

December 20, 2022
Apollo Borough Council Meeting

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

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

Public Comments:

Becky Kane thanked the public works employees for doing a nice job of cleaning up the leaves at the Owens Grove Park.

Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Mark Tarle to approve the November 22, 2022, meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor's Report:

Presented Act 57 Resolution pertaining to real estate taxes.

A motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Ken Cyphert to pass Resolution 04-2022 to implement Act 57 of 2022 amending the local tax collection law. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mark Tarle and seconded by Cindy O'Block to approve Charlton Law Firms rate increase of \$20 per hour starting January 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Engineering Report:

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

Discussion of solar panels on Riverfront Property. Additional research will be required.

Mayor's Report: Karen Kenzevich

The Mayor and Secretary Treasurer visited with Senator Joe Pittman and Chief of Staff, Jeremy Dias. They have offered help to Apollo Borough and will provide a letter of support on the PA Small Water & Sewer Grant for the Kiski Avenue culvert replacement.

Public Safety: Mark Tarle, chair:

Mark discussed selling the two old police vehicles on Municibid. They are no longer needed since the Dodge Durango was purchased last month.

A motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Mark Tarle to put the 2006 & 2008 Ford Crown Victoria police cars on municibid. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on appointing a constable. The elected constable was not able to take the position.

Secretary/Treasurer Report:

Monthly expense report was given to council.

Finance Committee Report: Jerrod Thompson, chair:

A motion was made by Craig Williams and seconded by Cindy O'Block to approve the 2023 Budget. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Mark Tarle to pay the bills, including payroll. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of items for payment as follows (11/18/2022 – 12/18/2022):

General Fund (includes payroll) - \$49894.94

Garbage Fund – \$13965.12

Liquid Fuels Fund – \$4097.13

Parking Fund - \$295.45

Sewer Fund - \$7947.17

Sewer Separation Fund - \$2395.03

Event Fund - \$289.18

Landlord Fund - \$50.00

Total – \$78934.02

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

A motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Ken Cyphert to hire James LaVelle for the full-time public works position at \$14.00/hr. to start. Motion passed unanimously.

Craig mentioned a student, Stephon Shaeffer, from Point Park College wanting to speak at an upcoming council meeting about business growth in Apollo.

The salt shed construction will be completed after the beginning of the year by the Amish.

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

Ken Cyphert discussed a property on 1st Street being dangerous since it is half demolished and open to children and animals. The solicitor will draft a letter regarding the legal responsibilities and liability of the property owner to fix the issue.

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

Hometown Christmas at the Grove on December 23, 2022. The Grinch had to cancel but Santa is still going to be there.

Executive Session:

At 7:24 p.m. a motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Mark Tarle to go into executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

At 8:02 p.m. a motion was made by Ken Cyphert and seconded by Cindy O'Block to come out of Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

At 8:04 p.m. a motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Ken Cyphert to adjourn the meeting.
Motion passed unanimously.



Jerrod Thompson
Council President



Deanna Shupe
Borough Secretary/Treasurer