

January 23, 2024
Apollo Borough Council Meeting

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Apollo Borough council meeting was called to order by the Council President at 7:00 p.m. at 631 N 2nd Street, Apollo PA 15613 (Soldiers & Sailors Hall).

Present: Council members Jerrod Thompson, Mark Tarle, Cindy O'Block, Ken Cyphert, Sara Gerwig and Sherry Sabatino were present. The Secretary/Treasurer, Solicitor and Engineer were present. Council member Diane Bradshaw and the Mayor were absent.

Public Comments:

Kieran Waynisez introduced himself as the new reporter for Leader Times.

Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Ken Cyphert and seconded by Mark Tarle to approve the December 19, 2023, meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Sara Gerwig to approve the January 2, 2024, Organizational Meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor's Report:

A motion was made by Mark Tarle and seconded by Cindy O'Block to pay the Solicitor's Invoices. Motion passed unanimously.

Engineering Report:

The engineer discussed upcoming projects: Walking trail at Owen's Grove and the Kiski Avenue Small Storm water grant.

A motion was made by Mark Tarle and seconded by Cindy O'Block to pay the Engineers' Invoices. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Kenzevich: Absent

Public Safety: Mark Tarle, chair:

Discussion on issues of deliveries with oversized trucks and how to prevent accidents. A large tractor trailer ran over the curb of a sidewalk that popped up and sliced through the gas tank of the truck. The truck ended up leaking diesel fuel from Family Dollar down 1st Street and onto N. Warren Avenue the whole way through town.

Secretary/Treasurer Report:

A motion was made by Mark Tarle and seconded by Cindy O'Block to accept the resignation from Benjie Blumenreich as the borough tax collector. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Mark Tarle to appoint Andy Evans as the borough tax collector. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Mark Tarle to accept our insurance company's estimate to repair the damage to the municipal building from a car accident. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Ken Cyphert to accept the 2024 fee schedule. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Sherry Sabatino to advertise moving the council meetings to the borough municipal building at 809 N. Warren Avenue. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Sara Gerwig and seconded by Cindy O'Block to allow the Salvation Army to display pinwheels down by the parking lot for Child Abuse Awareness month in April. Motion passed unanimously.

A monthly expense report was given to council.

Finance Committee Report: Jerrod Thompson, chair:

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

A motion was made by Mark Tarle and seconded by Sara Gerwig to increase the credit card allowance from \$300 to \$500 for the police officers and public works foreman. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of items for payment as follows (12/18/2023 –1/18/2024):

General Fund (includes payroll) - \$40311.99

Garbage Fund – \$14226.45

Parking Fund - \$497.07

Sewer Fund - \$5552.14

Sewer Separation Fund - \$2395.03

Liquid Fuels - \$4807.22

Landlord Fund - \$119.50

Total – \$67909.40

Public Works & Streets Committee Report: Diane Bradshaw, chair:

The new dump truck purchased from LSA Grant funds was delivered.

Property & Planning Committee Report: Cindy O'Block, chair:

Received two quotes on new furnace and a/c for Soldiers & Sailors Hall but will be holding off on purchase until further discussion of funds.

The property/planning committee had a zoom meeting pertaining to a solar panel project to be placed on the Riverfront property. The borough would receive \$22,500.00 a year for leasing the property with an increase of 3% a year. The council will need to sign a letter of intent to start the project moving forward. The engineer asked if Gibson-Thomas would need to assist the borough with anything regarding the project. The property/planning committee said it would all be done by the company and the borough would not be responsible for any of the work including regulations with DEP. The company will take care of everything.

A motion was made by Mark Tarle and seconded by Cindy O'Block for the council to sign a letter of intent for the solar project to proceed. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Relations Committee- Events: Sara Gerwig, chair:

Sara announced they will be having their first public relations/events meeting at the borough building on February 9th at 6 p.m.

Other Business: None


A motion was made at 7:28 p.m. by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Ken Cyphert to go into executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made at 7:51 p.m. by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Mark Tarle to come out of executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

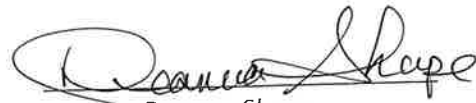
The public works foreman received a verbal resignation by the public works full time employee effective immediately.

A motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Ken Cyphert to increase hours for seasonal/as needed employee Will Uhing and raise his pay to \$15 per hour. Motion passed unanimously.

At 7:53 p.m. a motion was made by Mark Tarle and seconded by Cindy O'Block to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.



Jerrod Thompson
Council President



Deanna Shupe
Borough Secretary/Treasurer