

May 29, 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 were present. Solicitor Pascal was present. Mayor Held was present.

Public Comments:

Mark Kestner – FD#2 – extended a thank you to the borough.

Planning Committee Report

Cheryl Swank – Chairman

Proposed changes to the landlord ordinance were discussed, including a couple of amendments, including reducing the fees to \$35 for the first owned property and \$15 for each subsequent property. The solicitor again clarified this is not a tax, and the fees will be used for the implementation and administration of the ordinance. The fees will not be pro-rated or refunded for partial license years.

A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by John Kautz, to adopt the proposed amendments to the proposed landlord ordinance, and make a final vote in two weeks at the June 12, 2014 recessed meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to approve the minutes from 4/24/14 and 5/1/14. Motion passed unanimously.

Engineering Report: See attached report presented by Rich Craft.

Council was then called into an executive session from 7:15 PM - 7:35 PM to discuss personnel.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor presented a letter of resignation from Dan Anthony from the position of OIC.

A motion was made by Darhl Goldinger, and seconded by Mark Greenawalt, to accept the resignation from the position of OIC, and return Dan Anthony to part-time patrolman, with the appropriate reduction in pay, effective June 1st.

A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by John Kautz, to promote officer Jarred Kier to Sergeant and OIC, effective June 1st, 2014 with the proper pay increase to \$13.50 per hour. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Denny Gabrielli, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to give Officer Dave Romagnoli an increase in his hourly rate from \$12 to \$13 based on his work performance with the Police Department. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Darhl Goldinger, and seconded by Mark Greenawalt, to hire Ronald Baustert as a part time probationary officer. Motion passed unanimously.

Council members and the Mayor agree that Jarred Kier and David Romagnoli may be scheduled up to 39 hours each per week from the budgeted police hours. Other available hours will be scheduled by seniority and availability to the other three part time officers.

The Mayor is requesting that a letter be sent to a property owner regarding the upkeep of sidewalks. The solicitor asked to review the sidewalk ordinance prior to beginning enforcement of the ordinance throughout town.

Solicitor's Report: Jim Clawson and Lyle Rusz had both requested to change their pension funds into their individual names so they could choose new investment options. After discussion, Solicitor Pascal states this is their personal retirement funds, and the borough should comply with their requests. A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Darhl Goldinger, to authorize Cindee Virostek, Council President, to sign the documents to make these changes. Motion passed unanimously.

Borough Manager's report: Discussion regarding the financing of the backhoe purchase.

A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Darhl Goldinger, to accept the financing proposal from First Commonwealth to pay for the backhoe purchase at the rate of 2.77% for five (5) years, and to authorize the Council President and the Borough Manager to sign the acceptance statement. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Darhl Goldinger, and seconded by Cheryl Swank, to authorize the Council President to sign the general obligation note for the backhoe financing. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Darhl Goldinger, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to approve Ordinance #263-14 which approves the general obligation note, and authorizes the signatures of the Council President and the Borough Manager. Motion passed unanimously.

The PIRMA Renewal Summary was distributed to council for consideration of a reduction in auto liability coverage for uninsured and underinsured to \$35,000. A motion was made by Darhl Goldinger and seconded by Cheryl Swank to change the borough's uninsured/underinsured liability coverage with PIRMA to \$35,000. The savings will be \$1098 annually. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to pass resolution #001-2014 adopting, approving, and placing into effect the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) of Apollo Borough, and authorizing the signatures of Council President, and Borough Manager on the resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Darhl Goldinger, and seconded by Mark Greenawalt, to approve payment of Olsen Invoice #12645 in the amount of \$73.50 and Invoice #12646 in the amount of \$171.50 for a total of \$245.00 from the sewer system fund. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by John Kautz, and seconded by Darhl Goldinger, to approve payment of Olsen Invoice #12649 in the amount of \$442.66 from the General Fund. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to nominate Gary Davis to the zoning board. Motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion about a project for beautification in the downtown plaza area by providing potted flowers and/or hanging baskets. Swank Law Offices will commit to a match of up to \$300 if the borough will spend the same. A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to spend this money to make the downtown area look nice. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Works & Streets Committee Report:

Mark Greenawalt – Chairman

After discussion, it was decided that the old backhoe will be put up for sale by bid. A motion was made by John Kautz, and seconded by Daryl Goldinger, to advertise the backhoe for sale. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Safety & Public Service Committee Report:

Diane Bradshaw – Chairman

Property Committee Report

Denny Gabrielli – Chairman

Finance Committee Report

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

Garbage Fund – \$7598.00

General Fund (includes payroll) - \$69,993.11

Liquid Fuels Fund - \$5,773.52

Sewer Fund – \$6,809.37

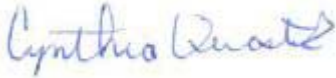
Sewer Separation Fund - \$249.91

Parking Fund – \$187.04

Total – \$90,610.95

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

The meeting was recessed by Council President to June 12, 2014 at 7:00 PM.



Cynthia Virostek
Council President



Cynthia McDermott
Borough Manager