

May 26, 2026
Apollo Borough Council Regular 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.

Council members: Mark Tarle, Cindy O'Block, Sherry Sabatino, Kristina Fox, Ken Cyphert, Michelle Beck and Jeanne Rummel were present. The Secretary/Treasurer and Solicitor were present. Charlton Law partner Brian Ferrington was present for executive session. The Mayor and The Engineer were absent.

Nominations for the position of President Pro Tem were taken as follows:

- Cindy O'Block nominated Michelle Beck, seconded by Kristina Fox.
- Sherry Sabatino nominated Sherry Sabatino, seconded by Jeanne Rummel.
- Voting result: Mark Tarle, Ken Cyphert, Sherry Sabatino and Jeanne Rummel for Sherry Sabatino
: Cindy O'Block, Michelle Beck and Kristina Fox for Michelle Beck.
- Sherry Sabatino was elected to the position of President Pro Tem by majority vote.

Public Comments:

- Ralph Zoerner with Waste Management (WM) presented new services available through the company for the upcoming renewal of residential waste hauling services contract. The presentation was followed by Q/A.
- Matthew Umbough commented on the Borough Meeting Minutes, requesting more clarification for those who cannot attend meetings; but he was not aware the council meetings are available online to interested parties for viewing.
- Dennis Soloday requested additional stop signs be installed at the intersection of 4th and Kerr in the hope of slowing auto traffic; thus, enhancing intersection safety. A placement ordinance is needed for future enforcement.

Executive Session: (Legal Matters)

- Motion: made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Ken Cyphert to enter executive session. Motion passed unanimously at 7:30 pm.
- Motion: made by Sherry Sabatino and seconded by Mark Tarle to end executive session. Motion passed unanimously at 8:10 pm.

Meeting Minutes:

- Motion: made by Sherry O'Block, seconded by Cindy O'Block to approve the April 28, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor's Report:

- No report or invoice.

Engineering Report: Absent.

- Discussion: Requirements of CDBG grant.
- Motion: made by Cindy O'Block, seconded by Sherry Sabatino to authorize Gibson Thomas Engineering to complete and submit a CDBG Grant application for reconstruction/development of 4th Street, including ADA compliance. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Kenzevich: Absent.

- Discussion: All Resident Complaints shall be submitted to the Police Department either by phone message or on a written Police Complaint form available at the office.

Secretary/Treasurer Report:

- Motion: made by Cindy O'Block, seconded by Sherry Sabatino to continue Century Insurance and accepting the renewal rates. Rates have increased \$5,000 since last year, in part due to open litigation. Motion passed unanimously.
- Discussion: A donation was secured which permitted the borough to purchase a tamper to be used for repair of roads using asphalt.
- Discussion: Document Shredding Services
- Discussion: Handicap Accessible Ramp Ordinance passed at the last meeting did not include a citation fee.
- Motion: made by Cindy O'Block, seconded by Mark Tarle to approve the citation fee of \$500.00 for previously mentioned Handicap Ramp Ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion: made by Ken Cyphert, seconded by Mark Tarle to advertise a required Legal Notice for the 2025 Statement of Revenues and Expenditures.
- Motion: made by Jeanne Rummel, seconded by Sherry Sabatino to pay Opst and Associates Invoice for the completion of the 2025 Audit.

Monthly Expenses:

- Monthly Expenses for payment of items as follows (4/21/2026 – 5/21/2026):
 - General Fund (includes payroll) - \$52,486.18
 - Garbage Fund - \$15,456.22
 - Parking Fund - \$1,729.79
 - Sewer Fund/Separation Fund - \$2,395.63
 - Liquid Fuels - \$724.70
 - Landlord Fund - \$1,850.00
 - Vacancy Fund - \$0.00
 - Events Fund - \$0.00
 - Total – **\$74, 642.52**
- Motion: made by Mark Tarle, seconded by Cindy O'Block to approve the payment of the monthly expenses for 4/21/2026 – 5/21/2026. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee Report: Jeanne Rummel, chair:

- No report

Public Safety: Mark Tarle, chair:

- Discussion: identification of dangerous structures and junk cars.

Public Works & Streets Committee Report: Jeanne Rummel, chair:

- Discussion: Paving projects and asphalt purchases.
- Discussion: Street Sweeping concerns.

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

- Discussion: Solar panel update. Still awaiting interconnection to move forward.
- Discussion: Concerns relating to Summit Avenue Property. Members of Property/Planning to consider needed action.
- Discussion: 400 N 2nd Pivotal Development Update: Pivotal will apply for the credits when the application period begins in the fall. Until the credits are obtained, the next phase of development cannot begin.
- Discussion: Stormwater Runoff and Sewer Separation ordinance issue: Current Ordinances will be evaluated and combined where possible, and an addition made to include a section addressing runoff of stormwater which effects adjacent properties.
- Discussion: Development of a Volunteer-based Beautification Committee to target needed improvements throughout town and removal of the gates on the Gazebo.

Public Relations Committee/Events: Jeanne Rummel, chair:

- Discussion: New fee for the rental of Soldiers and Sailors Hall post improvement completion.
- Motion: made by Cindy O'Block, seconded by Sherry Sabatino to establish the new fees of:
\$125.00 per day Monday through Friday, and
\$200.00 per day Saturday and Sunday.
Fess effective immediately.

Other Business:

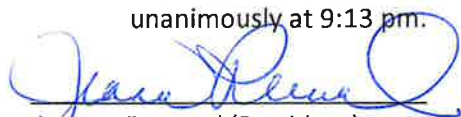
- Discussion: New Solicitation Ordinance introduction presented for review by the Solicitor.

Old Business:

- Discussion: Update Lutheran Church Parking Lot Improvements. A decision will be made post-evaluation of the runoff water issues on 4th Street between Pennsylvania and Warren.
- Discussion: Update 808 Terrace: Grass was mowed, no further code violations are evident at this time.
- Discussion: Update Sewer Ordinance 259-13 Revision needs advertised.
- Discussion: Update AI Data Center Ordinance will be presented to the Solicitor for review
Motion: made for the conditional advertisement of the AI Data Center Ordinance pending Solicitor review by Cindy O'Block, seconded by Sherry Sabatino. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

- Motion: made by Ken Cyphert, seconded by Mark Tarle to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously at 9:13 pm.


Jeanne Rummel (President)


Borough Secretary/Treasurer