

September 24, 2020

Apollo Borough Council Meeting

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a brief invocation, the Apollo Borough council meeting was called to order by Council President John Steele at 7:00 PM at the Soldiers & Sailors Hall at Owens Grove Park.

Present: Council members John Steele, Mark Tarle, Jennifer Mullins, Patrick Zelonka and Craig Williams were present. The Engineer and Secretary/Treasurer were present. Council members Chad Gradwell and Kristina Fox were absent. The Mayor and Solicitor were absent.

Public Comments: Becky Kane thanked the Secretary/Treasurer for calling her the following day of the last meeting to answer her questions regarding steps necessary to sell a property. She also inquired if council had knowledge of a newsletter from Representative Joe Petrarca's office that mentions monies available to municipalities and emergency services for projects. She believes Hyde Park Fire Dept. may have received \$45,000 for a roof on their building last year and Vandergrift Emergency Medical Services received \$40,000 for medical equipment. Councilman Patrick Zelonka plans to call Representative Petrarca's office for information regarding this newsletter and available monies.

Hayden Geisweldt, Director of Operations for Oklahoma/Vandergrift EMS wanted to bring attention to a small flu shot clinic that they will be hosting in October. They may only receive as little as 100 shots but will be available at no cost to the community.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Patrick Zelonka and seconded by Jennifer Mullins to approve the minutes from August 27, 2020 council meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor's Report: The Solicitor was absent.

A motion was made by Jennifer Mullins and seconded by Mark Tarle to pay the solicitor invoices for August in the amount of \$5187.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Engineering Report: A report was given by the Engineer. Discussion of recommendation of repaving alternative offered by Tresco Paving on the MAWC waterline project.

A motion was made by Mark Tarle and seconded by Patrick Zelonka to approve the repaving alternative offered by Tresco Paving on S. Warren to Kiski Avenue for the MAWC waterline project. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mark Tarle and seconded by Craig Williams to pay Olsen Craft Invoices for August in the amount of \$1734.55. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Safety Committee Report: Mark Tarle – chair

A motion was made by Mark Tarle and seconded by Jennifer Mullins to approve Street Sweeping for safety purposes and to aid with MS4 requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mark Tarle and seconded by Jennifer Mullins to pay the Street Sweepers for public safety and MS4 requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor was absent.

Secretary/Treasurer Report:

- Apollo Hose Company Boot Day October 10th
- Hometown Press - Prints free newsletters for municipalities.
- DCED Loan Approval
- Holiday Plaza Parking for shoppers
- Treasurers Report

Apollo Hose Company #2 sent a request to have a Boot Day on October 10, 2020. The Council approved Boot Day.

A motion was made by Mark Tarle and seconded by Craig Williams to use the services of Hometown Press to publish an Apollo Borough Newsletter. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Jennifer Mullins and seconded by Mark Tarle to allow free parking on the streets and in the Apollo Plaza, with the exception of permit parking, from November 26, 2020 to January 1, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee: John Steele – chair

A motion was made by Patrick Zelonka and seconded by Jennifer Mullins to pay the bills. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of items for payment as follows (8/26/2020 to 9/22/2020)

Garbage Fund - \$7898.98
General Fund (includes payroll) - #23000.47
Liquid Fuels Fund - \$3884.03
Parking Fund - \$285.02
Sewer Fund - \$5793.94
Sewer Separation Fund - \$2395.03
Vacancy Fund - \$8000.00
Total - \$51257.47

The Finance committee is currently working on the budget.

A motion was made by Jennifer Mullins and seconded by Mark Tarle to go into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Patrick Zelonka and seconded by Jennifer Mullins to come out of Executive Session at 8:42pm.

Personnel/HR Committee: Jennifer Mullins – chair

The part time Public Works employee hired last month resigned due to an offer for full time employment.

A motion was made by Jennifer Mullins and seconded by Patrick Zelonka to hire Lenny Pfeifer for the part-time public works position at \$8.50 per hour. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Works Committee: Patrick Zelonka - chair

Public Works have been filling in pot holes as needed and also removed a tree that fell due to safety issues.

Pertaining to issues on Summit Avenue, the pavement need to settle to see if it works.

The new salt shed will need 3 bids before it can be purchased.

A motion was made by Craig Williams and seconded by Mark Tarle to advertise for bids on the salt shed. The motion passed unanimously.

Property/Planning Committee: Patrick Zelonka –chair.

The vacant property list is almost completed.

Public Relations/Citizens Advisory Committee: Jennifer Mullins – chair.

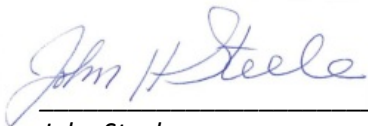
Update on Food Truck donations so far to date are \$6,900.00. September 24th will be the last day for the Food Trucks.

Halloween Parade will be on Saturday, October 24, 2020. There will be a small parade and a festival in the Plaza. The event is 1:00pm to 5:00pm. Line up for the Parade will start at 12:00pm at Golden Rule Motors.

Apollo Ridge Class of 2020-2021 are doing a fundraiser food drive and mental health charity. One of the donation events will be “smash a car”.

Trick or Treat will be on Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Please put on porch light if participating.

A motion was made by Mark Tarle and seconded by Patrick Zelonka for adjournment at 9:01pm. The motion passed unanimously.



John Steele
Council President



Deanna Shupe
Borough Secretary/Treasurer