

July 30, 2015
REGULAR MEETING

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Apollo Borough council meeting was called to order by Council Vice - President, Mark Greenawalt, at 7:00 PM in the Apollo Borough Municipal building council chambers.

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

Public Comments: Mike Mollick was here representing Apollo FD #3 regarding the necessary right of way for the multimodel grant application. There was discussion regarding expenses for damages, and the two foot right of way needed, and a request to do some paving for the fire department.

After discussion regarding the proposed Multimodel grant portion of which would involve a street right of way in front of #3 Firehall, a motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to approve section #1 and #2, and to disapprove section #3 of an agreement between Apollo Borough and #3 Firehall. Motion to include authorizing Mark Greenawalt, Apollo council Vice-President to sign the document. Motion passed unanimously.

Carole Goldinger of 712 Armstrong Avenue would like to be given permission for a curb cut beside her front porch, so she is as close to the house as possible. We believe the application fee is \$50.00. The council will have to look at the property, so the question will be tabled for now.

Missy Wray Brandon – lives in Plumville, Pa but was born and raised in Apollo. She would like to get a group of volunteers together and “clean up the Grove”. The bocce court needs taken care of, and she would like to see new garbage cans; mulch and some flowers. Mark Greenawalt noted there could be a PW contract conflict with volunteers doing work in the Grove. There was all new mulch placed in the Grove this spring, but no new flowers were planted. The bocce balls and horseshoes are available to all residents who rent any of the facilities for events.

Engineering Report:

Rich Craft reviewed his report for council.

After discussion of the final Multi Model grant application, a motion was made by Karen Kenzevich, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw to approve Resolution #05-2015 giving authority to submit this grant application in the amount of \$166,325, and name council President, Cynthia Virostek, to execute all documents as needed. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by John Kautz, to approve payment of Olsen invoices #13738 and #13741 in the total amount of \$1203.63 from the sewer fund. Invoices 13739, 13740, 13742, 13743, and 13744 in the total amount of \$2,575.92 from the general fund. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by John Kautz, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to approve the minutes from 6/25/15. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report: Ron Bash will be returning to work on Monday as meter enforcement officer. The Police Department will be going with a plan B for the camera installation, as the original property owner changed his mind about giving them permission.

Quarterly report was reviewed – income and expenses for the first two quarters. There were special assignments and extra patrols during the moonlanding parade and the carnival week. There are new ordinance violations which will be sent in to the magistrate next month. Enforcement of the yellow curbs is a chronic problem in town. Overall, the police officers are appreciated and doing a great job.

Solicitor's Report:

Tim Miller distributed and reviewed the proposed negotiated contract between Apollo Borough and the United Steelworkers (Apollo Police Department). After review, a motion was made by Diane Bradshaw, and seconded by Karen Kenzevich, to approve the proposed contract. Motion passed unanimously. Note: there are hourly rate changes that are retroactive to January 1, 2015. After the contract is signed, all changes will be put into effect.

Betty Fisher of the Teamsters local has been contacted and will enter into negotiations with the borough on behalf of our public works employee.

KOZ update on the resolution to extend it for another ten (10) years. LERTA is a step down tax program that could be considered as well.

A motion was made by Diane Bradshaw, and seconded by Karen Kenzevich, to approve DeBernardo, Antoniano, McCabe, and Davis invoices for Tim Miller's services in the total amount of \$3,445.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Borough Manager's report:

A motion was made by John Kautz, and seconded by Karen Kenzevich, to approve resolution #04-2015 for extending the term of the designation as a KOZ within a specific geographical area in the borough of Apollo, for an additional ten (10) years from January 1, 2016 and to end on December 31, 2025. Motion passed unanimously.

Vacancy ordinance administration was discussed. A motion was made by John Kautz, and seconded by Cheryl Swank, to open a new checking account at the First Commonwealth Bank to serve as the checking account for processing all income and expenses relating to this ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

RECO solicitation request for Friday, August 14, 2015. A motion was made by John Kautz, and seconded by Cheryl Swank, to approve the request. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Karen Kenzevich, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to approve the rental application by the Bicentennial Committee for Owens Grove and all of the facilities on September 26, 2015. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning Committee Report

Cheryl Swank – Chairman

The committee met with Grant Kanish to discuss his inspection rates and to discuss what to do after they are done. Briefly discussed what we could do with properties that are placed into the repository.

Public Works & Streets Committee Report:

Mark Greenawalt – Chairman

Curbs have been painted. Next week the plaza will be painted at night. Fountain will be worked on again after the back flow valves are installed. PW will look at whether there needs to be a sign "no right turn" into the plaza from North Second Street. John Kautz raised a question about the safety of pedestrians on the sidewalk where a proposed curb cut has been discussed.

Public Safety & Public Service Committee Report:

Diane Bradshaw – Chairman

Update on the street light and the crosswalk lines. The lion fountain has not been purchased; the location needs approved, storage issue, etc. The Lions Club said their insurance would cover it. The proposed brick purchases would be placed at ground level. Council stated it needs a proposal from the Lions that includes all of the issues. Parking violations in town were discussed.

Property Committee Report

Denny Gabrielli – Chairman

Discussed the partially removed fence; safety issue and what should replace it. We have gotten three bids.

Finance Committee Report

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

Garbage Fund – \$7598.00
General Fund (includes payroll) - \$41687.05
Liquid Fuels Fund - \$3424.81
Sewer Fund – \$6190.68
Sewer Separation Fund – \$2406.18
Parking Fund – \$267.98

Total – \$61,574.70

A motion was made by Karen Kenzevich, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to approve payment of all bills, including payroll, for month to date July 2015. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mark Greenawalt
Vice - President


Cynthia McDermott
Borough Manager