

December 17, 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 , via internet "Gotomeeting.com. "

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

Public Comments:

James Clawson, from the "Leonard Miller Committee" made a request to enlarge the size of the flag and change the light at the memorial. The committee also requested that the \$250.00 donation that was left from Adelphoi or the Leonard Memorial Home be used on improvements to the Leonard Miller Memorial. The Council all agreed and approved the request, since the funds were already earmarked for the Leonard Miller Memorial. The solicitor offered to give James Clawson another flag to be used for the Leonard Miller Memorial as a back-up. James accepted and thanked him for the donation.

Executive Session:

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Kristina Fox and seconded by Jennifer Tarle to approve the November 19, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor's Report:

Two pending hearings up-coming: Feb. 4, 2021 and Feb. 24, 2021. Summary cases.

A discussion pursued as to the nature of the expenses on the billing for the solicitor. The explanation was the litigations involving the property at 719 Warren Ave. for RTK requests was 90%.

A motion was made by Mark Tarle and seconded by Craig Williams to pay the Solicitor's November Invoices in the amount of \$3302.00. Motion passed unanimously.

The Solicitor asked to speak and said that he wanted to make it clear that as well as the amount of time he and his firm have been spending on these law suits, so has the Apollo Borough office personnel and third party vendors. They have done an outstanding job providing all of the information required for the RTK hearings and are to be commended. The entire Council thanked them.

Engineer's Report.

The Engineer spoke on MS4, at status quo. Replacement Bridge Project is on schedule.

Closing out the Grants on the railroad project. The bonding for Stewarts Garden is expiring and the corrections are not completed. Rich deferred to the solicitor to enquire about an extension of the bond.

A motion was made by Jennifer Tarle and seconded by Patrick Zelonka to close out the Greenway Grant. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mark Tarle and seconded by Pat Zelonka to have the solicitor talk with the bonding company. Motion passed unanimously.

A question was posed about Penn Micro from Craig Williams and the engineer said Penn Micro was waiting on election results for funding purposes.

A motion was made by Mark Tarle and seconded by Pat Zelonka to pay the Engineer's November 2020 invoices in the amount of \$495.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Safety: Mark Tarle, chair.

The schedule for the police was discussed. Mark Tarle and John Steele met with the officers and discussed the scheduling changes for the rest of the year.

Council member Jennifer Tarle discussed the Mayors responsibilities and the lack of her doing her job. She has not been attending council meetings. The Mayor's primary job is to provide council with reports from the police and to approve the police scheduling. Council has not received monthly reports from the Mayor in the last few months and the police schedules have not been being approved by her.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor was absent.

Secretary/Treasurer Report: Treasurers Report

Finance Committee Report – John Steele, chair

A motion was made by Craig Williams and seconded by Pat Zelonka to pay the bills, including payroll. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of items for payment as follows
Garbage Fund – \$7822.00
General Fund (includes payroll) - \$35769.01
Liquid Fuels Fund - \$3277.55
Parking Fund - \$0.00
Sewer Fund - \$7947.17
Sewer Separation Fund - \$2395.03
Total – 57210.76

Personnel/HR Committee Report: Jennifer Tarle, chair.

Increases on wages for borough personnel are to start at the first of the year.

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

Logistics of new salt shed still being discussed. Patrick Zelonka stated he intends for the salt shed to look neat and orderly while also keeping it cost effective.

A bid has been obtained for the back door of the Borough Building.

Chair and Council commended Public Works for doing such a great job.

Property & Planning Committee Report: Mark Tarle, chair

Land Bank proposal on 702 5th Street could help with next year's MS4 requirements.

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

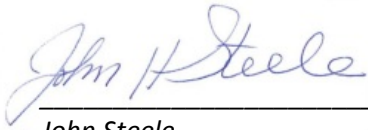
The committee has received over \$600 in prizes for The Christmas Light Contest. They said they have enough to award a consolation prize to everyone who participated in the contest with the top three winners receiving the larger prizes.

Jennifer Tarle and Kristina Fox presented results from a meeting they had with members of the community. There is a need and interest in developing a recovery center that will provide services and support to those individuals and families impacted by substance abuse. Resources available for individuals in need are very limited in the immediate area. The group produced a list of good ideas and plans to meet again.

A Public Relations Campaign is in the works.

Craig Williams, thanked Jennifer Tarle and Kristina Fox for their work and passion on this project.

At 8:05 p.m. a motion was made by Patrick Zelonka and seconded by Mark Tarle to adjourn the meeting.
Motion passed unanimously.



John Steele
Council President



Deanna Shupe
Borough Secretary/Treasurer