

June 23, 2022

Apollo Borough Council Meeting

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Apollo Borough council meeting was called to order by 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, Craig Williams, Cindy O'Block and Diane Bradshaw were present. The Secretary/Treasurer, Solicitor and Engineer were present. Council members Cindee Virostek, Michelle Beck, Jennifer Mullins and the Mayor were Absent.

Public Comments:

Mark Tarle spoke about an issue with the sidewalk in front of his house on 800 Armstrong Avenue. He said the gas company did not finish repairing the curb/sidewalk as discussed. The curb was not done correctly, and they filled the sidewalk in with cheap cement. They said they would come back in the summer to fix it but he has not seen anyone. Secretary-Treasurer stated that she thought it was the water company that was supposed to fix it. Mark Tarle said the gas company came and re-did the gas line before he bought the property but when there was a water main break the water company came and crushed the curb and cracked the sidewalk. Secretary-Treasurer will call her contact at the water company because it was the water company that fixed the sidewalk and curb that she remembered. She will get back to Mark Tarle once she speaks with them.

Mark Tarle also inquired if anything was done with getting bonuses to the employees that worked through the pandemic. While he was on council last year there was a discussion to give employees bonuses for working through the pandemic with the Covid Relief funds. Council President said they have not talked about it yet but he is not against the idea.

Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Diane Bradshaw to approve the May 26, 2022, meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Craig Williams to approve the minutes of the recessed meeting held on June 2, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

Engineering Report: Engineer gave his report.

Discussion on MS4 and removal of sediment from street sweeping. MS4 requirement is 20,000 lbs.

A motion was made by Craig Williams and seconded by Cindy O'Block to pay the Engineering invoice of \$1547.25. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor was absent.

Solicitor Report:

The solicitor reported an update on the federal case concerning the plaintiffs of the property on 719 N. Warren Avenue. The attorney for the plaintiffs has been given permission to withdrawal the case so they will now be representing themselves.

Discussion on concerns with zoning codes and council needing to revise the code. The solicitor will work with council on the revisions. It was suggested that the solicitor work with council member Michelle Beck since she has been reviewing other dated ordinances.

A motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Diane Bradshaw to pay the Solicitor invoice of \$2567.50. Motion passed unanimously

Public Safety: Michelle Beck, Chair

A motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Craig Williams to approve the Parking Meter Ordinance 288-22. Roll call: Craig Williams- yes, Cindy O'Block- yes, Diane Bradshaw- no, Jerrod Thompson – yes. Motion passed by majority vote.

Secretary/Treasurer Report:

The \$25,000 check was received from the estate of Ellen Jane Kness for repairs and/or improvements to Owens Grove. Council members Diane Bradshaw and Cindee Virostek have volunteered to work together on a plan for improvements needed at Owens Grove.

A motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Diane Bradshaw to purchase a group membership in the amount of \$50.00 for the Kiski Watershed Association. Motion passed unanimously.

2021 Financial Audit complete and submitted to DCED but will need to resubmit with PMRS Gasby reports once they are received.

Monthly expense report was given to council.

Finance Committee Report: Jerrod Thompson, Chair

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

Approval of items for payment as follows (5/21/2022- 6/17/2022)

General Fund (includes payroll) - \$35541.17

Garbage Fund -\$13784.17

Liquid Fuels Fund – \$3699.78

Parking Fund - \$166.00

Sewer Fund - \$7947.17

Sewer Separation Fund - \$2395.03

Leonard Miller Scholarship Fund - \$500.00

Total – \$64033.32

Public Works & Streets Committee Report: Craig Williams, Chair

Discussion on salt shed. The base and top of the shed were purchased separately. Public works was not aware that caps were needed to connect the base to the top of the shed until the base was completed. The caps would also add 6 inches to the height of the shed which is a plus since the stone in the back had to be dug into the ground to make it level. Public works will be using linseed oil as a sealant on the concrete floor of the shed as recommended by the contractor.

A motion was made by Craig Williams and seconded by Cindy O'Block to purchase caps for the salt shed to connect the base to the top in the amount of \$3000.00, delivery fee included. Motion passed unanimously.

Property & Planning Committee Report: Jennifer Mullins, Chair

Kerr Manufacturing Plan Review by Gibson-Thomas Engineering. #13 – requesting a modification pertaining to infiltration testing due to the size of the property and it not being in a flood plain. Olsen Engineering attached letter.

A motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Craig Williams to approve the modification on Kerr Manufacturing plan. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Craig Williams to approve the whole plan to include modifications on Kerr Manufacturing Sub-Division Land Development Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Relations Committee- Events: Jennifer Mullins, Chair

Roaring Run Watershed Committee is requesting councils' approval to use the riverfront property for additional parking for the Civil War Reenactment at Roaring Run in August. The land is safe for parking.

Attendee at the meeting, Mark Tarle, suggested making the entrance to the lot one way for traffic to go in and out. This way vehicles are not using both entrances to come and go and it would be more functional.

A motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Craig Williams to approve parking on riverfront property for the Civil War Reenactment at Roaring Run in August. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kerr spoke of issues with the crosswalk not being visible and thought it to be extremely dangerous. Public Works & Public Safety will check into brightening up the crosswalk lines.

A reminder of movie night on July 9, 2022, at Owens Grove Park. A projector and screen have been purchased thanks to Parks Twp. Slovak Club and free popcorn and drinks provided by Nasers & Shop N Save.

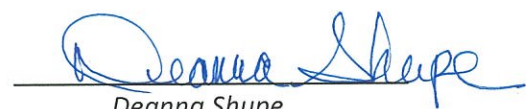
Executive Session:

A motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Diane Bradshaw to go into Executive Session at 7:53pm. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Craig Williams and seconded by Cindy O'Block to come out of Executive Session at 8:05pm. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Craig Williams to accept the resignation letter for Council Member Jennifer Mullins. Motion passed unanimously.

At 8:12 p.m. a motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Diane Bradshaw to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.


Jerrod Thompson
Council President
Deanna Shupe
Borough Secretary/Treasurer