

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

Public Comments: Jioia Schreckengost a resident of West in Arms spoke to council about her parking concerns for herself and another resident, Don Reigh. She stated that the designated parking area at West in Arms was for staff only. She has received permission to park at Zecca Manufacturing, and also in the Lutheran Church parking lot, but would prefer that the borough consider giving her a parking space on North Third Street by removing a metered space or expanding a parking area that currently is a yellow no parking area. She does not currently have a handicap parking placard. The Public Safety Committee will take a look at the situation, and make a recommendation to council.

Rev. Karen Graham would like to have information on events, statistics, and plans in Apollo. They are interested in participating in the Owens Grove tree purchases plans, as well as possibly donating an evergreen tree to be planted down by the bridge.

Engineering Report:

The Wooster proposal for preparation of a traffic impact analysis for the development of the Scenic Drive/SR56/N. 11th Street intersection was discussed. After discussion, a motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Nancy Walker, to accept the Wooster proposal to continue their traffic engineering services and work on the HOP, and to provide the required signatures for the contract. Motion passed unanimously.

Rich Craft discussed the grant funds, the potential overlaps between the two grants, what the funds can be used for; keeping the scope of the projects the same and perhaps changing some materials was discussed.

After discussion, a motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Nancy Walker, to accept the Greenways, Trails, and Recreation grant awarded from DCED in the amount of \$150,000 with a 15% match from the borough. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussing the potential issues associated with acceptance of the Multimodal Transportation Fund grant as awarded by DCED in the amount of \$166,325, a motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to have Rich Craft communicate and possibly meet with DCED personnel regarding the unique challenges associated with the issues being discussed regarding the overlap items, the scope of the projects, adding additional items, and possibly extending the deadline to accept the grant. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to approve paying Olsen invoices from the general fund in the following amounts: #14481 - \$171.75 and #14482 - \$171.50. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Nancy Walker, to approve the meeting minutes from June 23, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor provided council with his quarterly financial report. The police department budget is right on track with the revenue and expenses.

Jason Varner submitted his resignation as a part time police officer. A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to accept the resignation of Jason Varner. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitors Report: A motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Mark Greenawalt, to pay the solicitor's invoice in the amount of \$450.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Borough Manager Report: After a discussion of the great job that Jeff Valco did taking pictures of the Bicentennial events, a motion was made by Nancy Walker, and seconded by Cheryl Swank, to pay him a stipend of \$150. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Cheryl Swank, to allow a solicitation permit for a boot drive by Rainbow Communications. Motion passed unanimously.

The Borough Manager reported that a resident of the borough had submitted a bill for some sidewalk cement work for a total of \$250 that he feels is the responsibility of the borough because the damage occurred during the sewer separation project. After discussion, a motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to deny his request to be reimbursed as council agrees that the window of opportunity to make any claims associated with the sewer project has passed by a number of years. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning Committee Report

Cheryl Swank – Chairman

Farmers Market – the market went well and is growing.

Public Works & Streets Committee Report:

Mark Greenawalt – Chairman

Discussed the general cleanup of town and how things looked great for the Bicentennial. A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli to send Eric Andring for LTAPS training on August 12, 2016 as requested. Motion passed unanimously.

There was a general discussion about the location of stop signs on the streets that going up and down in town. He and his committee will start to lay out a plan to replace some signs. Also a lot of stop signs need replaced for new ones with better illumination.

Public Safety & Public Service Committee Report:

Diane Bradshaw – Chairman

Property Committee Report:

Denny Gabrielli – Chairman

Nancy discussed the tree program for replacement trees for Owens Grove. The prairie fire crabapple trees need to be ordered in the next 2-3 weeks, and the purchase program will be posted on FB. Any size donations will be accepted.

A motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Mark Greenawalt to purchase a maximum of ten (10) trees at a maximum price of \$350 each. Motion passed unanimously.

Denny also mentioned the possibility of having another movie night in the Grove, sponsored by the borough. He will look into it further and the possibility of obtaining sponsors.

Finance Committee Report

John Kautz – Chairman

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

Garbage Fund – \$8,039.67

General Fund (includes payroll) – \$54,440.85

Liquid Fuels Fund – \$7,029.32

Sewer Fund – \$8,727.78

Sewer Separation Fund - \$2,395.03

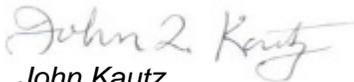
Parking Fund – \$121.91

Total – \$80,754.56

Dr. Kautz expressed his appreciation of all of the employees and elected officials for all of the time spent over the past two and one-half years on the Bicentennial events. He would like to see some type of commendation given to those individuals.

A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to pay all bills, including payroll. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to recess the meeting to 7:00 PM on Thursday, August 18, 2016. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was recessed by Dr. Kautz.



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Council President



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