October 22, 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, Diane Bradshaw, Cindy O'Block and Sara Gerwig were present. The Secretary/Treasurer and Solicitor were present. The mayor, engineer and council members Sherry Sabatino and Jerrod Thompson were absent.

Public Comments:

Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Mark Tarle and seconded by Cindy O'Block to approve the September 24, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor's Report:

Advised of Zoning Hearing Board meeting Thursday, October 24th, 6:30 p.m. at the borough building.

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

Engineering Report:

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

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

Mayor's Report: Mayor Kenzevich: absent

Public Safety: Mark Tarle, chair:

Discussion on meetings pertaining to the Regional Police Department.

Discussion on advertising for a police officer due to full time officer reducing hours to part time.

Secretary/Treasurer Report:

Discussion on savings by changing phones/internet to Windstream from Comcast due to contract expiring with them.

A motion was made by Sara Gerwig and seconded by Diane Bradshaw to accept 5 year contract from Windstream for phones & internet. Motion passed unanimously.

Council given a copy of the fee schedule to review for any changes for 2025.

Council agreed unanimously to keep plaza parking free from Thanksgiving to New Years for the shopping season.

Monthly expense report given to council.

Finance Committee Report: Jerrod Thompson, chair: Absent

A motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Mark Tare to pay the bills, including payroll. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of items for payment as follows (9/21/2024 –10/18/2024):

General Fund (includes payroll) - \$44860.13

Garbage Fund - \$14226.45

Parking Fund - \$354.20

Sewer Fund - \$5552.14

Sewer Separation Fund - \$2395.03

Liquid Fuels - \$4346.77

Event Fund - \$115.00

Landlord Fund - \$325.00

Total - \$72174.72

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

Discussion on painting lettering on the arches coming into town from the bridge.

Mark Tarle volunteered to paint the arches.

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

Apollo Borough was awarded \$312,000.00 from the LSA Grant for the roads. This was only one third of the amount the borough had requested and will only cover the cost for one of the 3 streets to be repaired. Council agreed that N. 9^{th} Street was the one that needed the most attention.

Discussion on meeting with Coral Reef moving forward with solar panels and reiterating that no digging will be done other than a sample required for testing of the soil.

Public Relations Committee- Events: Sara Gerwig, chair:

Trick or Treat for Halloween will take place on Saturday, October 26th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Halloween Parade will be on Monday, October 28th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The line up will start at 5 p.m. on Sugar Hollow Road. There will be a costume contest for the children and a separate one for pets. Treat bags will be given to the children when they turn in their numbers after the parade. Food trucks and vendors will also be in the plaza from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Light Up Night in the plaza will be Saturday, November 30th. Follow Apollo Borough Events page and Committee on Facebook for details.

Other Business:

At 7:35 p.m. a motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Ken Cyphert to go into executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

At 8:23 p.m. a motion was made by Cindy O'Block and seconded by Mark Tarle to come out of executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

At 8:25 p.m. a motion was made by Diane Bradshaw and seconded by Mark Tarle to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Mark Tarle Vice President Deanna Shupe

Borough Secretary/Treasurer