

**March 24, 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, Cheryl Swank, and Nancy Walker were present. Cindee Virostek and Mark Greenawalt were absent. Solicitor Tim Miller was present. Mayor Held was present.

**Public Comments:** Jim Minnick, owner of the Chambers Hotel, presented council with a petition he solicited from local business owners/patrons regarding the presence of the meter enforcement employee in the downtown area. He stated that they feel "harassed by the constant and overbearing presence of the meter man", and "his overzealous writing of tickets on sunny clear days".

Bill Walker from Volunteer Fire Department #2 was present and provided council with information on their February service calls, and their list of qualified apparatus drivers.

Members of both Volunteer Fire Department #3, and North Apollo Volunteer Fire Department were present. They extended an invitation to council to be present at a public meeting on May 10, 2016 at 7:00 PM regarding the proposed consolidation of the two fire departments.

**Engineering Report:**

Rich discussed the bridge replacement/culvert at North 11<sup>th</sup> Street. He will set up a meeting in Indiana, PA with PennDOT and prepare a drawing for PennDOT how the borough sees the intersection for vehicle traffic. Council members will be notified when a meeting has been set.

Armstrong County Advisory Committee met yesterday on Act.167. There has been no change since their previous e-mail regarding the watersheds involved.

A motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to pay Olsen Engineering Invoice 14245 - \$547.25 and 14244 - \$753.36 and 14246 - \$740.50. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Nancy Walker, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to approve the meeting minutes from February 25, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

**Mayor's Report:** There has been a renewed emphasis on ordinance enforcement, asking merchants to clean up their storefronts, sidewalks, etc. Numerous violation notices have gone out asking residents to participate in clean up days in May.

The Police Department has been weighing options in regard to the oldest vehicle. They will be keeping the vehicle for now (blacking it out possibly); using it for court and traffic enforcement, etc.

We need to fill our part time openings created from the officers getting full time positions. We have no choice but to reach out to the academies and look for candidates. He wants to get them hired as soon as possible.

Vesta Alert – the Mayor explained about the public emergency notification system from Armstrong 911. Sign-up sheets were made available. Residences with land lines will automatically be notified. All are welcome to sign up cell phones and/or emails for notification by going to [www.armcodps.com](http://www.armcodps.com).

The Mayor updated council about the Bicentennial committee activities. C. Kaylor Displays will be setting up to take orders for bunting on April 9, May 7, and May 20, 2016 in the plaza. Cards are being sent out with the tentative schedule of activities. Information is available on [www.apollo200.org](http://www.apollo200.org) and information is updated daily. There is also a link to Face Book.

Highway banners – the Mayor obtained a permit from PennDOT to hang the banners across SR56/66. Apollo #2 FD will be taking down the pole banners and putting up the new military banners on the utility poles and in the plaza. They should be up by Memorial Day. Some of the clamp brackets need replaced. There are 24 on the street and 16 in the plaza. Volunteers are needed for all of the events scheduled during the celebration week.

**Solicitors Report:** The Flood Plain ordinance was finalized and distributed to council. A motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Nancy Walker, to pass Flood Plain Ordinance #269-16 as advertised. Motion passed unanimously.

Council went into an executive session at 8:15 PM at the solicitor's request. When council was back on the record a motion was made by Diane Bradshaw, and seconded by Cheryl Swank, for the borough to enter into the collective bargaining agreement with Teamsters Local #538, the terms to be as agreed to by the bargaining committee. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Denny Gabrielli, and seconded by Nancy Walker, to pay DeBernardo invoices for our solicitor in the amount of \$3046.50. Motion passed unanimously.

**Borough Manager Report:** Vince Mazzon of the Salute to the Armed Forces group has requested two tag day events in downtown Apollo for April 16<sup>th</sup> and June 11<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Nancy Walker, to allow the solicitation request. Motion passed unanimously.

A request was made to extend a rental in Owens Grove to 9 PM for April 3<sup>rd</sup>. A motion was made by Nancy Walker, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to allow the time extension and to allow the Borough Manager at her discretion to approve requests of this type in the future. Motion passed unanimously.

### ***Planning Committee Report***

Cheryl Swank – Chairman

Discussed a potential Farmers Market in the borough as a work in progress. Her goal is to have this up and running by the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. She would like this to grow annually. She would like to see the Farmers Market be available during the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration in the plaza too.

A motion was made by Nancy Walker, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to authorize Cheryl Swank to move forward with preparations for a Farmers Market, and use the lower portion of the plaza to hold it with a target date of starting the market on Memorial Day weekend. Motion passed unanimously.

### ***Public Works & Streets Committee Report:***

Mark Greenawalt – Chairman

### ***Public Safety & Public Service Committee Report:***

Diane Bradshaw – Chairman

Diane and Nancy Walker discussed their meetings with various tree companies, and copies were given to council of all of the quotes. They recommended Stump Thumpers to perform the work.

A motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to hire Stump Thumpers Tree Service to do all of the work on the Owens Grove trees at a cost of \$8900.00, and the funds to be used from the unappropriated expenditures fund in the current budget. Motion passed unanimously.

### ***Property Committee Report:***

Denny Gabrielli – Chairman

Discussed the PennDOT intersection project, and the riverfront property. We need to be involved and have input. The county has the property listed, and we need to make it marketable.

Moving along with the plans for the Memorial Day celebration.

There will be a public meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM regarding the Apollo#3/North Apollo fire department consolidation.

***Finance Committee Report***

John Kautz – Chairman

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

Garbage Fund – \$7,598.00  
General Fund (includes payroll) – \$38,286.14  
Liquid Fuels Fund – \$3,502.82  
Sewer Fund – \$7,947.17  
Sewer Separation Fund - \$2,395.03  
Parking Fund – \$73.69  
**Total – \$59,802.85**

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

A motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

*John Kautz*  
*Council President*

*Cynthia McDermott*  
*Borough Manager*