

February 27, 2014
REGULAR MEETING

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a brief invocation, 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, Kautz, Bradshaw, and Greenawalt. Solicitor Pascal was present. Mayor Held was present.

New council members John Kautz and Diane Bradshaw were sworn in by Mayor Jeff Held.

Public Comments:

Mike Mollick, EMA Director, provided information on Apollo's current emergency operations plan, the teleconference he participated in on behalf of Apollo, and the training courses required by all council members, the mayor, and any other emergency response personnel. Course #100, 200, and 700 at FEMA.gov are required.

Guests Sally Conklin, Armstrong County Planning Division Director, and Grant Kanish of Bureau Veritas addressed council regarding the UCC Group in Armstrong County. Apollo Borough chose back in 2004 to opt out of the group. Grant is the representative for the group. There are currently 33 municipalities in the group, and Apollo is the only one that opted out. Any residents looking for building permits, etc. must contact Labor and Industry currently and the process can be very lengthy. Membership would mean residents would be able to obtain the services of the UCC Group when needed to obtain permits. The borough would receive a monthly report showing the activity. The group sets the fees, but the borough could add an administrative fee to their permits if council desires.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to approve the minutes from 1/30/14. Motion passed unanimously.

Engineering Report: See attached report presented by Rich Craft. Regarding the update of the intersection project by the bridge, council members are okay with the messaging the way it is currently programmed if that is acceptable to PennDOT. Bronder has a sign they need to install yet.

Rich reported that the Kiski Township sewer project is approximately 80% complete. They are looking at a mid-March completion. Once they are finished, the diversions will have to be done before Apollo can be completely finished with its project.

A motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to approve Olsen Associates invoice #12416 and #12418 from the general fund in the amount of \$1184.62. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to approve Olsen Associates invoice #12414, 12417, and 12419 from the sewer fund in the amount of \$643.50. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor gave an updated report on the interviewing for police officers, and made recommendations for hiring. Personnel issues were discussed in executive session.

Denny Gabrielli made a motion, seconded by Cheryl Swank, to terminate the employment of Anthony Oglie. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Diane Bradshaw, and seconded by Cheryl Swank, to hire part time police officers David Romagnoli, Josh Dobbins, and John Hansen as probationary officers. Virostek – Y, Greenawalt – Y, Gabrielli - Y, Kautz – Y, Goldinger – A. Motion passed.

Solicitor's Report: No updates on Sippel, Steele, or Higgins. PennVest has not sent him information yet.

Borough Manager's report: No report given prior to recess.

Public Works & Streets Committee Report:

Darhl Goldinger – Chairman

Discussion of the need for newer used equipment – the committee has met and agreed that the borough needs to purchase a newer used backhoe. A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by John Kautz, to advertise to solicit bids for a used backhoe. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Safety & Public Service Committee Report:

Mark Greenawalt – Chairman

Mark reported on the interview process for police officers, and made the committee's recommendations for hiring.

Planning Committee Report

Cheryl Swank – Chairman

Finance Committee Report

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

Garbage Fund – \$7632.46

General Fund (includes payroll) – \$19911.52

Liquid Fuels Fund - \$2971.42

Sewer Fund – \$8913.87

Sewer Separation Fund - \$249.91

Parking Fund – \$216.93

Total – \$39,896.11

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

Cindee Virostek recessed the meeting until Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 7:00 PM.



Cynthia Virostek
Council President



Cynthia McDermott
Borough Manager