

February 25, 2016
COUNCIL MEETING

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a brief invocation, 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, John Kautz, Diane Bradshaw, Mark Greenawalt, and Nancy Walker were present. Cindee Virostek and Cheryl Swank were absent. Solicitor Tim Miller was present. Mayor Held was present.

Public Comments: Bill Walker and Tom Coulter from Volunteer Fire Department #2 were present and provided council with information on the department and their monthly costs and fire calls, etc.

The Mayor gave a proclamation regarding Ted Walker's public service to the Apollo community.

Chad Gradwell came to the meeting later to give an updated report on a meeting between North Apollo and Apollo FD #3 and officially discussed a consolidation. He also provided a letter of interest, as requested, from the fire department(s) to obtain property from the borough to build a fire department that would serve both communities. Such property to be located near Scenic Drive and North Apollo (behind AJ Tire), which would require access to Warren Avenue and North 11th Street from Scenic Drive. An intersection and signal light would be needed to make this location practical for the fire department purposes. This commercial use would benefit the borough for the bridge intersection project, and future businesses located at the property.

Engineering Report: The attached engineering report was given by Rich Craft. Rich reported that after North Apollo's meeting on March 7th, Ben Bothell will get back to him about the access road and North Apollo project.

The process to inspect the sewer connection ports was discussed. The vacant properties that do not have water service are not a problem. Once inspected, the property owner will be notified if there is a problem.

A report including properties with multiple EDU's will be forwarded to Rich Craft.

The flood plain ordinance was discussed. There will not be much of an impact in Apollo because there are no houses on any of the properties affected by the updated maps. A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to advertise the flood plain ordinance, as required. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to pay Olsen Engineering Invoice 14204 in the amount of \$100.75 from the general fund, and 14205 from the general fund in the amount of \$814.72. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to approve the meeting minutes from January 28, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor discussed moving forward with interviewing for part time police officers, and discussed the availability of hours. The oldest vehicle in the police department was discussed. The officer feel we should keep both of the 2006 and 2008 cars. They discussed using the oldest car for an undercover car and using portable radios when it is in use. It was decided to keep both for now and then re-evaluate.

An evaluation of the Grove trees by Dave Vargo of Kiski Park Nursery was discussed.

The Mayor reported on some of the Bicentennial activities. The banquet will cost \$25 per person at Willow Brook Country Club. The tickets for the bicentennial rifle will be sold for \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00.

Officers have reported screws and nails on Scenic Drive. We will have public works take a look and get those cleaned up.

A letter will be sent to all of the merchants downtown about sprucing things up for the Bicentennial and beyond.

Solicitors Report: Tim Miller requested an executive session at 8:35 PM to discuss the status of negotiations with the Teamsters. At 8:55 PM the council meeting was back on the record.

A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Nancy Walker, to hire attorney David Mitchell at a rate of \$185 per hour to advise on the Teamster's contract strategy.

After discussion regarding the dissolution of the parking authority, a motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to approve the Apollo Borough parking authority dissolution resolution, and instruct Dr. Kautz and Borough Secretary, Cynthia McDermott, to sign the resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

After a brief discussion, it was decided that the borough will try to find out what kind of cleanup is available, if any, for a house that contained a meth lab in the borough. A condemnation was discussed, but the house has to be declared to be uninhabitable or dangerous.

The solicitor presented invoices totaling \$2,396.25. A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw to pay the invoices. Motion carried unanimously.

Borough Manager Report: The Bicentennial fireworks contract was discussed. Council has no objections, and endorses the bicentennial committee entering into an agreement with the fireworks company.

A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Dennis Gabrielli, to have Apollo's clean up days on May 6th and May 7th the same hours as last year. Motion carried unanimously.

In addition, the council endorses the Apollo-Ridge Education Foundation Apollo plaza cleanup on Saturday, April 2nd from 10 AM – 4 PM.

The 2016 Mr. John contract to provide portable toilet at the Grove was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Nancy Walker, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to enter into the contract for the 2016 season. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning Committee Report

Cheryl Swank – Chairman

Diane reported that the borough's FB page is up and running.

Council would like the solicitor to have information on a certificate of occupancy permit ordinance for the next meeting.

Public Works & Streets Committee Report:

Mark Greenawalt – Chairman

Public Safety & Public Service Committee Report:

Diane Bradshaw – Chairman

Diane made a motion, seconded by Mark Greenawalt, to send Jarred Kier to police supervisor training in April, at a cost of \$715.00. The Mayor endorsed this action as well. Motion passed unanimously.

Property Committee Report:

Denny Gabrielli – Chairman

Met with both #2 and #3 fire department personnel about having a joint Memorial Day service. The meeting went well, and their next meeting is on 3/17/16.

Finance Committee Report

John Kautz – Chairman

Approval of items for payment as follows (MTD February 2016):

Garbage Fund – \$7,853.83

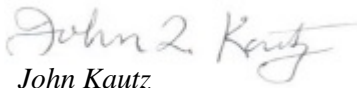
General Fund (includes payroll) – \$69,430.02

Liquid Fuels Fund – \$3,502.82

Sewer Fund – \$5,867.71
Sewer Separation Fund - \$2,395.03
Parking Fund – \$214.39
Total – \$89,263.81

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

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



John Kautz
Council President



Cynthia McDermott
Borough Manager