion carried unanimously.

Rainbow Communications has asked permission for a boot drive at the bridge intersection on April 21, & 22, 2017. A motion was made by Diane Bradshaw, and seconded by Cindee Virostek, to approve the solicitation. Motion carried unanimously.

Annual DUI agreement presented to council. A motion was made by Diane Bradshaw, and seconded by Cindee Virostek, to authorize Sgt. Kier to sign the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning Committee Report

Cheryl Swank – Chairman

Public Works & Streets Committee Report:

Nancy Walker – Chairman

Public Safety & Public Service Committee Report:

Diane Bradshaw – Chairman

Property Committee Report:

Denny Gabrielli – Chairman

Finance Committee Report

John Kautz – Chairman

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

- Garbage Fund – \$37,875.85
- General Fund (includes payroll) – \$29,848.45
- Liquid Fuels Fund – \$5524.94
- Sewer Fund – \$679.99
- Sewer Separation Fund - \$2,395.03
- Parking Fund – \$277.85
- Total – \$76,602.11**

A motion was made by Cindee Virostek, and seconded by Ashley Stiffy, to pay all bills, including payroll. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Diane Bradshaw, and seconded by Ashley Stiffy, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.


John Kautz
Council President


Cynthia McDermott
Borough Manager