

December 18, 2014
REGULAR MEETING

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a brief invocation, Apollo Borough council meeting was called to order by Council President, Cynthia Virostek, at 7:00 PM in the Apollo Borough Municipal building council chambers.

Present: Council members Gabrielli, Bradshaw, Kautz, Greenawalt, and Virostek were present. Cheryl Swank was absent. Mayor Held was present. Solicitor Tim Miller was present.

Public Comments: Mr. Stan Matthews addressed council about trying to improve the pedestrian crosswalk at the bottom of North Second Street on SR 66. There was discussion about possible options, and responses from the Mayor and several council members. Borough engineer, Rich Craft, will reach out to PennDOT to discuss their suggestions.

Engineering Report: The attached engineering report was reviewed by Rich Craft.

After discussion regarding the Higgins property issue, Rich was instructed to contact Mr. Higgins and instruct him to finish tearing down the poles for his decking, as the consensus of council was to put up their own fence, if indeed it was decided that a fence was needed.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by John Kautz, to approve the minutes from 11/20/14. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report: #2 Fire hall meeting regarding the drug situation in Apollo and the surrounding areas had about 20 presenters and 8 county speakers. Public attendance was low, but it's a start toward future events.

PD is looking into federal grants for bullet proof vests. The police car laptops have been connected and are up and running. The PD computer system crashed and took a third of the data. There is a backup system with Informant that may come available for \$10 per month. The department will take advantage of that when it becomes available.

They will continue to look for another police car, and act quickly if one is found.

The Mayor was informed that Officer Dan Anthony said it was unclear if he was demoted back to patrolman when he resigned as OIC. A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to clarify council's intention that Dan Anthony be returned to Patrolman when he resigned as OIC. Motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor's Report: Tim will be on vacation from December 29th to January 4th. He will be getting together with the committee to negotiate the labor contracts. He is also planning to meet with Chuck Pascal and obtain the borough's records.

A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to approve payment of Chuck Pascal's invoice covering June to October 2014 in the amount of \$2,262.00, which would be released after we obtain the borough records from Mr. Pascal. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by John Kautz to pay Invoice #5630 in the amount of \$666.25 to DeBernardo Antoniono McCabe & Davis, P.C. Motion passed unanimously.

Borough Manager's report: Following discussion about renting out Soldiers and Sailors Hall in the winter months, a motion was made by John Kautz, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to rent S & S in the January to March months at a cost of \$100 rental, plus \$75 security deposit. If event is cancelled until 48 hours from the rental date, Apollo Borough will keep the security deposit. Motion passed unanimously.

Appointment list (see attached) was presented to council. A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to accept the appointment list in its entirety. Motion passed unanimously.

After reviewing the 2015 proposed fee schedule, it was decided that an increase in the cost of police reports to \$25 was the only other fee change. A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to approve the fee schedule with that change. Motion passed unanimously.

Council agrees that letters of interest will be accepted to fill the open council seat through January 15, 2015. Braden Ashe will be e-mailed to make sure that this information gets printed in the Valley News Dispatch.

Planning Committee Report

Cheryl Swank – Chairman

Public Works & Streets Committee Report:

Mark Greenawalt – Chairman

Tires are out of the dump.

The white metal is ordered for on the front of the building.

Public Safety & Public Service Committee Report:

Diane Bradshaw – Chairman

There will be a meeting at 6:30 PM on December 29, 2014 to continue working on a full time police contract.

Property Committee Report

Denny Gabrielli – Chairman

Lights in the Grove will be taken down.

Finance Committee Report

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

Garbage Fund – \$20695.34

General Fund (includes payroll) - \$53911.18

Liquid Fuels Fund - \$5848.24

Sewer Fund – \$20469.56

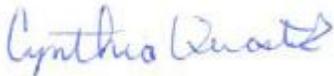
Sewer Separation Fund – \$2406.18

Parking Fund – \$30212.22

Total – \$133,542.72

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

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



Cynthia Virostek
President



Cynthia McDermott
Borough Manager