

APOLLO BOROUGH

Engineer's Monthly Report

June 2025

1. Storm Sewers

- **Replacement of 24" culvert under Kiski Avenue @ South 5th Street:**

- A. Bids were opened on May 22, 2025. Lutterman Excavating, LLC was the apparent low bidder at \$120,656.67. The COVID-19 ARPA PA Small Water and Sewer Grant for this project is \$96,604.00 with the Borough's 15% Match at \$14,490.00 creating a cost difference of \$9,563.00. GTE recommended that the Borough holds off awarding this project until options can be considered in order to bridge the funding gap via a Change of Scope and Change Order.

GTE submitted an HOP supplement to PennDOT for the corrugated steel pipe in lieu of the RCP as well as for the extension of the CSP a few feet further upstream to allow for the removal of the headwall in order to reduce costs. The HOP supplement is in PennDOT's queue. GTE is waiting for an approval from PennDOT for this supplement before we can move forward.

GTE has been in contact with the Contractor. Lutterman's earliest anticipated start date would be sometime during the last week of July / first week of August (weather permitting).

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

- 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. **GTE is progressing with design work.**

- 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

- **At the Borough's request, GTE will not be meeting with Apollo Borough for MS4 Progress Reports. Please note that GTE is available as needed.**
- 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 has contacted Meyers Demolition and Excavation, LLC several times requesting signatures on the “Post-Use Field Inspection” forms in order to close out Weight Limit Permit 2025-1 that includes North PA Ave., Armstrong Ave., Hildebrand Street, and North Second Street. GTE will continue to follow up.**

6. Projects:

A. Kiski Avenue Culvert Replacement

See the Storm Sewer Section of this report.

B. 9th Street Storm Sewer and Roadway Improvements

GTE is working on the design work for this project.

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 **June 19, 2025** via email to boroughmanager@apollopa.net



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