

April 25, 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, Solicitor and Engineer were present. Council members Craig Williams, Cindee Virostek, Diane Bradshaw and the Mayor were absent.

Public Comments:

Mia Airgood gave a brief presentation of services provided by HAVIN to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Armstrong County. Services include: 24-hour hotline, safe housing, counseling, advocacy & accompaniment, and transportation. She distributed educational materials with contact information as well.

Colleen Milie asked for the council's permission to host the First Responders appreciation picnic at the Soldiers & Sailors Hall and the Grove Park pavilions free of charge. Colleen also discussed an issue she and her husband are having with people parking in front of her driveway.

Debbie Flickinger asked if the borough could power wash the archways in the plaza before the Lion's Club puts the flower baskets up. Council informed her that they only have one full time person in the public works department, and he is super busy this time of year. They can't promise he will be able to get to it but will try.

Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Mark Tarle to approve the March 28, 2023, 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:

Engineers are finalizing the plans for the Owns Grove Park Trail Grant.

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

Mayor's Report: Mayor Kenzevich was absent but had informed the secretary treasurer a student has been selected for the Leonard Miller Scholarship. The student receiving the scholarship will be announced at the Apollo Ridge High School awards ceremony on May 25th.

Public Safety: Mark Tarle, chair:

Mark Tarle addressed ongoing issues with property on 1st street still not being demolished or boarded up as promised by the owner and construction company.

Discussion on hiring an ordinance officer to cite owners of unkept/dangerous properties.

Secretary/Treasurer Report:

Renewal for insurance policy due in June. Council will be given a copy to review before May meeting.

Apollo Hose Co. #2 is having a Memorial Day Service in the plaza, Monday May 29th at 9 a.m. The borough will print the programs for the service as they do every year.

A monthly expense report was given to the council.

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 (3/22/2023 – 4/22/2023):

General Fund (includes payroll) - \$45842.85

Garbage Fund – \$13776.10

Liquid Fuels Fund – \$4173.63

Parking Fund - \$432.07

Sewer Fund - \$8729.96

Sewer Separation Fund - \$2395.03

Event Fund - \$48.00

Landlord Fund - \$150.00

Total – \$75547.64

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

The public works foreman received a quote for a new dump truck through a Costars dealer to purchase the dump truck that was awarded from the LSA Grant. The awarded amount of \$93,100 was priced in March of 2022, however; the prices have gone up substantially resulting in an increase of \$18,956.00.

A motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Mark Tarle to approve the additional cost for the dump truck to be paid from the SLFRF funds. Motion passed unanimously.

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

John Steele asked for price on land he would like to purchase from behind A.J. Tire to the river. Cindy O'Block asked if she could come to his shop and get a visual on how much property he is asking to purchase.

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

The Events Committee is adding a car show to their May Daze event on May 20th.

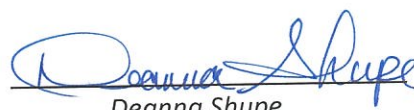
A motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Ken Cyphert to approve waiving the fee for the Soldiers & Sailors hall and the Pavilions with exception to the security deposit for First Responders Appreciation Picnic. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made at 7:52 p.m. by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Ken Cyphert to go into executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made at 8:15 p.m. by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Ken Cyphert to come out of executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

At 8:16 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