

July 23, 2024
Apollo Borough Council Meeting

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Apollo Borough council meeting was called to order by the President at 7:00 p.m. at 809 N Warren Avenue, Apollo PA 15613.

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

Public Comments:

Mary Ralston, Supervisor for Parks Township, along with Marsha Dufour, Council member of North Apollo, asked the council members if they would consider doing a study for a regional police department. They have attended meetings in Leechburg, West Leechburg and North Apollo regarding this study as well. Mary advised a letter of intent would need to be signed to conduct a study only to see if it would benefit the borough financially. They also informed that the study would be at no cost to the borough.

A motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Mark Tarle to sign the letter of intent to participate in a study for a regional police department. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Mark Tarle and seconded by Ken Cyphert to approve the June 25, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor's Report:

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

Engineering Report:

A motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Mark Tarle to approve payment on pay estimate #1 for the Owens Grove Walking Trail Improvement project. Motion passed unanimously.

MS4 Report: Ken Cyphert, chair:

There will be an MS4 meeting on August 19th with the engineers.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Kenzevich:

Kaylee Misner from Apollo Ridge High School was awarded the Leonard Miller Scholarship.

A celebration for the National Night Out will be held at the Soldiers & Sailors Hall and Hose Co. #3 parking lot on August 6th at 6 p.m. The police will have give aways for the children and hotdogs and refreshments will be offered to participants in the Soldiers & Sailors hall.

Public Safety: Mark Tarle, chair:

The Historical Society asked council if they could waive parking meter fees for an event, they are hosting. Date yet to be determined.

A motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Mark Tarle to waive parking meter fees for the historical society's event. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on missing signs in the plaza needing to be replaced.

Secretary/Treasurer Report:

The Lions Club is hosting their annual Veterans Dinner on November 17th and is asking for a donation towards the dinner.

A motion was made by Mark Tarle and seconded by Cindy O'Block to donate \$100 towards the Lions Club Annual Veterans Dinner. Motion passed unanimously.

Lions Club is asking council to waive the fees of the Soldiers & Sailors Hall and the pavilions for their First Responders Appreciation Picnic.

A motion was made by Diane Bradshaw and seconded by Ken Cyphert to waive the fees for the hall and pavilions for the Lions Club First Responders Appreciation Picnic. Motion passed unanimously.

Council would like to thank the Lions Club and their volunteers for all their hard work in cleaning up Owens Grove Park. It was very much appreciated.

Apollo Hose Co. #2 intends to have a practice in the old elementary school and wanted to inform council. They have already spoken to Armstrong County Industrial Development Council, who owns the building, for their permission.

College student, Chris Swartz, asked council for approval to solicit educational materials in the borough and asked for a waiver on the permit fee as he is doing this to pay for his college tuition.

A motion was made by Mark Tarle and seconded by Cindy O'Block to waive the solicitation permit fee for Chris Swartz to solicit educational materials. Motion passed unanimously.

First Commonwealth Bank has increased interest rates on the parking fund, general fund, liquid fuels fund and the Road Savings account.

A monthly expense report was given to council.

Finance Committee Report: Jerrod Thompson, chair:

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

Approval of items for payment as follows (6/24/2024 –7/21/2024):

General Fund (includes payroll) - \$27348.27

Garbage Fund – \$14379.01

Parking Fund - \$1694.31

Sewer Fund - \$5552.14

Sewer Separation Fund - \$2395.03

Liquid Fuels - \$4346.77

Landlord Fund – \$300.00

Vacancy Fund - \$32.50

Event Fund - \$28.75

Total – \$58923.03

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

The backhoe has been repaired and up and running again.

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

Discussion on getting better signs up at the park for the new walking trail regarding no bicycles, skateboards or scooters. The walking trail is not wide enough for those activities. It is for walking only.

Discussion on combatting blight and cleaning up dangerous and unsafe properties.

Public Relations Committee- Events: Sara Gerwig, chair:

The Events committee is planning a meeting soon to discuss event dates and ideas for Halloween and other upcoming holidays.

They are still desperately seeking volunteers for help in the community.


Please check [Apollo Events Committee](#) Facebook page for meetings and upcoming events.

Other Business:

At 7:35 p.m. a motion was made by Ken Cyphert and seconded by Cindy O'Block to go into executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

At 8:12 p.m. a motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Sherry Sabatino to come out of executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

At 8:13 p.m. a motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Sara Gerwig to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.


Jerrad Thompson
President


Deanna Shupe
Borough Secretary/Treasurer