

APOLLO BOROUGH

Engineer's Monthly Report

March 2025

1. Storm Sewers

- Replacement of 24" culvert under Kiski Avenue @ South 5th Street:
 - A. **Project design is 90% completed. GTE anticipates advertising / bidding project in late April - early May to avoid school bus detours when construction begins.**
 - B. **HOP permit was approved by PennDOT and received by GTE.**
 - C. **GTE continues to coordinate with Peoples Gas to design around existing gas lines, and to have LP gas line relocated as needed. Peoples Gas engineer working on relocation. A work order has been generated with West Penn Power. GTE is still waiting for a response on work order from the West Penn's designer.**

2. Roadwork

- PNG gas line relocation in plaza – checklist of procedure to be established. – on hold until PNG submits formal application.
 - A. Curb to curb ordinance – solicitor consultation for borings.
 - B. Developers must submit a formal application.

3. Funding

- DCED PA Small Water and Sewer Grant Program

GTE sent program guidelines to Borough for review 2/4/25. This program opened Feb. 3rd and runs through April 30, 2025; will require a Resolution and a 15% Matching Funds Commitment Letter. The minimum Project cost shall not be less than \$30,000 and not more than \$500,000. GTE's hourly rates apply to prepare, process and submit grant application on behalf of the Borough.
- 2023 LSA Grant Program

CFA Funding determination was received on October 22, 2024, in the amount of \$312,000.00 for the 4th, 7th, and 9th Street Storm Water Improvements Project. However, due to funding limitations, funds will be used for the street improvements needed on 9th Street.
- 2024 LSA Statewide Grant Program

As requested, GTE submitted the grant application for the 4th & 7th Streets and Terrace Avenue Street Improvement Project 11/2024. Funding determination is anticipated in Nov. or Dec. of 2025.

4. Borough MS4 Permit

- Apollo Borough received NPDES MS4 permit Notice of Violation from DEP on November 13, 2024. **GTE submitted the Appendix A Map (Metals / PH) to DEP on 2/3/2025.** GTE told DEP that the current LSA grant application includes 7th Street storm filtration vault that was identified in the Borough's approved MS4 PRP. DEP advised that the Borough (and other MS4 permittees with PRPs) may be given one more year to complete PRP before MS4 individual permits and consent orders will be issued for those with incomplete PRPs.

- **Clean River Reminder:** Lawn care fertilizer and herbicides can seriously degrade river quality for fish and other wildlife. Always follow the directions on lawn treatment chemicals. Do not apply these immediately before a rainstorm. Sweep up and dispose of any chemical pellets into the trash that have landed on sidewalks, paved driveways, streets or alleys.

5. Miscellaneous work to be considered:

- Recreation - Boat launch, River Trail, Mapping
- Solar Panel Investigative Work – TBD
- GTE recommended that Apollo Borough requires road bonding for Borough streets before issuing permits. GTE processed the Weight Limit Permit for Meyers Demolition and Excavation, LLC for the demolition of the old elementary school building. The anticipated roads to be used are: North Pennsylvania Avenue, Armstrong Avenue, North Second Street, and Hildebrand Street.

6. Projects:

A. Kiski Avenue Culvert Replacement

Refer to Item 1 above. This project is 90% completed. GTE anticipates advertising / bidding project in mid-April / early May.

B. 9th Street Storm Sewer and Roadway Improvements

Survey work for this project has been completed. Base mapping is being prepared with design work to follow.

Please be reminded that, at the request of Apollo Borough, and in order to save on Engineering costs, a Gibson-Thomas Engineering representative will not be in attendance at regular monthly meetings unless otherwise requested by the Borough.

Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted March 21, 2025 via email to boroughmanager@apollopa.net



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