

APOLLO BOROUGH

Engineer's Monthly Report

August 2025

1. Storm Sewers

- **Replacement of 24" culvert under Kiski Avenue @ South 5th Street:**

GTE received PennDOT approval for HOP supplement on June 30th for the corrugated steel pipe in lieu of the RCP as well as for the extension of the CSP a few feet further upstream to allow for the removal of the headwall in order to reduce costs.

GTE processed the Contract Documents and Change Order to reduce the contract by \$10,657 which will bridge the gap between available grant fund and Borough's 15% match. GTE anticipates Apollo Borough will approve and sign Change Order #1. GTE issued the Notice to Proceed to Lutterman Excavating for Monday, August 25, 2025, at which time Lutterman anticipates mobilizing equipment and materials. Road closure working around school bus schedules.

2. Roadwork

- PNG gas line relocation in plaza – checklist of procedure to be established. – on hold until PNG submits formal application.
 - A. Curb to curb ordinance – solicitor consultation for borings.
 - B. Developers must submit a formal application.

3. Funding

- 2023 LSA Grant Program

CFA Funding determination was received on October 22, 2024, in the amount of \$312,000.00 for the 4th, 7th, and 9th Street Storm Water Improvements Project. However, due to funding limitations, funds will be used for the street improvements needed on 9th Street. **GTE is progressing with design work.**

- 2024 LSA Statewide Grant Program

As requested, GTE submitted the grant application for the 4th & 7th Streets and Terrace Avenue Street Improvement Project 11/2024. **Funding determination is anticipated in Nov. or Dec. of 2025.**

4. Borough MS4 Permit

- At the Borough's request, GTE will not be meeting with Apollo Borough for MS4 Progress Reports. Please note that GTE is available as needed.
- Apollo Borough received NPDES MS4 permit Notice of Violation from DEP on November 13, 2024. GTE submitted the Appendix A Map (Metals / PH) to DEP on 2/3/2025. GTE told DEP that the current LSA grant application includes 7th Street storm filtration vault that was identified in the Borough's approved MS4 PRP. DEP advised that the Borough (and other MS4 permittees with PRPs) may be given one more year to complete PRP before MS4 individual permits and consent orders will be issued for those with incomplete PRPs.
- Clean River Reminder: Washing your vehicle in the street can lead to pollution of the Kiski River as detergents, oils and grease can wash down the storm drain which leads directly to the river. Consider washing your vehicle at commercial car wash where the wash water discharges to the sanitary sewer system instead.

5. Miscellaneous work:

- Apollo Borough contacted GTE to perform a site visit to investigate storm line convergence at Warren and 4th Street. Recommendations given on 4th and North PA line replacement or lining. GTE also investigated a sink hole on Warren and 2nd Street.

6. Projects:

A. Kiski Avenue Culvert Replacement

See the Storm Sewer Section of this report.

B. 9th Street Storm Sewer and Roadway Improvements

GTE is working on the design work for this project.

Please be reminded that, at the request of Apollo Borough, and in order to save on Engineering costs, a Gibson-Thomas Engineering representative will not be in attendance at regular monthly meetings unless otherwise requested by the Borough.

Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted **August 22, 2025** via email to boroughmanager@apollopa.net



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