

*April 24, 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 absent. Mayor Held was present.

***Public Comments:***

Sue Matha – streets are bad below the railroad tracks; PW will look into what can be done.

Jim Clawson – (1) Wanted to thank the borough for getting the plow damage repaired on his property. (2) He is making a request to change the control of his Degree of Honor pension, currently held by the borough, to his control so that he can invest it in “Forethought”, which he feels would make his pension earnings a lot higher. The borough would still be the administrator of the pension.

Greg Swank – He and his wife are both property owners and tenants. He applauded council’s efforts to pass the landlord ordinance. He feels the fees are modest and there is no substantial burden on the property owners. He sees it as an opportunity to help everyone improve the properties in the borough.

Marilyn Rupert – Feels Section 8 approved housing should not have to be re-inspected.

Shelby Miller – Questioned the credentials of our rental inspector. Karen Kenzevich was present and provided an overview of her almost four years of experience doing rental inspections.

Natalie Jaworsky – questioned how the borough is going to enforce the landlord registration requirement, and get the landlords to pay the registration fees. She has concerns about being responsible for the conduct of her tenants. Cheryl Swank responded that she is not responsible for any criminal activity of a tenant. Natalie suggested the license fee cover an initial inspection, too, and to have that good for 1 to 3 years.

Backhoe bids were opened. After review, a motion was made by Darhl Goldinger, and seconded by Mark Greenawalt to accept the Walsh Equipment bid for a used backhoe at a price of \$26,800. Motion passed unanimously.

***Approval of Minutes:*** A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Cheryl Swank, to approve the minutes from 3/27/14. Motion passed unanimously.

***Engineering Report:*** See attached report presented by Rich Craft, along with the proposed LGUDA loan summary report prepared by Olsen Engineering.

Apollo will plan to paint new crosswalk lines when weather permits.

A motion was made by Darhl Goldinger, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to approve Olsen Associates invoice #12575, from the general fund in the amount of \$414.80, and to approve payment of Inv. 12572 in the amount of \$258.00 from the sewer fund. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Darhl Goldinger, and seconded by Mark Greenawalt to approve the deed reference changes at the expense of John Steele. Motion passed unanimously.

***Mayor’s Report:*** The Mayor presented council with a quarterly report of revenue generated by the police department, and through parking/meter enforcement.

The Mayor announced the winner of the 2014 Leonard Miller Scholarship – Dana Speranza will be given her award at the ARHS awards ceremony on May 30, 2014 by the Mayor and OIC Dan Anthony.

Council went into an executive session from 8:45 to 9:15 PM to discuss personnel.

***Solicitor's Report:***

***Borough Manager's report:***

The borough acknowledged through a written thank you letter the receipt of the generous donation of \$2,000 from the Roaring Run Watershed Association toward completion of the intersection project by the Apollo Bridge.

A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt and seconded by Denny Gabrielli to authorize a proclamation supporting May 2014 as Rivers' Month. Motion passed unanimously.

***Public Works & Streets Committee Report:***

Mark Greenawalt – Chairman

Mark made a general announcement about contacting the borough with suggestions on public works issues. There are many issues being addressed and they will be prioritized and put into action (streets, signs, etc.).

A motion was made by Darhl Goldinger, and seconded by Mark Greenawalt, to accept the M & M Tree Service bid to cut down the trees in the grove. They will also be contacted about trimming the pine trees near the Green parking lot. Motion passed unanimously.

***Public Safety & Public Service Committee Report:***

Diane Bradshaw – Chairman

A motion was made by Diane Bradshaw, and seconded by Cheryl Swank, to move forward with a proposed agreement for code enforcement with Allegheny Township. Motion passed unanimously.

***Property Committee Report***

Denny Gabrielli – Chairman

After discussion of the Dirt & Gravel road program, it was decided that Eric Andring should also attend the meetings and get certified for the borough on 4/30 and 5/1/14, as well as the Borough Manager. A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt and seconded by Darhl Goldinger to send Eric Andring to the certification course for Dirt & Gravel roads. Motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion about the line of pine trees on the borough building side of the Grove. The dead trees and the overgrowth into the parking lot will be addressed by the borough and Pat Green.

***Planning Committee Report***

Cheryl Swank – Chairman

***Finance Committee Report***

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

Garbage Fund – \$7598.00

General Fund (includes payroll) - \$28,152.49

Liquid Fuels Fund - \$ .00

Sewer Fund – \$85,609.15

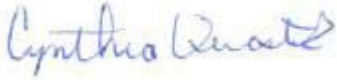
Sewer Separation Fund - \$249.91

Parking Fund – \$44.18

**Total – \$121,653.73**

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

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



*Cynthia Virostek  
Council President*



*Cynthia McDermott  
Borough Manager*