

February 26, 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 Greenawalt, Gabrielli, Bradshaw, Kautz, Swank, and Virostek were present. Mayor Held was present. Solicitor Tim Miller was present. Appointed council member Karen Kenzevich was absent.

Public Comments: BJ Belotti and Max Sapinsky representing RRWA were present and requested that council make an amendment to the 2011 lease agreement between Apollo Borough and the RRWA to release a piece of property back to the borough that was mistakenly included in the lease agreement. The property is that area down by the river bank that currently serves as a parking lot adjacent to Rockhoppers Restaurant up to the bridge. Planning Committee chairman, Cheryl Swank, addressed this proposal and an agreement was reached that RRWA and Apollo Borough would share the cost of solicitor Tim Miller's fees and the Armstrong County recording fees to complete this change. A motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Mark Greenawalt, to instruct our solicitor to amend the existing lease to return that entire area back to the borough. Motion passed unanimously.

After turning the meeting over to Vice-President, Mark Greenawalt, a motion was made by Cindee Virostek to not ever put meters in that lot. That motion died because that is not under consideration. A second motion was made by Cindee Virostek, and seconded by Cheryl Swank, to keep the property as is. Motion passed unanimously.

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

There was further discussion regarding the pedestrian crossings, and what items could possibly make them safer. A motion was made by Diane Bradshaw, and seconded by John Kautz, to instruct Rich Craft to make HOP application for the pedestrian crosswalk signs which require permits. Motion passed unanimously.

A meeting with West Penn Power earlier today was discussed in regard to placing an additional street light at the bottom of North Second Street/Warren Avenue with a cost of approximately \$2,000. A motion was made by John Kautz, and seconded by Mark Greenawalt, to approve a work order for a new light utility pole at that location. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mark Greenawalt and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to pay Olsen Engineering invoices totaling \$49.00 from the sewer system account, and \$2046.80 from the general fund account. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by John Kautz, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to approve the minutes from 1/22/15. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor provided an update on his anti-drug campaign. Since the December town hall meeting, there was another meeting on 2/3/15. There were approximately 20 people that attended, some from outside the borough. There will be an educational portion to each meeting. The next meeting will be at the library on March 3rd at 7 PM.

Officer Kyle Lewis turned in his resignation. He accepted a full time position with Kittanning police department. A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by John Kautz, to accept the resignation of officer Kyle Lewis. Motion passed unanimously.

Officer David Romagnoli has accepted a full time position in Blairsville police department. He will continue to work part time for the borough.

Solicitor's Report: Tim Miller gave an update on the vacancy ordinance review, and he will continue the process of finalizing the language until council is ready to advertise it.

A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to approve payment of solicitor Tim Miller's invoices in the amount of \$1072.50. Motion passed unanimously.

Borough Manager's report: A 2015 rental contract was presented for approval from Mr. John to provide a portable toilet for use in Owens Grove. A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Cheryl Swank to enter into the proposed contract, and authorize Cindee Virostek to sign the contract. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion about the need for new entrance doors for the Borough Manager's office, and the Police Department, a motion was made by Denny Gabrielli, and seconded by Cheryl Swank, for the borough to explore options and get pricing for new entrance doors. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Planning Committee Report

Cheryl Swank – Chairman

Public Works & Streets Committee Report:

Mark Greenawalt – Chairman

Upcoming projects including new fascia on the front of the maintenance building.

Moving the concrete from the property.

Backfill around the bridge and fill that area in.

Public works was given a list of projects.

Looking for another employee to help with plowing.

Public Safety & Public Service Committee Report:

Diane Bradshaw – Chairman

No convex mirror will be allowed at the intersection of Warren and N. 2nd Street.

Discussed the WPP Co. meeting from this morning. Diane will make sure the work order is put in with West Penn for the new pole that will be required.

Property Committee Report

Denny Gabrielli – Chairman

Discussed tasks for Adelphoi students to perform this summer in town. He will develop a list.

Finance Committee Report

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

Garbage Fund – \$7882.52

General Fund (includes payroll) - \$45436.57

Liquid Fuels Fund - \$6565.35

Sewer Fund – \$8265.49

Sewer Separation Fund – \$2406.18

Parking Fund – \$280.16

Total – \$70836.27

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

A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Cynthia Virostek
President

Cynthia McDermott
Borough Manager