

*September 25, 2014*  
**REGULAR MEETING**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Apollo Borough council meeting was called to order by council Vice-President, Mark Greenawalt, at 7:00 PM in the Apollo Borough Municipal building council chambers.

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

**Public Comments:** AABA – represented by Art Kunkle and Rachel Stahley. They discussed a recent resolution passed by the Apollo Area Business Association regarding their concerns that Apollo needs more protection, and Nelson Person's concerns about more protection for the bank. Diane Bradshaw responded by explaining what has been going on the past year with the growth of the Police Department, and Mayor Held explained the plan for the department moving forward. Art and Rachel expressed appreciation for council's efforts, and suggested letting the local businesses know more about the police department, perhaps through the borough website.

FLAG representative Rob Svitek updated council on what is happening currently with FLAG and the façade renovation program. They recently received \$47,000 in funds through Armstrong County (with the support of Senator White) and closed the Freeport office to save funds. On October 24<sup>th</sup> there will be a costume party at the Marconi Club in Leechburg as a fundraiser. Apollo will display a banner for this event down by the bridge. John Kautz also made comments about the annual \$2500 contribution needed as soon as possible from Apollo, and we need volunteers from council to attend meetings of FLAG.

Dale Lydic – Presented a proposed resolution by the UMW, which he would like council to support regarding the Environmental Protection Agency's Proposed Clean Power Plan. Chuck Pascal stated that this resolution was approved by the Armstrong County Commissioners. A motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to table any action on this issue until the statistics could be checked out. Motion passed unanimously.

Gary Davis addressed council on his request to make a parking space on Pennsylvania Avenue between First and Second Street. This request was previously denied at the 8/28 council meeting. A couple of council members agreed to take a second look.

**Engineering Report:** In regard to the Higgins issue, Rich reported the council cannot change a zoning issue, and they will not give him an exception to the right of way. Brenda and Rich will put in writing the exact measurements and what he will have to do to make the required corrections.

Rich reviewed the attached report.

A motion was made by Darhl Goldinger, and seconded by Danny Gabrielli to pay Olsen invoice #12771-12768-12769-12770-12765-12766 from the general fund in the amount of \$6,687.58 (paid by Ck#25503). Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to pay invoices #12761-12762-12763-12767 from the sewer fund in the amount of \$898.25 (paid by Ck#20303). Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Darhl Goldinger, and seconded by John Kautz, to pay from the general fund Olsen invoices 12925 and 12927 in the amount of \$978.30. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Denny Gabrielli, and seconded by Darhl Goldinger, to pay from the general fund invoice #12846 in the amount of \$270.00. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Denny Gabrielli, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to pay from the sewer fund Olsen invoices #12845 and 12849 in the total amount of \$221.50. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by John Kautz, to approve the minutes from 8/28/14. Motion passed unanimously.

**Mayor's Report:** The Mayor issued a proclamation for National Fire Prevention Week from 10/5 to 10/11/14. He also issued a tribute to Harold "Windy" Hughes for his contributions to Apollo Hose Co. #2 – a life member with 60+ years.

The PD safe was cracked, inventoried, and a new combination was put on the safe. The police car laptops are setup and the officers have been trained to use them. Mileage logs have been placed in the cars and are in use. We still have an officer on administrative leave. He should be released to return to his shifts soon. Per Sgt. Kier, Dan Anthony will stay on our schedule and give us shifts when he can, rather than resigning from the department.

The Mayor asked council to vote on rejoining ARMNET. A motion was made by Diane Bradshaw, and seconded by Cheryl Swank, to rejoin ARMNET and to sign the municipal agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

***Solicitor's Report:***

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

The 2015 MMO funding requirements were presented to council.

Council agreed to allow events sponsored by the Student Council at ARHS on October 2, and October 3, 2014 – Homecoming bonfire and the homecoming parade. Council also agreed to allow the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Fight for Life 5K on Saturday, November 15, 2014. There will be a pumpkin patch in the grove on Saturday, October 18, sponsored by the CAC, and council agrees to allow use of the gazebo for this event.

A motion was made by John Kautz, and seconded by Cheryl Swank, to have Rich Craft represent the borough at the Armstrong County Storm Water Management Plan as part of the Watershed Plan Advisory Committee (WPAC). Motion passed unanimously.

Council members discussed attending the 65<sup>th</sup> year celebration of the Lions Group being in Apollo. A motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to put a full page ad in the Lions program book at a cost of \$50.00. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Denny Gabrielli, and seconded by John Kautz, to make May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015 clean up days for next year. Motion passed unanimously.

***Planning Committee Report***

Cheryl Swank – Chairman

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

Mark Greenawalt – Chairman

PW will be painting Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday in the plaza, as we cannot get the cracks sealed this season. The crosswalks are painted. The cameras at the maintenance building are installed, and the DVR box is put up.

October 2 at 5:30 PM there will be a negotiations session with the Teamsters union and the Public Works Committee.

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

Diane Bradshaw – Chairman

***Property Committee Report***

Denny Gabrielli – Chairman

Denny proposed to council to brush hog the sprayed weeds at a cost of approximately \$1,000 for 16-20 hours of work to clear the weeds. A motion was made by Denny Gabrielli, and seconded by John Kautz, to get the area brush hogged as requested. Motion passed unanimously.

## ***Finance Committee Report***

Per Cheryl Swank, the finance committee has been meeting weekly to develop the budget for 2015. They will meet individually with the Mayor, and the chairman of the PW and PS committees to obtain their input.

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

Garbage Fund – \$7598.00  
General Fund (includes payroll) - \$29432.35  
Liquid Fuels Fund - \$ 3066.33  
Sewer Fund – \$6450.39  
Sewer Separation Fund - \$2406.18  
Parking Fund – \$85.15

**Total – \$49038.40**

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

A motion was made by John Kautz, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.



*Cynthia Virostek*  
Council President



*Cynthia McDermott*  
Borough Manager