

June 27, 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 and Solicitor were present. Council members Craig Williams, Cindee Virostek, Jerrod Thompson and the Engineer were absent.

Public Comments:

John Steele spoke about Penn Dot not tending to the bridge project on N. 11th Street. He said the grass and weeds look horrible and Penn Dot should be responsible for maintaining the property since they purchased it from him and now own it. Penn Dot's original plans were to put rock down and cement over top so grass and weeds would not grow. He said it should not be the borough's responsibility since they do not own it. Also, the project, as far as he knows, is still open. John said his wife has a call in to Penn Dot and the manager of maintenance is supposed to come take a look at the property.

Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Ken Cyphert to approve the May 23, 2023, meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor's Report:

Brief discussion on advertising the drafted ordinance pertaining to the issue on N Warren Avenue.

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

A motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Mark Tarle to approve and advertise to adopt Ordinance 292-23 at the July 25th council meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Engineering Report: Absent – report presented to council.

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

Mayor's Report: Mayor Kenzevich:

Mayor Kenzevich announced the Leonard Miller Scholarship was awarded to Apollo Ridge High School student Corbin Johnston. Corbin plans to pursue his career in the police academy and has been accepted to study criminology at York College of PA.

Public Safety: Mark Tarle, chair:

Discussion on what can be done with abandoned properties. If the borough wants to condemn an abandoned property, they will have to purchase it and pay for the demolition but that would cost thousands of dollars. Abandoned properties can be taken care of by the Land Bank but only after it goes into county repository for back taxes. It could take up to three years before that happens.

Secretary/Treasurer Report:

A monthly expense report was given to the council.

Finance Committee Report: Jerrod Thompson, chair:

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 (5/22/2023 – 6/22/2023):

General Fund (includes payroll) - \$27933.97

Garbage Fund – \$14343.29

Liquid Fuels Fund – \$4184.33

Parking Fund - \$277.35

Sewer Fund - \$8283.53

Sewer Separation Fund - \$2395.03

Event Fund - \$130.00

Vacancy Fund - \$675.00

Total – \$58222.50

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

There is an Oak tree that will need to be taken down next to one of the pavilions. Public Works crew can trim it down with a lift.

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

Discussion on appraisal for a section of Riverfront Property. Preferably the council should try to get three appraisals if possible before advertising.

Discussion on the post needing replaced in front of the Dollar Tree.

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

Movie night in the park wasn't a big turn out but everyone that came stayed and enjoyed it. The next movie night is to be held on July 8th. Third part in the Harry Potter series.

Discussion on fireworks donations. The Events committee has been collecting donations but still does not have enough for a display. They are continuing to work on coming up with ideas to raise money but desperately need volunteers. You are invited to check their Facebook page, Apollo Events Committee, for meetings, events, and updates.

Other Business:

Ken Skinnard wanted to inform the council that Armstrong Development Council is having another meeting about the school. He believes the asbestos removal may be starting as early as this year.


Brad Brohman discussed an issue he has with the vacancy ordinance pertaining to his property located at 417 South Pennsylvania Avenue. He said it is still showing up on the vacancy list, but it is part of his business in which he stores supplies. It has been deemed vacant due to no sewer hook-up, but it is inhabitable so can only be used for storage and should not be considered vacant. The solicitor just hearing of the issue will need to look into it further and get back to him.

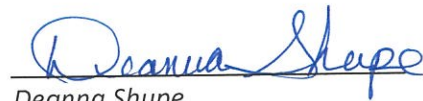
A motion was made at 7:25 p.m. by Mark Tarle and seconded by Cindy O'Block to go into executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made at 7:55 p.m. by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Ken Cyphert to come out of executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

Brief discussion with the zoning officer regarding MS4 Storm Water Management Program.

7:59 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