

May 27, 2025
Apollo Borough Council Meeting

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Apollo Borough council meeting was called to order by the 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, Jeanne Rummel and Ken Cyphert were present. The Secretary/Treasurer and Mayor were present. Council members, Jerrod Thompson, Sherry Sabatino, the Solicitor and the Engineer were absent.

Public Comments:

Lieutenant Joseph Zandarski from Pennsylvania State Police, Troop D Kittanning, introduced himself and gave a report of calls/incidents from our area. He left his business card for council and welcomed them to contact him with any questions or concerns.

Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Ken Cyphert to approve April 22, 2025, meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor's Report:

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

Engineering Report:

Discussion on bid openings for the Kiski Avenue Culvert Project on May 22, 2025. Lutterman Excavating was the low bidder at \$120,656.67. The granted amount of the project is \$96,604.00. Gibson Thomas Engineering is investigating options to bridge the funding gap. A special meeting will need to be held regarding the award of the project once funding options have been explored.

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

MS4 Report: Ken Cyphert, chair:

Pamphlets were posted in the borough building regarding stormwater pollution control during the summer when washing vehicles and using lawn fertilizers. Environmentally friendly alternatives addressed on the pamphlets as well. Copies of the pamphlets are available for residents in the borough office and can also be accessed on our website: www.apollopa.net.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Kenzevich:

The Leonard Miller Scholarship for \$1000.00 was awarded to ARHS student, Addison Geracia.

A formal complaint was filed with PennDOT pertaining to the road closed sign on Terrace Avenue stating that it is in a compromising spot for emergency vehicles. Officer Romagnoli assessed the location of the sign and filed a report stating that the sign does not interfere with emergency vehicles and is in the best location possible for the purpose of stopping traffic from entering a road with a closed bridge.

Public Safety: Mark Tarle, chair:

Cameras are working in the plaza again. They will need a new battery backup for power outages.

Secretary/Treasurer Report:

Discussion on Liability Insurance renewal increase of \$10,000 due to claims loss and brand-new fire truck. The plan was submitted to 4 underwriters and all of them declined coverage except our current carrier.

A motion was made by Mark Tarle and seconded by Cindy O'Block to approve the liability insurance renewal with McGowan Governmental Underwriters for \$44,954. Motion passed unanimously.

There was a discussion about the rising cost of the power bill with the new bulbs that were installed for the streetlights. The borough was supposed to see a 25% savings when the LED bulbs were installed. Instead, the power bill has increased significantly. The secretary-treasurer is contacting first energy to see why this is happening.

Monthly expense report given to council.

Finance Committee Report: Jerrod Thompson, chair:

A motion was made 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 (4/21/2025 –5/21/2025):

General Fund (includes payroll) - \$34871.56

Garbage Fund – \$15079.24

Liquid Fuels Fund - \$5228.62

Parking Fund - \$734.71

Sewer Fund - \$5552.14

Sewer Separation Fund - \$2395.03

Landlord Fund - \$245.00

Event Fund - \$6665.00

Total – \$65078.26

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

In honor of the Memorial Day Service, Apollo Supply donated 3 yards of black mulch for the police memorial and the Apollo Borough Solicitor, Scott Andreassi, donated the American Flag.

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

Property & Planning had a meeting with Gibson Thomas and Bob Regola on future ideas for Owens Grove Park.

Public Relations Committee- Events: Sherry Sabatino, chair:

The first Wheel Good Wednesday starts on June 4th.

There will be a movie in Owens Grove Park on Saturday, June 21st. Movie is yet to be determined.

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Other Business:

At 7:48 p.m. a motion was made by Mark Tarle and seconded by Diane Bradshaw to go into executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

At 8:04 p.m. a motion was made by Ken Cyphert and seconded by Cindy O'Block to come out of executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Diane Bradshaw to hire Bently Deal for part time public works seasonal help at \$14/hr. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Ken Cyphert and seconded by Mark Tarle to pay part time police officers \$27/hr. not to exceed 60 hours a week. Motion passed unanimously.

At 8:06 p.m. a motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Mark Tarle to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.


Mark Tarle
Vice President


Deanna Shupe
Borough Secretary/Treasurer