

August 26, 2025
Apollo Borough Council Meeting

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

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

Public Comments:

Matt & Lexie Cable asked if they could purchase a section behind their house that is owned by the borough. The area is not used by the borough and is considered a paper alley. It is covered by grass and leads into a wooden section in town. Council will need to discuss abandoning the paper alley and voting on it. The property will not have anything built on it. The property owners just want to have a parking spot next to their house.

Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Mark Tarle and seconded by Jeanne Rummel to approve July 22, 2025, meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor's Report:

Upon recommendation of the Solicitor, and upon motion of Cindy O'Block and seconded by Mark Tarle, the meeting minutes for the June 24, 2025 meeting were amended as follows:

A board of reviewers was appointed regarding the small piece of property on Cunningham Way behind 719 N. Warren Avenue, that is in the possession of the Borough pursuant to 26 Pa.C.S. §307(a)(1)(i).

A motion was made by Ken Cyphert and seconded by Cindy O'Block 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 engineering invoices. Motion passed unanimously.

MS4 Report: Ken Cyphert, chair: Nothing to report

Mayor's Report: Mayor Kenzevich: Executive - personnel

Public Safety: Mark Tarle, chair:

Discussion on streetlights costs exceeding liquid fuels funds. Will check with police officers to see where lights are needed the most. Also have some complaints from residents that the new LED lights are too bright and they are unable to sleep at night even with blackout shades.

Secretary/Treasurer Report:

Apollo Lion's Club is having their Veterans Dinner on November 9th and has asked Apollo Borough if they would sponsor a table for \$125.00.

A motion was made by Mark Tarle and seconded by Cindy O'Block to sponsor a table for the Apollo Lion's Club Veteran's Dinner for \$125.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Monthly expense report given to council.

Finance Committee Report: Jerrod Thompson, chair:

Discussion on real estate tax increase from 15.9 to 18.9 mills for next year.

A motion was made by Mark Tarle and seconded by Ken Cyphert to advertise the tax mill increase for 2026 from 15.9 mills to 18.9 mills. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made 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 (7/21/2025 –8/21/2025):

General Fund (includes payroll) - \$46680.72

Garbage Fund – \$15329.61

Parking Fund - \$287.38

Sewer Fund - \$5552.14

Sewer Separation Fund - \$2395.03

Liquid Fuels - \$5311.00

Total – \$83790.63

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

Street paving project on N. 9th has been delayed until next year. Council will discuss the deadline for the LSA Grant on the project with Gibson Thomas Engineering. Public Works will continue working on keeping the potholes patched.

The gate on Scenic Drive is being fixed to open a thruway for emergencies and events.

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

See OTHER BUSINESS regarding Pivotal Housing Partners.

Public Relations Committee- Events: Sherry Sabatino, chair:

Movie night in the park on August 23rd was a big success. The last movie night of the summer will be featuring The Goonies on Saturday, September 20th. To be announced on Facebook pages: **Apollo Borough Events page and Committee AND Apollo Borough News.**

Follow Events Facebook page for updates & details: [Apollo Borough Events Page and Committee](#).

Other Business:

Council was given documentation on Pivotal Housing Partners tenants eligibility and program requirements if the housing complex were to be constructed. Pivotal Housing Partners will need to request another Zoning Hearing Board hearing.

Bricks from the old school are available for anyone who is interested. They can be picked up at the public works garage.

Owens Grove Pavilions, Gazebo and Soldiers and Sailors Hall rentals will be taken over by the events committee.

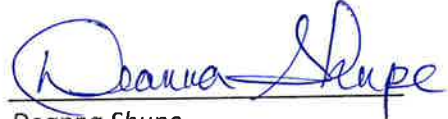
At 7:48 p.m. a motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Mark Tarle to go into executive session.
Motion passed unanimously.

At 8:00 p.m. a motion was made by Ken Cypert and seconded by Mark Tarle to come out of executive session.
Motion passed unanimously.

At 8:01 p.m. a motion was made by Ken Cyphert and seconded by Mark Tarle to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.



Mark Tarle
Vice President



Deanna Shupe
Borough Secretary/Treasurer