

January 22, 2015
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, Swank, and Virostek were present. Mark Greenawalt was absent. Mayor Held was present. Solicitor Tim Miller was absent.

Public Comments: No public comments.

Council President called for a brief executive session. The meeting was called back into session. A letter of interest for the open council seat was read by Cindee Virostek from Karen Kenzevich. A motion was made by Denny Gabrielli, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to appoint Karen Kenzevich to the open council seat. Motion passed unanimously.

Engineering Report: The attached engineering report was reviewed by Rich Craft. There was a lengthy discussion regarding about the possible actions that could be taken to make the SR56/66 safer for pedestrians. It was agreed that free standing pedestrian signs would be put out in the cross walks. These can be obtained from PennDOT at no charge. Also there could be more speed limit signs installed. There might be potential for more lighting. We need to get the costs involved in putting down the therma blast pavement markings, rather than just painting them. Changing the first street signal light timing was discussed, as well as moving the reduced speed signs on SR56 toward the bridge. The Public Safety committee will meet and all of these options will be explored.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by John Kautz, and seconded by Cheryl Swank, to approve the minutes from 12/11/14 and 12/18/14. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor gave a recap of the Leonard Miller celebration event. He also discussed meeting with a security officer for the Apollo Trust Company (all the locations) to review their security procedures. Bicentennial committee meetings are the first Wednesday of each month. There will be a monthly gift basket raffle, and they are putting together a cookbook for sale. There was a town hall anti-drug kickoff meeting on 12/15/14. There will be another meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at the Apollo Library.

Solicitor's Report: Absent

Borough Manager's report: Because the sewer separation project is not complete, another loan extension will have to be obtained from First Commonwealth Bank. A motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to approve the loan extension on the \$98,000 line of credit, and the signature requirements for signing the paperwork.

A motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to approve the RRWA to park on the borough property near Stanfords for two trail walking events on 4/18/15 and 7/18/15. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by John Kautz, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 01-2015, an annual EOP resolution to adopt their emergency operations plan to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Apollo Borough.

President Virostek asked committee chairman for updates, current and long range plans.

Planning Committee Report

Cheryl Swank – Chairman

- (1) The committee will continue to look for a new location for the borough building and police department. They will consider leasing or building and financing on borough property.
 - (2) A new street opening ordinance
 - (3) Vacant building ordinance – looking at changes to the proposed ordinance from 2014.
 - (4) LERTA – county KOZ discussion

Public Works & Streets Committee Report:

Mark Greenawalt – Chairman

Absent

Public Safety & Public Service Committee Report:

Diane Bradshaw – Chairman

Contract for full time police officers being finalized.

Property Committee Report

Denny Gabrielli – Chairman

- (1) Met with Adelphoi – planning regular cleanups in the plaza – weeds & general streets and sidewalks
- (2) Grove – tree replacements/bushes
- (3) Painting curbs and working on the garage
- (4) Riverfront property – finish cleaning it up and remove the concrete
- (5) Suggestion – having a farmers market down there in the summer months

Finance Committee Report

Approval of items for payment as follows (MTD January 2015):

Garbage Fund – \$7598.00

General Fund (includes payroll) - \$34195.85

Liquid Fuels Fund - \$2924.12

Sewer Fund – \$5845.87

Sewer Separation Fund – \$2406.18

Parking Fund – \$44.18

Total – \$53,014.20

A motion was made by John Kautz, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to approve payment of all bills, including payroll, for month to date January 2015. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Cynthia Virostek
President

Cynthia McDermott
Borough Manager