

June 25, 2015
REGULAR MEETING

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

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

Public Comments: Marcia Costa asked for the costs associated with the 2014 Landlord Registration Fund. The information will be provided to her by the Borough Manager as soon as possible.

Tracy Bloom asked council on behalf of the Community Action lunch program if they could use Soldiers and Sailors Hall during inclement weather. It was the consensus of council to use the hall because Diane Bradshaw volunteered to open the hall for them. It is expected that the hall will be cleaned up daily from any activities in it.

Engineering Report: The attached engineering report was reviewed by Rich Craft. In addition, Rich discussed applications for 2015 for both the Greenways and Multimodel grants. Efforts have been made to meet regarding finalizing the sewer project. The rain has prevented the final diversion being completed and approved.

We need to get the pedestrian signs installed. A PennDOT rep was to spray paint where they went, but he has not come out to do that yet. Public Works will be advised to begin installing the signs.

The Borough Manager will contact the bank about the cost of funds for the match on the Greenways and Multi-Model grants. Olsen will continue working on both grants. The Greenways grant will be submitted on June 30th.

A motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Mark Greenawalt, to approve Resolution 03-2015 for submitting the Greenways grant in the amount of \$162,233.02. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to approve payment of Olsen invoices #13662 in the amount of \$49.00 from the sewer fund. Invoices 13660, 13661, 13663, 13664, and 13665 in the total amount of \$1,561.25 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 5/28/15. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report: Officer Curt Suprano will be off training tomorrow. Dave Romagnoli has been writing health and safety ordinance violations weekly. The breathalizers have been received and used in the field by the officers. RAID letter bags with literature on in them will be distributed to all residents one block at a time. The group has almost 50 members now. They are not having a July meeting. Scott Andreassi will be speaking at the August meeting on 8/12/15 at 6 PM.

Solicitor's Report: Discussed a potential public comment ordinance; limitations on comments; disparaging comments (personal insults, etc.).

KOZ update – he will find out what needs to be done.

Negotiations – trying to get it finalized.

Public works – certified letter in regard to negotiations was sent.

Vacancy ordinance – will be strictly enforced. Used for storage is going to be an issue. The property should be inspected and see if it contains anything in regard to health and safety.

Borough Manager's report: The terms of the new winter service agreement with PennDOT were submitted to council. A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to enter into the winter service agreement for a total of \$1,448.81. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion regarding financial solicitation from the Salute to the Armed Forces, a motion was made by Denny Gabrielli, and seconded by Mark Greenawalt, to make a donation of \$250.00 to the Salute to the Armed Forces committee. They will be having a program on July 4, 2015 and it will include fireworks. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning Committee Report

Cheryl Swank – Chairman

New vacancy ordinance waivers; deadline is July 15th.

Public Works & Streets Committee Report:

Mark Greenawalt – Chairman

Update – back flow valves have to be installed before the fountain can be completed.

Public works had a meeting last night. There is a priority list of projects that need seen through to completion.

There will always be emergency projects that will take priority, too.

Public Safety & Public Service Committee Report:

Diane Bradshaw – Chairman

Property Committee Report

Denny Gabrielli – Chairman

The issue of the lion drinking fountain in the Grove is tabled until a meeting can take place with the Lions to go over details and expectations.

The tree/fence issue in the Grove was discussed. Council would like to replace the entire fence if possible. It was suggested that the borough obtain quotes to replace the entire fence with a shorter fence. Another option discussed was to replace just one end (facing First Street), and put shorter fence about half way up each side. The borough manager will discuss options with the insurance claim adjuster. Then quotes will be obtained from fencing companies.

A quote of \$500 was given to brush hog the knotweed down at the property by the river. A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to have this done. Motion passed by majority with Denny Gabrielli abstaining because he is related to the vendor.

Finance Committee Report

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

Garbage Fund – \$7,854.18

General Fund (includes payroll) - \$58,675.12

Liquid Fuels Fund - \$3185.85

Sewer Fund – \$5908.32

Sewer Separation Fund – \$2406.18

Parking Fund – \$33.44

Total – \$78,063.09

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

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

Cynthia Virostek
President

Cynthia McDermott
Borough Manager