

March 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, Kenzevich, and Virostek were present. Mayor Held was present. Solicitor Tim Miller was present.

Public Comments: James Mahaffey from Screaming Spirit productions discussed the filming of Season 4 from April 20th to August, 2015. This will be filmed primarily in Vandergrift, but they have looked at a couple of locations in Apollo. They were welcomed and told to further contact private property owners and council if they found locations within the borough they were interested in.

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

Mayor Held asked if the speed limit could be lowered on Sugar Hollow Road.

After discussion it was decided that the county inspection should be done and approved before the bond on the project expired. Rich will gather all parties, and get that completed.

Question was raised on the status of the addendum to the RRWA lease with the borough.

A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Cheryl Swank, to approve payment of Olsen invoices #13435 and #13436 in the total amount of \$1551.69 from the general fund. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by John Kautz, and seconded by Mark Greenawalt, to approve the minutes from 2/26/15. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report: Jason Varner is off probation. Both the Mayor and Sgt. Kier recommend giving Varner an increase to \$13.00 per hour and taking him off probation.

A motion was made by Diane Bradshaw, and seconded by Karen Kenzevich, to take Jason Varner off probationary status to regular part-time status and increase his hourly rate to \$13.00 per hour. Motion passed unanimously.

The next RAID – Residents against illicit drugs – meeting will be at the Apollo Library at 7 PM on 4/7/15.

Solicitor's Report: (1) PW contract (2) RRWA addendum and (3) vacancy ordinance.

Borough Manager's report: Rainbow Communications asked for a boot drive at the bridge intersection on April 17, 2015 from 4 PM to dusk. A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to allow the requested boot drive. Motion passed unanimously.

Armstrong County has submitted its hazard mitigation plan, and Apollo needs a resolution to adopt their plan. A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Cheryl Swank, to approve Resolution 02-2015 adopting the Armstrong County Hazard Mitigation plan, and to have the council President and others sign the resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

The Salute to Armed Forces committee submitted a request for two tag days in the plaza on April 25, 2015 and June 13, 2015 to raise funds to support the program and fireworks. A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to allow the tag days. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Planning Committee Report

Cheryl Swank – Chairman

Vacancy ordinance discussion for residences and commercial properties, including storefront maintenance, and an annual renewal of July 15th each year. A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to advertise the vacancy ordinance as proposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Works & Streets Committee Report:

Mark Greenawalt – Chairman

Discussed plans for the property cleanup down by the garage & the waterfront property.

Siding on the garage and fixing the fountain are the current priority. We are accepting applications for PT borough worker until 4/17/15. Denny and Mark will get bids for fixing the temporary wall on Woodward Avenue and 10th Street. Adelphoi kids working was discussed.

A motion was made by John Kautz, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to give the Public Works committee the authority to interview and offer part-time employment for the borough. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Safety & Public Service Committee Report:

Diane Bradshaw – Chairman

County Aid for crosswalk safety improvements along Route 56 was granted by Armstrong County. Diane has contacted West Penn Power to go ahead with a new pole and streetlight installation. She will get pricing on new speed limit signs. Rich will apply for the permit required for the pedestrian signing.

Property Committee Report

Denny Gabrielli – Chairman

Apollo Pool discussion. Update the KOZ status on the riverfront property.

Discussion regarding replacing the trees in Owens Grove – opportunities for donations.

Replace the dead trees in the plaza.

Finance Committee Report

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

Garbage Fund – \$7694.00

General Fund (includes payroll) - \$37742.68

Liquid Fuels Fund - \$3280.36

Sewer Fund – \$8284.77

Sewer Separation Fund – \$2406.18

Parking Fund – \$202.19

Total – \$59610.18

A motion was made by John Kautz, and seconded by Mark Greenawalt, to approve payment of all bills, including payroll, for month to date March 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