

August 28, 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, Gabrielli, Bradshaw, Goldinger, Swank, and Greenawalt were present. John Kautz was absent. Solicitor Pascal was present. Mayor Held was present.

Public Comments: None

Engineering Report:

A motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Mark Greenawalt, to approve the modified subdivision plans at the recommendation of the Planning Committee, and also contingent upon the proposed revisions and approval of the Borough Engineer. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to approve the minutes from 7/24/14. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report: Presented a resignation letter from Josh Dobbin. A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Darhl Goldinger, to accept the resignation of Josh Dobbin. Motion passed unanimously.

The mayor and the public safety committee chairman recommended the hiring of three new probationary police officers – Kyle Lewis, Jason Varner, and Jarred Kepple. A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Cheryl Swank, to hire the three officers. Virostek (Y), Kautz (A), Gabrielli (Y), Goldinger (N), Bradshaw (Y). Motion passed.

After discussion regarding a municipal police co-operative agreement with Armstrong County, a motion was made by Denny Gabrielli, and seconded by Mark Greenawalt, to table a vote on signing the agreement to give time for council members to review it. Kautz (A), Virostek (N), Goldinger (N), Bradshaw (N), Swank (Y). Mayor Held broke the tie by voting to table it until the next council meeting.

A motion was made by Darhl Goldinger, and seconded by Mark Greenawalt, to purchase the laptops recommended by the mayor for the police cars. Motion passed unanimously. Aircards will no longer be needed and that service will be cancelled.

The Mayor suggested that Sgt. Kier should be reimbursed \$30 per month for the extensive use of his cell phone for borough police department matters. A motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw to reimburse him monthly. Virostek (Y), Greenawalt (N), Goldinger (N), Gabrielli (N), tie vote was broken by Mayor Held (Y). Motion passed.

Solicitor's Report: Executive session from 9 – 9:40 to discuss zoning legal issues.

Borough Manager's report: A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Cheryl Swank, to adopt resolution #004-2014 a municipal resolution establishing credit card accounts at First Commonwealth Bank and authoring the Council President, and the Borough Secretary to sign the paperwork associated with this account. Motion passed unanimously.

After reviewing the agreement with PennDOT for winter traffic services, a motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Cheryl Swank, for Apollo Borough to continue to provide winter traffic services for PennDOT for the next five (5) years per agreement #3900037256. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Darhl Goldinger, to pass resolution #005-2014 to give council President and Borough Secretary the authorization to sign the winter traffic services agreement with PennDOT. Motion passed unanimously.

On the top of the Family Dollar building an air conditioning unit needs to be replaced. After discussion a motion was made by Cheryl Swank and seconded by Mark Greenawalt, to require Mrs. Gunipero to provide a \$10,000 bond to use a crane in the plaza. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning Committee Report
Cheryl Swank – Chairman

There was a Planning Committee meeting at 6:30 PM before the regular council meeting. The Shafer subdivision was discussed by the committee, and a motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Dennis Gabrielli, to move forward with modifications for the Shafer property, contingent upon the proposed revisions and approval of the Borough Engineer. Motion passed 3-0.

Asked council members to review the proposed vacancy ordinance.

Public Works & Streets Committee Report:

Mark Greenawalt – Chairman

After discussion about parking on Pennsylvania Avenue between First Street and N. Second Street, a motion was made by Mark Greenawalt and seconded by Cheryl Swank stating that no parking changes would be made to that area of Pennsylvania Avenue. Motion passed unanimously.

Updated the council on the progress of the wall on Woodward, Crowe Street wall is completed. Surveillance cameras at the garage was discussed (the DVR will be inside a lockbox. A motion was made by Darhl Goldinger, and seconded by Cheryl Swank, to order the camera system with a lockbox, and install the cameras at the maintenance building. Motion passed unanimously.

Update on the employment contract between the Teamsters and Apollo Borough.

Ron Bash will be working next week while Eric is on vacation.

Public Safety & Public Service Committee Report:

Diane Bradshaw – Chairman

After discussion a motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Darhl Goldinger, that there is to be no parking on newly paved SR66 from AJ Tire to the bridge. The line painting is to be equal distance between curbs. Any previous parking allowed was vacated. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Shafer (public comment) addressed holes and dust from heavy traffic on River Avenue, as well as Susie and Bob Matha. The river side of the street belongs to the borough.

Property Committee Report

Denny Gabrielli – Chairman

Questions regarding the treatment of the weeds on the property.

Finance Committee Report

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

Garbage Fund – \$7840.71

General Fund (includes payroll) - \$41,660.63

Liquid Fuels Fund - \$ 3003.92

Sewer Fund – \$10874.41

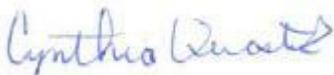
Sewer Separation Fund - \$2406.18

Parking Fund – \$1441.60

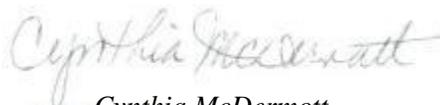
Total – \$67227.45

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

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



Cynthia Virostek
Council President



Cynthia McDermott
Borough Manager