December 17, 2024 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, Ken Cyphert, Cindy O'Block, Sara Gerwig and Sherry Sabatino were present. The Secretary/Treasurer, Mayor and Solicitor were present. Council members Jerrod Thompson, Diane Bradshaw and the engineer were absent.

Public Comments:

Becky Kane said she heard that the full-time police officer is planning to retire and wanted to know if the borough plans to hire another officer. Councilman, Mark Tarle, said they plan to advertise hiring a new officer before the retirement date.

Meeting Minutes:

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

Solicitor's Report:

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

Engineering Report:

A motion was made by Sherry Sabatino and seconded by Sara Gerwig to pay the engineers' invoices. Motion passed unanimously.

MS4 Report: Ken Cyphert, chair: Nothing new to report.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Kenzevich:

The winner of the Leonard Miller Scholarship has asked to pass the scholarship onto the other applicant as she already has her college expenses covered.

Public Safety: Mark Tarle, chair:

Discussion on updating or creating new ordinances to resolve issues with fees and other concerns in the borough.

Secretary/Treasurer Report:

Monthly expense report given to council.

Finance Committee Report: Jerrod Thompson, chair:

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

Approval of items for payment as follows (11/20/2024 –12/15/2024):
General Fund (includes payroll) - \$44398.97
Garbage Fund – \$15079.24
Parking Fund - \$339.66
Sewer Fund - \$5552.14
Sewer Separation Fund - \$2395.03
Liquid Fuels - \$4346.77
Event Fund - \$250.00
Landlord Fund - \$1909.80
Total - \$74271.61

A motion was made by Ken Cyphert and seconded by Cindy O'Block to adopt the 2025 Budget. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Mark Tarle to approve the 2025 fee schedule. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Discussion on Peoples upcoming projects to replace gas lines on N. 9th, N. 8th, N. 7th, Armstrong, N. 5th, N. 4th, Summit and Woodward. Permits have been submitted but council still has concerns about where the lines are being placed. The solicitor will send a letter to the gas company to convey the concerns that were discussed at a prior meeting that have still not been resolved.

Discussion on PennDot street sweeping N. Warren Avenue if the borough would cut grass at their property on N. 11th in return. Due to MS4 requirements, the borough will take care of the street sweeping on N. Warren Avenue.

Property & Planning Committee Report: Cindy O'Block, chair: Nothing new to report.

Public Relations Committee- Events: Sara Gerwig, chair: Nothing new to report.

Other Business:

At 7:41 p.m. a motion was made by Mark Tarle and seconded by Ken Cyphert to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Mark Tarle Vice President Deanna Shupe

Borough Secretary/Treasurer