

September 28, 2017
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, Cindee Virostek, Ashley Stiffy, and Dylan Foster were present. Denny Gabrielli and Nancy Walker were absent. Solicitor Tim Miller was present. Mayor Held was present.

Several residents from Railroad Avenue were present and expressed their displeasure at the borough taking away all the parking along Railroad, and that the notification to the residents was not done the way they would have liked. Council explained that this was a public safety issue requested by the fire department because of potential fires at the high rise and the equipment that would have to be brought in would not be able to get through. The road widening project scheduled for next year may solve the issue. No parking signs were placed, and the curb will be painted yellow on the other side of the street.

Neil Andritz from Rivers Edge addressed council regarding building a primitive canoe ramp and launch. He also discussed a handicapped fishing pier behind Stanfords Lumber's property. He requested that the borough install this ramp and discussed the potential for possibly getting some type of grant funds to cover a portion of the cost in the future. Other individuals from RRWA support Neil in this effort and stated that Apollo was missing the boat on tourism. Mayor Held asked questions about environmental and permitting issues for this type of project. Council will take this under consideration.

Rev. Karen Graham presented council with a written update regarding the tree installed down by the bridge. The tree is going to be replaced. She also discussed supporting the potential art project downtown that was presented to council by Cris Kostiuik from ARHS.

Engineering Report:

A motion was made by Ashley Stiffy, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to pay Olsen invoices in the amount of \$75 from the sewer fund, and \$5,012.40 from the general fund. Motion passed unanimously.

Rich Craft presented council with pay application #4 for the grant project with Liberoni. A motion was made by Ashley Stiffy, and seconded by Dylan Foster to submit the change order #4 in the amount of \$10,935.45. Rich will provide the details and adjustments for quantities as this is a mix of both grants. A certificate of substantial completion and a final change order will be prepared soon. Motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor's Report: Tim Miller stated for the audience members that the borough had been notified by the fire department regarding the necessity to take action on the parking situation on Railroad Avenue. This is a public safety issue and they had to take action.

A motion was made by Cindee Virostek, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to pay the solicitor's invoices in the amount of \$1175.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Cindee Virostek, and seconded by Ashley Stiffy, to approve the minutes from the meeting of 8/24/2017. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor has received reports about dogs barking, and rules for the Grove.

A turkey dinner for Thanksgiving will be provided free of charge for anyone who needs a meal on November 18, 2017 from 2-4 PM at the Apollo Assembly of God.

The solicitor asked for an executive session to discuss personnel and litigation at 8:08 PM. The regular meeting resumed at 8:34 PM.

A motion was made by Cindee Virostek, and seconded by Ashley Stiffy, to have Chief Kier sign the Adelphoi agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

Borough Manager Report: Rainbow emergency communications asked for a solicitation permit to hold a boot drive on Friday, October 6, from 4 PM to dusk. A motion was made by Cindee Virostek, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw to approve this request. Motion passed unanimously.

A job shadow request from Apollo Ridge High School was discussed. It was agreed to by council that a student could job shadow Chief Kier.

The Apollo Lions Club is having a Veterans dinner on November 12th. After discussion, Cindee Virostek made a motion, seconded by Dylan Foster, to sponsor a table at a cost of \$100, and purchase a full page ad at a cost of \$75. Motion passed unanimously.

Council meeting and Planning Committee meeting dates were proposed for 2018. A motion was made by Ashley Stiffy, and seconded by Cindee Virostek, to approve the 2018 meeting dates as presented.

The borough was given a proposal for the roof of the maintenance garage from Levi Miller of Smicksburg, PA. A motion was made by Dylan Foster, and seconded by Cindee Virostek, to have the roof project done at a cost of \$7,480. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning Committee Report

Ashley Stiffy – Chairman

Public Works & Streets Committee Report:

Nancy Walker – Chairman

Public Safety & Public Service Committee Report:

Diane Bradshaw – Chairman

Property Committee Report:

Denny Gabrielli – Chairman

Finance Committee Report


John Kautz – Chairman


Approval of items for payment as follows (MTD September 2017):

Garbage Fund – \$7598.00
General Fund (includes payroll) – \$48,178.82
Liquid Fuels Fund – \$4110.97
Sewer Fund – \$8107.17
Sewer Separation Fund - \$2,395.03
Parking Fund – \$89.63
Total – \$70,479.62

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 Ashley Stiffy to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.


John Kautz
Council President


Cynthia McDermott
Borough Manager