

**November 18, 2021**

**Apollo Borough Council Meeting**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a brief invocation, the Apollo Borough council meeting was called to order by Council Vice-President Mark Tarle at 7:00 p.m. at 631 N 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Apollo PA 15613 (Soldiers & Sailors Hall).

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

**Public Comments:**

William Kerr: Mr. Kerr spoke about the West Penn Power LED Streetlight Conversion Program to lower municipal energy use and maintenance costs. The savings on energy costs by changing bulbs to LED for better energy efficiency will save 20-25% on street lighting and the conversion is at no cost to the borough.

He informed Council there is an education training seminar for current and future elected officials at North Apollo Fire Hall on Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 6:00pm. Elected officials from other municipalities will also be in attendance. The meeting will discuss how municipalities working together on comprehensive planning will allow for more funding and grants in the future.

Bernie Zecca: He feels money being spent on widening the alley by his building doesn't make sense because it is not being used and is also concerned about his building with Penn Dot equipment. Engineer discussed that alley needs widened to meet Penn Dots requirements which will allow for more funding for liquid fuels money. He said he owns the alley in his driveway as it was in his deed due to being abandoned by the borough years ago.

**Secretary/Treasurer Report:**

A motion was made by Patrick Zelonka and seconded by Mark Tarle for the secretary/treasurer to advertise the proposed 2022 budget in the newspaper. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mark Tarle and seconded by Michelle Beck to submit the 2022 MMO pension plan worksheets to PMRS (Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System) for the full time employees. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Patrick Zelonka and seconded by Mark Tarle to accept the 2 year Hoffman Kennel agreement for animal control. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman, Craig Williams asked to back up to previous public comments made by Mr. Zecca pertaining to the alley and his building. He felt there should be more dialog on what is going on with the alley and church parking lot. Craig referred to Mr. Kerr who is a member of the church to speak on their behalf regarding the need for the lot to be paved. Mr. Kerr explained that while it is true the lot is a little underutilized, the whole idea behind the reconstruction is for people to be able to use the lot for weddings, funerals and other activities. He agrees that the construction is close to Mr. Zecca's building and thought maybe the engineer could work with him on ideas to help with any issues that may come up with drainage or use protectors such as cement barriers to keep people from coming on to the property.

Resident, Amanda Baum, has complained about no parking on her street due to the church participants parking on it and not in the lot. She asked that the borough look into resident only parking permits in a prior meeting for on street parking. Council advised that once the church lot is finished it may alleviate some parking on the street. They said they understand parking has been an ongoing issue with a lot of residents in town but it is not a problem that could be solved overnight and would take a lot of planning and funding.

**Meeting Minutes:**

A motion was made by Kristina Fox and seconded by Craig Williams to approve the October 28, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

**Solicitor's Report:**

A motion was made by Mark Tarle and seconded by Kristina Fox to pay the Solicitor's Invoices of \$3393.00. Motion passed unanimously.

**Engineering Report:**

The engineer gave his report.

A motion was made by Craig Williams and seconded by Mark Tarle to approve the Kerr Manufacturing subdivision. Motion passed unanimously.

The engineer reported the Bridge Project is underway. The building located at 1015 N. Warren Avenue has been demolished. Manholes and 60 foot of pipe was replaced.

Closure dates for the bridge will be on June 13, 2022 to June 27, 2022, also July 15 to July 24, 2022 if additional time is needed.

**Public Safety: Mark Tarle, Chair**

Nothing new to report.

**Mayor's Report: Cynthia Virostek**

The Mayor was absent.

**Personnel/HR Committee Report: Craig Williams, Chair**

The new full-time Public Works employee, Walter Tutak, started working a week ago. Training seems to be going well.

**Public Works & Streets Committee Report: Patrick Zelonka, Chair**

Public Works still waiting on light pole in Plaza to come in. Public Works foreman talked about the safety concerns of the light pole leaning. He said it will not fall over and has tested the stability of the pole. He explained it could be more dangerous for wires to be exposed even if he capped them and boxed the area up. He fears curious children may tamper with the box and get seriously injured.

**Finance Committee Report: John Steele, Chair**

John Steele was absent.

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

Approval of items for payment as follows (10/26/2021- 11/17/2021);

Garbage Fund- \$13150.50

General Fund (includes payroll) - \$24698.28

Liquid Fuels Fund – 3614.67

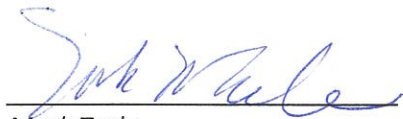
Parking Fund - \$182.84  
Sewer Fund - \$5552.14  
Sewer Separation Fund - \$2395.03  
Event Fund - \$1327.64  
**Total \$50921.10**

**Public Relations/Citizens Advisory Committee Report: Michelle Beck, chair.**

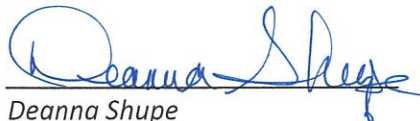
Here Comes Santa Claus event for children will be December 4, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Drakes Log Cabin.

The event committee will also be having a Christmas House Decoration Contest. Deadline for entries is December 19<sup>th</sup> and voting December 20<sup>th</sup>. The winner will be announced on December 21, 2021.

At 8:03 p.m. a motion was made by Patrick Zelonka and seconded by Mark Tarle to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.



Mark Tarle  
Council Vice-President



Deanna Shupe  
Borough Secretary/Treasurer