

August 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 John Kautz, Diane Bradshaw, Cheryl Swank, Denny Gabrielli, Cindee Virostek, and Nancy Walker were present. Mark Greenawalt was absent. Solicitor Tim Miller was present. Mayor Held was present.

Public Comments: Rev. Karen Graham from Kingdom Come Ministries discussed Davey Tree Service's desire to donate the fir tree to her ministry including a one year warranty. This tree will be planted down by the bridge memorial, and they would like to have a public tree planting ceremony. They will also be donating for a tree in Owens Grove. A motion was made by Nancy Walker, and seconded by Cindee Virostek, to accept the tree gifts from Rev. Graham and the Kingdom Come Ministries. Motion carried unanimously.

Patricia Hazlett discussed the vacant property ordinance. She states there are industrial materials stored in her building and that she wants to put another business in the building in the future. She feels the vacancy ordinance is unfair, and intends to refuse entry for another inspection. She talked for over thirty minutes and dismissed attempts by council to respond to her claims.

Christine Wolverton discussed the limited income of the majority of people in town and the affect the fees for vacant properties have on those people. Council member Swank replied regarding the intent of the vacancy ordinance, and council's concerns about properties that are purchased in town and not taken care of. She also questioned making her property into one residence for utility billing purposes. This concern can be resolved by allowing an inspection by our rental inspector at no cost to the property owner.

Engineering Report:

Rich Craft reviewed his report with council, and made recommendations regarding splitting the scope of the projects for the two grants. He will provide more information

A motion was made by Nancy Walker, and seconded by Cindee Virostek, to approve paying Olsen invoices from the general fund in the amount of \$986.36. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to approve the meeting minutes from July 28, 2016 and also from the recessed meeting on August 18, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report: The Bicentennial committee is winding down. The time capsule remains an open issue. No deadline has been set for getting envelopes into it. The capsule has been ordered and placement will be decided. They are keeping the military banners up until Labor Day. Holiday banners were discussed, and new LED lights for the poles will be investigated.

Solicitors Report: The public works contract has been returned by the union and reviewed. We need to obtain signatures and finalize. Tim will find out who should sign on behalf of the borough.

Borough Manager Report: Rainbow Communications has submitted a request for a solicitation permit for donations on September 30, 2016. A motion was made by Cindee Virostek, and seconded by Nancy Walker, to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.

The AABA is currently inactive, and therefore council agrees the borough will sponsor the Halloween activities this year. The information for the Halloween parade will be posted on FB, and the school notified of when the parade and trick or treat will be held.

The garbage contract was discussed. A motion was made by Denny Gabrielli, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to advertise for garbage contract bids. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning Committee Report

Cheryl Swank – Chairman

In addition to the regular advertised meetings, the planning committee will be meeting on additional dates due to the lease for the borough offices expiring in 2017. Meetings will be advertised for the 2nd Thursday of the month until the end of the year.

A motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Denny Gabrielli, to advertise the Planning Committee meetings for the 2nd Thursday of the month through the end of the year. Motion carried unanimously.

The Farmers Market continues to draw in a number of shoppers week after week. There are repeat vendors and repeat customers every Saturday.

Public Works & Streets Committee Report:

Mark Greenawalt – Chairman

We are continuing to replace worn out signs in the borough.
Mark and Denny are working on stop sign placement on the streets.

Public Safety & Public Service Committee Report:

Diane Bradshaw – Chairman

Emergency Mgmt. will have a training session for council on September 29, 2016 at 6:30 PM.
An additional advertisement will be placed for PT police officers.

Property Committee Report:

Denny Gabrielli – Chairman

Finance Committee Report

John Kautz – Chairman

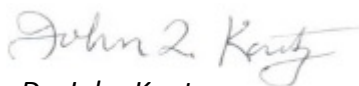
The first 2017 budget meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2016.
Any input from the committees is welcome.

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

Garbage Fund – \$7,881.50
General Fund (includes payroll) – \$36,109.46
Liquid Fuels Fund – \$3,534.67
Sewer Fund – \$5,552.14
Sewer Separation Fund - \$2,395.03
Parking Fund – \$229.67
Total – \$55,702.47

A motion was made by Cindee Virostek, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to pay all bills, including payroll. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Cindee Virostek, and seconded by Nancy Walker to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.



Dr. John Kautz
John Kautz
Council President



Cynthia McDermott
Borough Manager