March 28, 2023
Apollo Borough Council Meeting

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Apollo Borough council meeting was called to order by the Council President Jerrod Thompson 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 and Kenneth Cyphert were present. The Secretary/Treasurer and Engineer were present. Council members Craig Williams, Cindee Virostek, Diane Bradshaw the Mayor and Solicitor were absent.

Public Comments:

Janice Staller Megella came to speak about her neighbor's dogs escaping from their yard and biting her when she tries protecting her dogs from them. Her son who lives on the other side of their residence has also been bitten by one of the dogs for the same reason. The dogs are not able to be contained to their yard because the fence was built with pallets that are not very stable. Apollo Borough's zoning ordinance does not state what type of materials can or cannot be used to build a fence. She and her son have contacted Hoffman's Kennels, State Police, and the Armstrong County Dog Warden but no one has been able to get the issue under control. She was told that she should do whatever she feels necessary to protect herself from the dogs if they come onto her property. The council advised her to wait to see what happens at the court hearing with the magistrate to see if anything gets resolved. The zoning ordinance and other dated ordinances will be reviewed for revisions.

Becky Kane thanked the council for the lovely salt building. She said she had seen some very unappealing salt shed/buildings and was pleased to see how nice the borough's salt building looks next to the bridge. Becky also asked if anyone has heard of any complaints of a pigeon problem? The council said they have not had any complaints, and this is the first time they have heard of it being an issue. A discussion of migration being a possible reason for more birds being in the area.

Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Ken Cyphert to approve the February 21, 2023, 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 pay the engineers invoices. Motion passed unanimously.

Council President asked the engineer to get quotes on road repairs/paving for any upcoming grants so that we have some king of plan in place.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Kenzevich was absent.

Public Safety: Mark Tarle, chair:

Mark Tarle addressed multiple property issues/code violations in the borough. He wants to check into seeing if we can hire someone to cite for these violations instead of wasting police officer's time.

Secretary/Treasurer Report:

Verizon called to see if they could solicit door to door. They were advised of the fees and guidelines.

Clean-up days approved by council for May 12th & 13th.

A monthly expense report was given to council.

The borough was awarded the LSA Grant that was submitted for municipal vehicles.

Finance Committee Report: Jerrod Thompson, chair:

A motion by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Ken Cyphert to pay the bills, including payroll. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of items for payment as follows (2/21/2023 – 3/21/2023):
General Fund (includes payroll) - $34736.43
Garbage Fund – $13676.52
Liquid Fuels Fund – $4747.53
Parking Fund - $1049.33
Sewer Fund - $13636.80
Sewer Separation Fund - $2395.03
Event Fund - $171.71
Vacancy Fund - $257.50
Landlord Fund - $238.00
Total – $70908.85

Public Works & Streets Committee Report: Craig Williams, chair:

The Curb cut ordinance needs revised and a permit form must be submitted for approval.

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

Cindy spoke with Craig, the new director of Habitat for Humanity, and they decided on August 5th for the Rock the Block. They will do outside work like power washing, painting, gardening, and other minor repairs for homeowners in need. You must own your property and live in Apollo Borough. Anyone interested in volunteering and/or needing repairs should contact Cindy O'Block via Email: apollocouncilcoblock@gmail.com

Public Relations Committee- Events: Cindy O'Block, chair:

Events had a great turn out with their bake sale to raise money to bring back fireworks in Apollo. The weather was cold and rainy, but they still ended up raising $615.00. Cindy thanked everyone who donated baked goods to make the bake sale a success. She was very happy and proud to see the community working together. She also mentioned that Elderton Bank donated $100 towards fireworks.

A motion was made at 8:04 p.m. by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Ken Cyphert to go into executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made at 8:24 p.m. by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Ken Cyphert to come out of executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

At 8:25 p.m. a motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Ken Cyphert to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Jerrod Thompson
Council President

Deanna Shupe
Borough Secretary/Treasurer