

February 21, 2023
Apollo Borough Council Meeting

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Apollo Borough council meeting was called to order by Council Vice President Mark Tarle 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 Secretary/Treasurer, Engineer, and Solicitor were present. Council members Craig Williams, Cindee Virostek, Jerrod Thompson and the Mayor were absent.

Public Comments:

Elicia Berkey discussed having an ongoing issue with her neighbors using their smoker grill and their constant cigarette smoking near her home. Ms. Berkey expressed concern for her health as she has asthma, and the smoke is inhibiting her ability to breathe. Ms. Berkey said she was told by the police that she may need to handle this issue in court since it is a civil matter. She has talked to an attorney that advised her to check into the nuisance ordinance first. Council will have the solicitor look through the nuisance ordinance, but they also feel that it is a civil matter as the police officer has mentioned.

Gaylene Toland came to speak on behalf of the Lion's Club asking for council's support in their efforts to help the community of Apollo as they have done for 74 years. They would like to see a council member join and be a part of the Lion's club as they have in the past. The Lion's Club intends to work with other organizations to get more hands to help with future projects. Council member, Cindy O'Block, invited the Lion's Club to come to an Events Committee meeting at the borough building on March 2nd. The Events Committee has been working on ideas to bring the community together and welcomes volunteers to help with the bake sale, May Daze and Wheel Good Wednesday events already planned.

Leland Nawrocki said he would like to see reserved signs for permit parking put up in the plaza. He has been buying permits for 4 years and said it's getting bad with people parking in those spots without a permit. He thinks it is due to not seeing the "permit only" paint on the parking spaces. Council will have public works put signs up for permit parking that are more visible.

Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Ken Cyphert to approve the January 24, 2023, 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:

A motion was made by Mark Tarle and seconded by Ken Cyphert to not accept the Community Development Block Grant for ADA sidewalks/ramps from the County due to not being approved for the multi-modal grant for street widening. Both grants were necessary to complete the proposed project. Motion passed unanimously.

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 was absent.

Public Safety: Mark Tarle, chair:

A motion was made by Ken Cyphert and seconded by Cindy O'Block to approve \$400.00 firearms training for Officer Baustert. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Mark Tarle to table the discussion on replacing the mechanical meters. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer Report:

A motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Mark Tarle to accept the Resolution for the Owen Grove Walking Trail Improvement Grant. Motion passed unanimously.

Council all agreed to let Salvation Army display pinwheels in the plaza with the store owners' approval for National Child Abuse Awareness month from the end of March through April.

Council had a discussion on a plastic recycling program for the Armstrong Conservation District. They will give the borough 2 containers to collect stretchable plastics for 6 months and they will pick up as many times as needed. Their goal is to collect 500 pounds of plastic.

A motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Ken Cyphert to participate in the Armstrong Conservation District plastic recycling program. Motion passed unanimously.

Brochures for storm water run-off awareness were placed in the borough municipal building and the Apollo Library to educate the public on the negative impact stormwater could have on our safety, health and environment.

Monthly expense report was given to 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 (1/20/2023 – 2/20/2023):

General Fund (includes payroll) - \$35090.95

Garbage Fund – \$13989.24

Liquid Fuels Fund – \$6948.57

Parking Fund - \$4986.44

Sewer Fund - \$8279.84

Sewer Separation Fund - \$2395.03

Vacancy Fund - \$246.25

Landlord Fund - \$125.00

Total – \$72061.32

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

The public works foreman discussed needing to repair the roof on Pavilion No. 1 due to the windstorm. He will need to get an estimate on the cost for repairs to provide to council.

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

Discussion of a pickle ball court being put in at the Grove. Cindy said a cornhole game was also mentioned when asking the public what they would like.

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

Events is planning a bake sale to start trying to raise money to bring back fireworks. Events has received some donations for fireworks but nowhere close enough to have a display. They were told it would probably cost around 15 thousand dollars for the fireworks display.

Events is looking for more vendors for their May Daze event to be held in the plaza Saturday, May 20th from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. A rain date is scheduled for Sunday, May 21st from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Wheel Good Wednesday food truck vendor spots are almost full. This event will take place every other Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. starting May 3rd to October 18th.

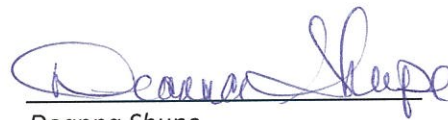
A motion was made at 7:57 p.m. by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Ken Cyphert to go into executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made at 8:36 p.m. by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Ken Cyphert to come out of executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

At 8:37 p.m. a motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Ken Cyphert to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.



Mark Tarle
Council Vice President



Deanna Shupe
Borough Secretary/Treasurer