

November 19, 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 Tarle, Patrick Zelonka and Kristina Fox were present. Solicitor and Secretary/Treasurer were present. Council member Craig Williams, Chad Gradwell, Engineer and Mayor were absent.

Public Comments:

Becky Kane voiced her concerns about the 20 hour power outage some of the citizens experienced recently. She was mostly concerned about the elderly and children who may not have had any heat.

Lyle Rusz from Apollo Volunteer Fire Department #3 responded that the fire hall has a generator and can house people needing to stay warm. They usually have someone at the Fire Department when the power goes out.

Lyle Rusz asked about the estimate that was given to the borough on repairs needing done to the Apollo Volunteer Hose Co. #3 fire truck door.

Tom Scanga, the owner of DeVecchio Sausage, had a complaint regarding a solicitation permit for his food truck.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Mark Tarle and seconded by Jennifer Tarle to go into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Patrick Zelonka and seconded by Mark Tarle to come out of Executive Session at 8:06 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Council offered to have someone repair the door on the Apollo Volunteer Hose Co. #3 fire truck since the estimate was very high and the damages were only cosmetic.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Jennifer Tarle and seconded by Patrick Zelonka to approve the October 22, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor's Report: A motion was made by Jennifer Tarle and seconded by Mark Tarle to pay the Solicitor's October Invoices in the amount of \$1527.50. Motion passed unanimously.

Engineer's Report. The Engineer was absent. A motion was made by Jennifer Tarle and seconded by Mark Tarle to pay the Engineer's October invoices in the amount of \$2253.20. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Safety: Mark Tarle, chair. A decision was made by council that all future council meetings be held virtually until further notice due to the rising cases of COVID-19.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor was absent.

Secretary/Treasurer Report:

- Approval of Council Meeting Dates
- Repository Property List
- Treasurers Report

A motion was made by Patrick Zelonka and seconded by Kristina Fox to approve the 2021 Council Meeting Dates. Motion passed unanimously.

The current repository properties were discussed.

Finance Committee Report – John Steele, chair

A motion was made by Mark Tarle and seconded by Jennifer Tarle to advertise the 2021 Proposed Budget. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mark Tarle and seconded by Kristina Fox to pay the bills, including payroll. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of items for payment as follows (10/22/2020 to 11/17/2020)

Garbage Fund - \$7822.00
General Fund (includes payroll) - \$40351.69
Liquid Fuels Fund - \$3277.55
Parking Fund - \$295.92
Sewer Fund - \$5856.59
Sewer Separation Fund - \$2395.03
Total – \$59998.78

Personnel/HR Committee Report: Jennifer Tarle, chair.

A motion was made by Patrick Zelonka and seconded by Kristina Fox to approve the borough employees wage increases. Motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Tarle and Patrick Zelonka met with Laura Hawkins, Greenway Coordinator with Allegheny Ridge Corporation, regarding mapping the river. This will be an online map to include historic sites, businesses, launches and landmarks in Apollo. They would like to get some people from the community who can participate in the mapping project. The mapping has not been updated since 2010. Laura Hawkins said she would like to have the map completed for 2021.

A motion was made by Jennifer Tarle and seconded by Mark Tarle to accept the resignation of Council Member Chad Gradwell. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Works & Streets Committee Report: Patrick Zelonka, chair.

Patrick Zelonka reported Public Works is getting a lot of good reviews regarding roads getting patched. He is also working on logistics with the salt shed so that it will look neat and orderly.

Property & Planning Committee Report: Mark Tarle, chair.

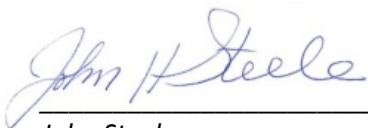
Mark Tarle and Brenda Troup received the rest of the information necessary for updates needing made on the Vacancy Ordinance.

Public Relations/Citizens Advisory Committee Report: Jennifer Tarle, chair.

Light-Up-Night festivities have been cancelled due to COVID-19. The committee is instead having a House Decorating Contest in the borough. Photos will be submitted to the committee and the public will do the voting. Prizes may consist of gift cards but details for the contest are still being debated by the committee.

Council made a decision to revisit the outdated Solicitation Ordinance.

At 8:39 pm a motion was made by Patrick Zelonka and seconded by Jennifer Tarle to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.



John Steele
Council President



Deanna Shupe
Borough Secretary/Treasurer