

August 22, 2023
Apollo Borough Council Meeting

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Apollo Borough council meeting was called to order by the Council Vice President at 7:00 p.m. at 631 N 2nd Street, Apollo PA 15613 (Soldiers & Sailors Hall).

Present: Council members Mark Tarle, Cindy O'Block, Diane Bradshaw and Kenneth Cyphert were present. The Mayor, Secretary/Treasurer, Solicitor and Engineer were present. Council members Jerrod Thompson and Craig Williams were absent.

A motion was made at 7:00 p.m. by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Ken Cyphert to go into executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made at 7:48 p.m. by Ken Cyphert and seconded by Cindy O'Block to come out of executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

Sara Gerwig addressed the council and expressed her interest in the open seat. Sara spoke of reasons why she wanted to be part of council and has previously submitted a letter of interest to the secretary-treasurer at the municipal office.

Ray Held expressed a concern about the water running down 2nd Street and how it floods and settles into a puddle which causes mosquitos to come. He presented pictures to show council. This issue has been addressed numerous times before but none of the quick fixes have solved the problem. The engineer asked Mr. Held for his information and said they would look at it to see what they could do.

Travis Smeltzer presented pictures to council to show how dangerous it is turning onto 1st Street from N. Pennsylvania Avenue. When Penn Dot removed the traffic light, they made it very unsafe. There is a white van parked on 1st Street which completely obstructs the vision of oncoming traffic. You cannot see if a vehicle is coming at all, and someone is going to get seriously injured because of it. He thinks there should be a yellow line marked from a certain point to the intersection so that vehicles can be seen more clearly.

John Steele discussed the Penn Dot issue again with N. 11th Street bridge project. He said the borough should send them a citation for not keeping the grass cut or have someone cut it and send them a bill since it is their property, and they are not keeping it maintained. He would like to see the council take care of this matter since his business is right there. He said it is also the gateway to Apollo Borough and it looks horrible, also the water is not flowing through so there is an issue with that as well.

Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Mark Tarle to approve the July 25, 2023, meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor's Report:

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

Engineering Report:

The Owens Grove park design is complete and they are working with Armstrong County for approval, although in reality they will need to wait until spring 2024 to start the trail due to asphalt companies starting to shut down for the season.

A motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Mark Tarle to pay the Engineers' Invoices. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Kenzevich:

Announced that we have received the new 2023 Police SUV from the LSA Grant that was awarded to the borough.

Public Safety: Mark Tarle, chair:

Also discussed receiving the new police car but it still needs to be outfitted. Once that is done, one of the other police vehicles could be sold.

Secretary/Treasurer Report:

Michael Baustert & Sara Gerwig submitted letters of interest to the secretary/treasurer for the open seat on council.

The Council's votes for the open seat resulted in a tie with 2 votes for Sara Gerwig and 2 votes for Michael Baustert. The mayor was asked to break the tie. Mayor Kenzevich voted for Sara Gerwig.

Roll Call Vote: Mark Tarle – Sara Gerwig; Diane Bradshaw – Sara Gerwig; Cindy O'Block – Michael Baustert; Ken Cyphert – Michael Baustert; Mayor Kenzavich – Sara Gerwig.

Sara Gerwig was appointed to fill the open seat on council by majority vote.

Amtrust Worker Compensation renewal was provided to council.

A motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Mark Tarle to accept the Amtrust Workers Compensation renewal package for 2023-2024. Motion passed unanimously.

The Lions Club Veterans Dinner donation was presented to the council for approval. Council approved to donate the \$100.00 as in previous years.

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 (7/24/2023 – 8/20/2023):

General Fund (includes payroll) - \$70124.44

Garbage Fund – \$13676.52

Liquid Fuels Fund – \$4764.49

Parking Fund - \$773.34

Sewer Fund - \$7947.17

Sewer Separation Fund - \$2395.03

Event Fund - \$216.79

Vacancy Fund - \$7.50

Landlord Fund – \$100.00

Total – \$100005.28

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

Full time employee resigned to further her education and the committee is Interviewing to fill the position again.

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

Rock the Block was a great success, and many projects were completed.

Public Hearing pertaining to the fence has been cancelled until survey is completed.

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

Twenty people were in attendance for the final movie in the park.

Discussion on continuing Wheel Good Wednesdays in the future. Tommy's, Michelle Mobile Meals and Copney is expected to be at the next one.

The Events Committee desperately needs volunteers or will not be able to have a Halloween Parade.

At 8:22 p.m. a motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Ken Cypher to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.



Mark Tarle
Council Vice President



Deanna Shupe
Borough Secretary/Treasurer