

**February 22, 2018
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, Ashley Stiffy, Nancy Walker, Dylan Foster, and John Steele were present. Dennis Gabrielli was absent. Solicitor Tim Miller was present. Mayor Virostek was absent.

Public Comments: None

At 7:05 PM a motion was made by Nancy Walker, and seconded by Ashley Stiffy to go into an executive session to discuss litigation and potential litigation. Council was back on the record at 7:20 PM.

Christopher Gabuzda from Pennsylvania Drilling Company addressed council regarding his company's contract with PennDOT to drill in the area where the bridge project will be done at 11th Street and SR66. A motion was made by Nancy Walker, and seconded by Ashley Stiffy to allow the drilling as well as the placement of a temporary container on borough property. PA Drilling will provide a certificate of insurance, and Eric Andring will direct placement of the container. Motion passed unanimously.

Engineering Report:

A motion was made by Nancy Walker, and seconded by Ashley Stiffy, to pay Olsen invoices as follows: General fund \$952.27, Sewer fund \$251.25, and grant project funds \$2951.75. Motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor's Report: A motion was made by Diane Bradshaw, and seconded by Nancy Walker, to pay the solicitor's invoices in the amount of \$1523.70. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Ashley Stiffy, and seconded by Nancy Walker, to approve the minutes from the meetings of 1/25/18. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report:

Borough Manager Report: American Legion Post 631 asked council to approve a Poppy Day solicitation permit for May 11, 2018 and waive the fee. A motion was made by Ashley Stiffy, and seconded by Nancy Walker, to approve the permit. Motion passed unanimously.

The Salvation Army has requested permission to place pinwheels in the borough in recognition of April's Child Abuse Prevention Month. They place pinwheels in various locations throughout Armstrong County. A motion was made by Nancy Walker, and seconded by Dylan Foster, to allow the placement of the pinwheels in the mulched area in front of the canal sign. Motion passed unanimously.

A resolution to open an escrow account with First Commonwealth Bank was presented to council for the McCormick property fire. A motion was made by Dylan Foster, and seconded by Ashley Stiffy, to approve the resolution, and have the signature cards signed as needed to open the account. 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

After discussion, a motion was made by Nancy Walker, and seconded by Diane Bradshaw, to send a notice to all owners and tenants of properties in the plaza directing them to not park vehicles in the grassy area behind their buildings as it creates an unsafe obstruction for motorists and pedestrians. Follow up letters will be sent to individual businesses and property owners of any violations that exist or have existed in the past regarding public safety, and other ordinance violations. Chief Kier and the Apollo Police Department will enforce any violations beginning on March 2, 2018. Motion passed unanimously.

Property Committee Report

Finance Committee Report

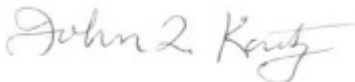
John Kautz – Chairman

Approval of items for payment as follows (MTD February 2018):

Garbage Fund – \$7598.00
General Fund (includes payroll) – \$41882.40
Liquid Fuels Fund – \$.00
Sewer Fund – \$7947.17
Sewer Separation Fund - \$2,395.03
Parking Fund – \$151.16
Total – \$59,973.76

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

A motion was made by Ashley Stiffy, and seconded by Dylan Foster, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.



John Kautz
Council President



Cynthia McDermott
Borough Manager