

January 30, 2014
REGULAR MEETING

Apollo Borough council meeting was called to order by council President, Cindee Virostek, at 7:00 PM in the Apollo Borough Municipal building council chambers.

Present: Council members Virostek, Goldinger, Gabrielli, Swank, and Greenawalt were present. Solicitor Pascal was present. Mayor Held was present.

Public Comments:

Tom Coulter addressed council in regard to allowing fire chiefs to make permanent changes to running procedures with 911. A motion was made by Darhl Goldinger, and seconded by Mark Greenawalt, to send a letter from the borough to 911 giving permission for both fire chiefs to make changes to those procedures, contingent on the fire departments providing the borough with a copy of the changes they request. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Cheryl Swank, to approve the minutes from 1/9/14. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion, it was agreed that starting with 2014 the approved meeting minutes will be put on the apollopa.org website.

Engineering Report: See attached report presented by Rich Craft. PennVest loan terms for the sewer project were discussed with council. A decision will have to be made to revise the re-payment plan in some way. A motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Mark Greenawalt, to revise the term (amortized as of 4-1-14) of the PennVest loan and begin payments of \$2,384.63 on 5-1-14. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Darhl Goldinger, to approve Olsen Associates invoice #12311 and #12313 from the general fund in the amount of \$665.45, and invoice #12307, 12308, and 12312 in the amount of \$2,624.00 from the sewer system fund. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Darhl Goldinger, and seconded by Mark Greenawalt to appoint Karen Kenzevich as rental inspector and Brenda Troup as Zoning Officer for 2014. Motion passed unanimously.

Council member appointments:

A motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to appoint Elizabeth Bradshaw as a council member for a two year term. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to appoint Dr. John Kautz as a council member for a two year term. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report:

The police have been reporting all street lights they can find out in the borough. Many of them have been fixed.

They have been reviewing applications and have interviews set up for additional part time officers. Discussed the solicitation requirements in the borough. Some people have been trying to solicit energy in the borough without a permit.

Mayor Held asked council to allow him to spend approximately \$1000 toward his participation in a one week annual conference held by the PA State Mayors Association. A motion was made by Denny Gabrielli, and seconded by Mark Greenawalt, to table this budget decision until the next regular meeting of council.

OIC Dan Anthony and the mayor presented information on participation in the Armstrong County DUI Task Force. After lengthy discussion of this issue, it was tabled.

Solicitor's Report: Sippel status discussed in executive session.

Borough Manager's report: The borough received correspondence from Rich Dixon requesting financial participation in the Trans Allegheny Trail System fee to cover Roaring Run and Apollo's Kiski Riverfront Trail. They asked that the borough pay \$125 toward the total \$375 fee. A motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Darhl Goldinger, to pay \$125 of the fee. Motion passed unanimously.

Council has no objections to allowing parking on the borough property below the railroad tracks near the Stanford building on April 19th in the morning and on July 19th in the afternoon for trail walking/runs.

Council has no objections to allowing advertisement of using the Soldiers and Sailors Hall for funeral dinners.

Public Works & Streets Committee Report:

Darhl Goldinger – Chairman

Discussion of the need for newer used equipment and vehicles for PW department. Committee members will meet to determine what is needed and how it can be obtained. Also discussed the need for paving on some of the streets in the borough, and if there are any resources available for those type of projects.

Public Safety & Public Service Committee Report:

Mark Greenawalt – Chairman

Interviews will be held soon for part time police officers. Discussed maintaining what is ours in the plaza, and in Owens Grove.

Planning Committee Report

Cheryl Swank – Chairman

Discussed the success of recent violation letters given to property owners in town for general cleanup issues on their properties. Some abandoned cars have been towed away also.

The committee will look into planning an “adopt a street program” in the future.

Discussed potential improvements on the maintenance building by the bridge, and suggested a coat of paint, and some general cleanup of the debris on the ground would go a long way to improving the site.

Finance Committee Report

Approval of items for payment as follows (MTD January 2014):

Garbage Fund – \$8186.90

General Fund (includes payroll) – \$42,779.57

Liquid Fuels Fund - \$.00

Sewer Fund – \$6605.67

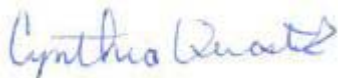
Sewer Separation Fund - \$249.91

Parking Fund – \$356.31

Total – \$58,178.36

A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to approve payment of all bills, including payroll, for month to date January 2014. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Cindee Virostek, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.



Cynthia Virostek
Council President



Cynthia McDermott
Borough Manager