

March 26, 2024
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 809 N Warren Avenue, Apollo PA 15613.

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

Public Comments:

Miranda Hileman, Apollo Memorial Library President, came to invite council to the open house on May 8th and left some flyers with the information.

Syler Steele had complaints regarding the neighbor's yard not being kept up and wanted to know why nothing has been done with it. She said the codes enforcement officer told her a notice had been issued yet still nothing has been done and she is getting frustrated. Council said they need to speak with the codes enforcement officer to see the status on this notice.

Kristina Fox said that she wanted to let council know that she understands it's not an easy job to be in their position and wanted to thank them for that. She has been coming to the meetings to get a resolution for the issue with the big trucks getting stuck on Terrace Avenue. Property and vehicles are getting damaged every time one gets stuck. Council explained that the sign on N. 9th & Terrace cannot be moved for public safety issues due to the bridge being out. They will get additional signs with pictures to post on N. 2nd at N Pennsylvania to prevent tractor trailers from going on to Terrace Avenue. Once signs are delivered, Public Works will place them on the poles.

Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Ken Cyphert to approve the March 26, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor's Report:

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

Engineering Report:

Meeting with Dun Rite Construction to go over details of the Owens Grove Walking Trail on May 7th. Project should start beginning of June.

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

MS4 Report: Ken Cyphert, chair:

Street sweeping for storm water clean-up (see public works report)

Mayor's Report: Mayor Kenzevich:

The mayor reminded everyone of Clean Up Days on Friday, May 10th from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, May 11th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Also discussed posting flyers to get the word out to tenants since only landlords receive the inserts from the bills and may not pass the information along.

Public Safety: Mark Tarle, chair:

The plaza cameras are in poor condition and need to be replaced for public safety. This will include the cameras at the public works garage to catch the other side of the plaza.

A motion was made by Sherry Sabatino and seconded by Cindy O'Block to replace all the cameras for the plaza in the amount of \$8,965 from Covid Relief money for public safety. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on issues with tractor trailers going up 2nd Street and on to Terrace Avenue. The trucks are too big and get stuck which results in damaging residents' property.

A motion was made by Ken Cyphert and seconded by Sherry Sabatino to have signs placed to stop trucks from using the wrong route. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer Report:

The borough building, hall and public works garage need new fire extinguishers to replace the old ones that are no longer serviceable.

A motion was made by Sherry Sabatino and seconded by Diane Bradshaw to purchase new fire extinguishers for the borough building, garage and Soldiers & Sailors Hall for \$3000. Motion passed unanimously.

Council tabled Oklahoma & Vandergrift EMS 2024-2025 membership.

A monthly expense report was given to council.

Finance Committee Report: Jerrod Thompson, chair: Absent

A motion was made by Mark Tarle and seconded by Sherry Sabatino to pay the bills, including payroll. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of items for payment as follows (3/24/2023 –4/20/2024):

General Fund (includes payroll) - \$52491.93

Garbage Fund – \$14226.45

Parking Fund - \$3324.71

Sewer Fund - \$5632.13

Sewer Separation Fund - \$2395.03

Liquid Fuels - \$9246.70

Vacancy Fund - \$802.50

Total – \$88119.45

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

Public Works to schedule street sweeping for storm water run-off clean up.

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

Council voted for John Miller/Amish to do repairs on the borough building damage after their schedule was made and they are booked up to October this year. Property/planning looking into using other bids received or checking with other companies to see if it can be done sooner.

Public Relations Committee- Events: Sara Gerwig, chair:

Events had to cancel May Daze but decided to coordinate an event along with the Presbyterian Church Rummage Sale on June 7th & 8th. The event will include a community yard sale and a map with participating residents. Follow Apollo Events Committee page on Facebook for updates.

Other Business:

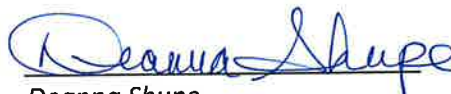
A motion was made at 7:54 p.m. by Sherry Sabatino and seconded by Cindy O'Block to go into executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made at 8:13 p.m. by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Ken Cyphert to come out of executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

At 8:14 p.m. a motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Sherry Sabatino to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.



Mark Tarle
Council Vice President



Deanna Shupe
Borough Secretary/Treasurer