

November 3, 2016
COUNCIL MEETING
(Recessed from 10/20/16)

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

Public Comments: No public comments were taken, and no visitors were present.

Solicitors Report: Solicitor asked for an executive session to begin. President John Kautz called the meeting into an executive session to discuss litigation and personnel at 7:05 PM.

After discussion regarding the need to pay our police officers a more competitive wage in order to hire more officers and retain them, a motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Cindee Virostek to increase the rates as proposed by the finance committee, effective January 1, 2017 through a memorandum of agreement with the United Steelworkers. Motion passed unanimously.

A second motion was made by Cheryl Swank, and seconded by Mark Greenawalt, to authorize moving forward with serious discussions between the Apollo Borough Public Safety committee and North Apollo for a potential contract to provide police coverage. Motion passed unanimously.

The solicitor reported that a tax increase under the Road Tax Statute would not require a referendum.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the current repository properties in Apollo. If the borough purchases them all it will be responsible for the upkeep and they will become tax free properties. Mark Greenawalt and Denny Gabrielli volunteered to go look at the properties to see if there will be any potential liability issues with the properties. A motion was made by Denny Gabrielli, and seconded by Cheryl Swank, to move forward on the repository purchases for \$1.00 each property, contingent on no unsafe conditions being observed by Mark and Denny between now and the next regular meeting on November 17th. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning Committee Report

Cheryl Swank – Chairman

A motion was made by Mark Greenawalt, and seconded by Cindee Virostek for Tim Miller to get in touch with the Green's and enter into discussions about extending the borough building lease. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Works & Streets Committee Report:

Mark Greenawalt – Chairman

Public Safety & Public Service Committee Report:

Diane Bradshaw – Chairman

Property Committee Report:

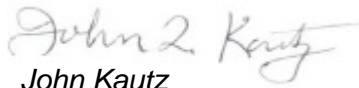
Denny Gabrielli – Chairman

Finance Committee Report

John Kautz – Chairman

The executive session ended, and the regular session of the council meeting began at 8:15 PM.

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



John Kautz
Council President



Cynthia McDermott
Borough Manager