

November 9, 2015
COUNCIL MEETING
(re-cessed from 10/22/15)

The Apollo Borough council meeting was called to order by council President, John Kautz, at 7:00 PM in the Apollo Borough Municipal building council chambers.

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

Public Comments: Jim Clawson asked council when action would be taken on his request for a zoning variance. He was informed that a hearing is scheduled for December 2, 2015.

Members of #3 fire department and North Apollo fire department were present to address council again regarding consolidation. They are still gathering data regarding operating costs, and looking for potential locations. They want to find a location where they can protect both communities of Apollo and North Apollo.

After discussion, Mark Greenawalt made a motion, seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to support the two companies moving forward with a consolidation initiative and continue their fact finding. He requested that they keep council informed as they progress. Voting was as follows: Greenawalt (Y), Gabrielli (Y), Bradshaw (Y), Kautz (Y), and Swank (N). Motion carried.

Engineering Report: was given on 10/22/15. A motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Mark Greenawalt, to approve payment of Olsen invoices 13972-13971-13974-13975-13976 in the amount of \$973.95 from the general fund and 13973 in the amount of \$606.50 from the sewer fund. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Cheryl Swank, to approve the minutes, as amended for "New Life Baptist" in the 10/22 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitors Report: was given on 10/22/15. A motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to approve invoices 6634-6647-6648 and 6649 in the amount of \$828.75. Motion carried unanimously.

Borough Manager Report: ARHS has proposed a bicycle art project for the plaza for the spring of 2016. A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to approve the project. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion, the council meeting/planning meeting dates for 2016 were selected. A motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Mark Greenawalt, to advertise the dates as agreed to by council (as per the attached schedule). Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to approve the final amortization note and loan documents for PennVEST, and have them signed by council President, John Kautz. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to authorize a new contract with Hoffman Kennels at a rate of \$95 per month for 2016. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Cheryl Swank, to approve the annual "Fight for Life 5K" on Saturday, November 21st to use the borough property by Stanford Lumber. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to make a \$100 donation to the Echo fire police for their volunteer help at the Apollo parades this year. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion, a motion was made by Denny Gabrielli, and seconded by Mark Greenawalt, to discontinue the Armstrong Recycling Center project in Apollo. Council objects to the proposed placement of a trailer on borough property for drop-offs. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion regarding the annual Halloween parade, a motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Cheryl Swank, to have next year's parade on Saturday, October 29th from 1 to 3 PM, followed by Trick or treat from 4 to 6 PM 2016. Motion passed unanimously.

The borough's participation with FLAG was discussed at length. A motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Mark Greenawalt, to pay the 2015 donation of \$2500, as budgeted. However, future participation is discontinued at this time. FLAG will be contacted to discuss the organization's future and Apollo's participation. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning Committee Report

Cheryl Swank – Chairman

Public Works & Streets Committee Report:

Mark Greenawalt – Chairman

Public Safety & Public Service Committee Report:

Diane Bradshaw – Chairman

Property Committee Report:

Denny Gabrielli – Chairman

A motion was made by Denny Gabrielli, and seconded by Cheryl Swank, to hire North American Fencing to replace the damaged fence in the Grove at a total price of \$9,060 of which \$6500 will be paid by the insurance claim, and \$2,560 will be paid from the general fund. Motion passed unanimously.

The request from Kerr Manufacturing for a zoning variance is tabled until the next meeting.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to approve the Lions Club request to install a Lion water fountain in Owens Grove if the Lions Club maintains responsibility to build a box and store the lion fountain annually. Apollo Borough will hook up the water and pay the water bill. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee Report

John Kautz – Chairman

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

Garbage Fund – \$22,881.71
General Fund (includes payroll) – \$54,403.73
Liquid Fuels Fund – 3578.01
Sewer Fund – \$14,942.93
Sewer Separation Fund - \$2395.03
Parking Fund – \$26,250.17
Total – \$124,451.58

A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to pay all bills, including payroll.

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


John Kautz
Council President


Cynthia McDermott
Borough Manager