

## 2019 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held on January 8, 2019 at 6:35 p.m. in the municipal building with Council President Jeffrey Bauman, presiding. After a pledge to the flag, a roll call was taken: (7) council members present. Mayor Moss was in attendance. With a quorum present, the meeting continued.

Council met in executive session this evening to discuss personnel and other legal matters.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Akulonis to accept the minutes as posted. Roll Call: (7) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc that all correspondence be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc that all bills, wages, salaries and commissions be paid when funds are available. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Rowlands to approve payment of bills that were paid after the previous meeting, but before approval of bills for the current meeting. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc that all reports be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Akulonis to appoint the following part-time police officers for the month of February 2019, as necessary for the general welfare, health and safety of the public:

Fredmonski, Dunn, Giles, Priorielli, Demark, Miller, Brazdzionis. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Gromelski to release Martin Hanczyc from his 2018 tax duplicate and authorize him to collect the 2019 Property Tax. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Rowlands to ratify the hiring of Angel Brazdzionis as a part time police officer, with no guarantee of hours, to be called as needed, provided he successfully pass the full background check process and all other Borough and M.P.O.E.T.C. requirements for newly hired police officers with no prior police experience. Officers will be subject to the six month probationary period for part time officers. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Rowlands to adopt Ordinance 2019-1, Quality of Life Ordinance, which takes the place of 2010-3. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Rowlands to adopt Resolution 2019-1, which sets the Contribution Rate of 0% for the Police Pension Fund. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Rowlands to accept the resignation from Officer Jason Barry from the Duryea Police Department. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Rowlands to enter into an Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Agreement for Stormwater Management Practices (SWM BMP) with Pride Mobility. Roll Call (7) yes.

Opening of sealed bids for Germania Hose Company Heating/Ventilating/Air Conditioning (HVAC) Upgrade.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to accept bids for the Germania Hose Company HVAC upgrade has been tabled.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Tonte to accept the resignation from Officer Michael Rosemellia from the Duryea Police Department. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Hanczyc to reinstate Officer Bryan Kolodziej as a part time police officer for the Duryea Police Department. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Akulonis to request withdrawal from the Wyoming Valley Sewer Authority Stormwater Agreement. Roll call (2) yes-McGlynn, Akulonis, (5) no.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Jeff Fahey – explains how storm water fee affects all. Two communities were recently fined in Luzerne County
- Don McRae- questions what WVSA is doing for the fee besides street sweeping, if non-profits are paying fees also, and how does Penn Dot's road salt affect the polluted waters.
- Jack Zabrovian- has an issue with WVSA looking at Impervious Area (IA). Questions why landscaping stone is considered impervious area. Suggests that the IA be listed individually on bills. Questions when the option to get involved was initially discussed, who from Duryea sits on the board and if we're too far in to withdraw.
- Mary Margavage- questions if there's a fee to appeal to WVSA.
- Tony Zuchinski- would rather a tax increase than the WVSA stormwater fee. Believes that nothing will change with the fees being collected.
- Joe Neutts- How will PA/WVSA handle the sewage being dumped north of PA?
- Jeannie Zinkavich- who will monitor the accounts at WVSA?
- Nick Radle- believes that if Duryea opts out and handles stormwater fees on its own, it would be upwards of ½-1 million dollars.
- Jef Bauman announces that the borough building will be open for garbage sticker sales until 6pm on Tuesday and Thursday for the next two weeks.

With no further business to discuss, the chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.



Carolyn Santee  
Borough MANAGER

## 2019 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held on February 12, 2019 at 6:45 p.m. in the municipal building with Council President Jeffrey Bauman, presiding. After a pledge to the flag, a roll call was taken: (7) council members present. Akulonis left meeting at 7:25 p.m. Mayor Moss was in attendance. With a quorum present, the meeting continued.

Council met in executive session this evening to discuss personnel and other legal matters.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to accept the minutes as posted. Roll Call: (7) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc that all correspondence be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc that all bills, wages, salaries and commissions be paid when funds are available. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to approve payment of bills that were paid after the previous meeting, but before approval of bills for the current meeting. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Rowlands that all reports be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to accept the resignation of part-time Officer Anthony Demark from Duryea Police Department. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to appoint the following part-time police officers for the month of March 2019, as necessary for the general welfare, health and safety of the public:

Fredmonski, Dunn, Giles, Kolodziej, Priorielli, Miller, Brazdzionis. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion to accept a bid for Germania HVAC system-tabled.

Motion to enter into an agreement with Germania regarding remaining payment of HVAC system-tabled.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Tonte to authorize the Civil Service Commission to advertise for a full-time police officer for the Duryea Borough Police Department and to submit a list of appropriate and eligible candidates to Borough Council. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to authorize Chief Nicholas Lohman to apply for the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency equipment grant for up to \$10,000. Roll Call (7) yes.

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

- K. Chromey – questions why 1 bag stickers cost more per bag than four bag stickers; should be evened out. Police (and other) union contracts should have a stipulation regarding employee limitations on the use of computers in the Borough.
- Levanduski – Thanks Duryea Police Department and Council for all they do. Talks about the “Bring an Officer to Lunch” program. Requests another officer be added on the day shift.
- J. McDonough – Main Street resident that has a duplicate address. Requests that council look into allowing the county to make changes. Questions the lack of electronics pick-up.
- M. Kennedy – same address issue as above. Had recent issues with obtaining utilities because of duplicate addresses.
- R. Slatky – questions of we are paying to get rid of recycling yet.

- J. Fahey – questions if the Borough turned any properties into the county blighted program. States that borough employees are wearing too many hats. Believes the back entrance should not be used for resident access (non ADA compliant). Questions if there is anything new regarding storm water.
- J. Zabrovian – states that WVSA doesn't return calls to concerned residents.
- J. Gromelski – Duryea Fire Departments to be recognized by Moosic Borough for assistance at the Oakwood Terrace fire.
- K. Moss – community calendar
  - 2/17 - 7am-12pm Germania breakfast
  - 3/3 – St. Mary's breakfast
- J. Bauman – will no longer have lengthy discussions at meetings regarding storm water. Questions will be taken and addressed at a later time. Announces a vacancy on the Duryea Borough Sewer Authority and that elections are open for Duryea Council.

With no further business to discuss, the chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to adjourn at 7:46 p.m.



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Borough MANAGER

## 2019 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held on March 12, 2019 at 6:38 p.m. in the municipal building with Council President Jeffrey Bauman, presiding. After a pledge to the flag, a roll call was taken: (5) council members present; McGlynn and Tonte absent. Mayor Moss was in attendance, and swore Kevin Chromey in to the Civil Service Commission. With a quorum present, the meeting continued.

Council met in executive session this evening to discuss personnel and other legal matters.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to accept the minutes as posted. Roll Call: (5) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Rowlands that all correspondence be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll Call (5) yes:

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc that all bills, wages, salaries and commissions be paid when funds are available. Roll Call (5) yes.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Akulonis to approve payment of bills that were paid after the previous meeting, but before approval of bills for the current meeting. Roll Call (5) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc that all reports be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll Call (5) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to appoint the following part-time police officers for the month of April 2019, as necessary for the general welfare, health and safety of the public:

Fredmonski, Dunn, Giles, Kolodziej, Priorielli, Miller, Brazdzionis. Roll Call (5) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Akulonis to make a donation to Greater Pittston Meals on Wheels in the amount of \$100. Roll Call (4) yes, (1) no.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Gromelski to appoint Frank Groblewski to the Duryea Borough Sewer Authority to replace Ed Jones for the remainder of his term, expiring 12/31/20. Roll Call (5) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to authorize PennEastern Engineers to put the CDBG and Liquid Fuels Paving Projects out to bid. Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by Bauman, second by Akulonis to approve Resolution 2019-2, which amends the Articles of Incorporation of the Duryea Borough Sewer Authority to increase its term of existence to a date not exceeding fifty (50) year from the date of approval of the Articles of Amendment. Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Akulonis to authorize the Solicitor to draft a resolution for consolidated billing for the Volunteer Fire Department. Roll call (5) yes.

Discussion regarding readdressing Main Street to correct duplicate addresses. Rowlands requested input from residents. Moss states that 911 will try to mandate readdressing within two years and that Main in Avoca could be changed to Duryea Ave. Falcone stated that deeds will not be affected by the process. Mr. Neutts questioned the changes that have recently happened (Foote St/ Center St). Also suggested renaming streets (north south east west). Mr. Fahey brought up the issues starting with Brown and New Brown St.

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

K. Moss – Community Calendar events:

3/14 Crime Watch meeting at 6:30 pm in the borough building

3/16 Wildcats sign ups

3/28 Stop the Bleed Class at Germania

4/6 Phoenix Theater Coin Drop

J. Bauman – recycling grant was submitted. Parks were filled with mulch for the spring. Go bags were acquired for the Police Department through a donation from Pride Mobility. Recycling will start being dual-stream.

With no further business to transact, the chair entertained a motion to adjourn. First by Hanczyc, second by Akulonis to adjourn at 7:03 p.m.



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## 2019 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held on April 9, 2019 at 6:38 p.m. in the municipal building with Council President Jeffrey Bauman, presiding. After a pledge to the flag, a roll call was taken: (7) council members present. Mayor Moss was in attendance, the meeting continued.

Council met in executive session this evening to discuss personnel and other legal matters.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to accept the minutes as posted. Roll Call: (7) yes.

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Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to approve payment of bills that were paid after the previous meeting, but before approval of bills for the current meeting. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Akulonis that all reports be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to appoint the following part-time police officers for the month of May 2019, as necessary for the general welfare, health and safety of the public:

Fredmonski, Dunn, Giles, Kolodziej, Priorielli, Miller, Brazdzionis. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc approve Resolution 2019-3 for expansion of natural gas service by UGI to residents of Duryea Borough on Oak Street under the Get Gas Program. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Akulonis to have ten (10) trees removed from Mosier Cemetery by Gashi Tree Service in the amount of \$5,500, with the stipulation that they include the cutting and removal of the large tree in front of the Borough Building at 315 Main Street. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to approve a handicap parking sign in front of the residence at 926 Foote Ave, Duryea, with approval of PennDOT. Roll call (7) yes.

### UPDATE ON LLVSA MEETING:

Akulonis, Marriggi, Santee gave an update regarding the meeting with LLVSA in March. LLVSA offered storm water support to the municipalities in their authority. They will come to a decision about the extent of support they can offer at their next meeting. Mr. Neutts questioned if they will offer support at no cost to the residents and if we have the option to opt out of the agreement with WVSA. Akulonis confirmed that LLVSA will offer support at no cost. Bauman stated that as of now, there is no option to opt out and there will be fines if we are not in compliance with the MS4. Akulonis added that Lackawanna County did not pass this law to comply and Rowlands stated that Old Forge discussed raising taxes to cover the cost. Webb mentioned the costs that have been reported to fight the new storm water regulations. Mr. Yates attended a meeting in Swoyersville regarding storm water; found it to be very informative. Suggested we get WVSA here to speak.

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Melinda Strunk – Duryea Girl Scouts (Katelyn, Toren and McKayla present) would like to work toward having a bee garden in the Borough, due to the bees becoming extinct and losing food sources. They

requested a small patch of land and for flowers to be donated at local events to plant on this patch of land. Bauman commends the Girl Scout Troop for attending the council meeting and getting involved. Borough will consider request. Gromelski suggested talking with Josh Meade from Germania Hose Company, as they may have some space for their bee garden.

Joan Orloski – regarding the Stephenson Street tree carving, it is impossible to fix the eagle that broke last year. If the existing tree could be cut down by the Street Department, and have a structure built, the tree carver can place a free standing sculpture in its place. Orloski also requested replacing the old trees with some new shade trees on the right side of the gate at the park. Bauman stated that this will be discussed. Questioned if leaves will still be picked up in bins. Marriggi clarified that they will be picked up in bins on Fridays with yard waste, but large amounts of leaves should be placed at the curb and residents should call to have them removed with the leaf vac truck. Commented on paying the WWSA bill and questions why the railroad is allowed to leave RR ties along the storm drains on Brown St.

Rich Slatky – Believes that the railroad crossings that are in need of repair are a safety issue. Questioned a couch and TV on Main St that hasn't been picked up. Webb has already notified the owner.

Melinda Strunk – question if vehicles could be kept on streets if not registered or drivable. Don McCrae stated that there's a property on Clark's Road filled with vehicles.

Jim Gromelski – Regional Compost started up in late March and the grinder is broken again. The new grinder will be purchased soon and they'll start on compost that is building up.

Keith Moss - Community Calendar:

4/13 Excelsior Bunny Brunch 9am-11am

4/20 Germania Egg Hunt 11am

4/27 Drug Take Back

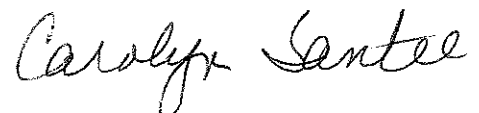
4/27 St. Mary's yard sale 9am-2am

4/27 Duryea Little League opening day 11:30am starting at VFW

Don McCrae – questioned of the Fire Department billing ordinance. Jef Bauman stated that council still needs to discuss the ordinance.

Jef Bauman – picture presentation from Bernie Styroh.

With no further business to transact, the chair entertained a motion to adjourn. First by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to adjourn at 7:48 p.m.



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Borough MANAGER

## 2019 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held on May 14, 2019 at 6:42 p.m. in the municipal building with Council President Jeffrey Bauman, presiding. After a pledge to the flag, a roll call was taken: (7) council members present. Mayor Moss was in attendance, the meeting continued.

Council met in executive session this evening to discuss personnel and other legal matters.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to accept the minutes as posted. Roll Call: (7) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc that all correspondence be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc that all bills, wages, salaries and commissions be paid when funds are available. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Rowlands to approve payment of bills that were paid after the previous meeting, but before approval of bills for the current meeting. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc that all reports be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Rowlands to appoint the following part-time police officers for the month of June 2019, as necessary for the general welfare, health and safety of the public:

Fredmonski, Dunn, Giles, Kolodziej, Priorielli, Miller. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Rowlands to approve a Historical Committee to be formed by Jeff Fahey of Duryea. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Akulonis correct the minutes from May 8, 2018 regarding Robert Webb's Code Enforcement pay to read "pay at \$19.50 per hour, of which \$320 bi-weekly will be paid for Code Enforcement" (per audit). Roll Call (7) yes.

Opening of bids by Mike Amato for the CDBG and Liquid Fuels paving projects. Bids were received from M&J Excavating (\$557,096) and Pennsy Supply (\$545,759).

Motion by Bauman, second by Akulonis to table bids and request a breakdown of bids by street.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Akulonis to appoint Prociak & Associates as the independent auditor to complete the 2019 DCED annual audit. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Akulonis to purchase two (2) 2019 Mack/Heil 25 yard packer w/CNG (natural gas) tanks, in the amount of \$262,496.02 each from Triple Cities Mack. Roll call (7) yes.

No motion for hiring the following part-time police officers:

Patrick Wall

Matthew Conrad

Justin Luciano

Dontae Edwards

Kevin Davis

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Rowlands to authorize PennEaster Engineers to put the Street Department Addition project out to bid. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Tonte to authorize the Solicitor to draft a Resolution regarding hanging banners over Penn DOT roads. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to switch Police Department GPS within the Verizon Wireless Network, which includes adding GPS to Street Department vehicles at an initial cost of approximately \$1,500 and a monthly cost of \$285. Roll call (7) yes.

A discussion was had regarding the proposed Fire Department Ordinance for the new billing process. Rowlands and McGlynn will form a committee to meet with the fire chiefs to discuss the amount of costs involved. Solicitor Watt to check on the legality of the language suggested for the ordinance.

Public Comment:

Kelly Lowe – concerned about suspicious vehicles going in and out of the storage facility on Brown St. and would like the police department to work with her regarding suspected drug deals. Had a complaints regarding the street department: compacting the truck directly in front of her house, employees relieving themselves in the woods across the street from her property, and bins being left in middle of the road.

Nick Radle – reminder about water being collected during rain storms at the end of Mitchell St. Questions Engineer Amato as to putting storm drains in to run under the railroad tracks, similar to the sewer lines. Bauman requests proposed options form the engineer, along with options for the drainage issue on Skytop Drive since we have money in escrow from WWSA for storm water issues.

Jim Gromelski – regarding regional compost, grinder amount awarded \$362,000; cost of grinder \$376,000. Plan is to sell the old grinder for \$150,000-200,000 to make up the difference. There will still be a startup fee in the future.

Justin Tonte – reminder about the Duryea at Dusk on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>

Keith Moss – community calendar:

5/14 Crime Watch meeting 6:30pm

6/1 5k run 5pm-9pm. Hill St, Foote Ave, Railroad St, Main St, Phoenix St (lower), Stephenson St (lower), Fulton St to be closed during the run.

6/8 Excelsior Hose Co./VFW motorcycle run fundraiser

6/15 community shredding 10am-1pm

Nick Lohman – questions why part time police officers were not hired during this meeting. Bauman stated that more conversation is needed regarding applicants and procedure for hiring since the situation regarding part time officers is always a problem.

Jef Bauman – reported a good annual audit. Issues that were brought up were operational. Audit is available for review by apt with borough manager.

With no further business to transact, the chair entertained a motion to adjourn. First by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.



Carolyn Santee  
Borough MANAGER

## 2019 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held on June 11, 2019 at 6:50 p.m. in the municipal building with Council President Jeffrey Bauman, presiding. After a pledge to the flag, a roll call was taken: (5) council members present; Akulonis and McGlynn absent. Mayor Moss was in attendance, the meeting continued.

Council met in executive session this evening to discuss personnel and other legal matters.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Rowlands to accept the minutes as posted. Roll Call: (5) yes.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Tonte that all correspondence be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll Call (5) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Rowlands that all bills, wages, salaries and commissions be paid when funds are available. Roll Call (5) yes.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Tonte to approve payment of bills that were paid after the previous meeting, but before approval of bills for the current meeting. Roll Call (5) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Gromelski that all reports be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll Call (5) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Gromelski to accept the bid from Pennsy Supply in the amount of \$398,824 for the 2018 CDBG Grant Program and Blueberry Hills Pave Project. Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Tonte to accept a resignation from Patrolman Angel Brazdzionis from the Duryea Police Department. Roll Call (5) yes.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Rowlands to accept a resignation from Patrolman Matthew Miller from the Duryea Police Department. Roll Call (5) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Rowlands to appoint the following part-time police officers for the month of July 2019, as necessary for the general welfare, health and safety of the public:

Fredmonski, Dunn, Giles, Kolodziej, Priorielli. Roll Call (5) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Rowlands to hire Patrick Wall as a part time police officer, with no guarantee of hours, to be called as needed, provided he successfully pass the full background check process and all other Borough and M.P.O.E.T.C. requirements for newly hired police officers with no prior police experience. Officers will be subject to the six month probationary period for part time officers. Roll Call (5) yes.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Rowlands to hire Matthew Conrad as a part time police officer, with no guarantee of hours, to be called as needed, provided he successfully pass the full background check process and all other Borough and M.P.O.E.T.C. requirements for newly hired police officers with no prior police experience. Officers will be subject to the six month probationary period for part time officers. Roll Call (5) yes.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Tonte to hire Dontae Edwards as a part time police officer, with no guarantee of hours, to be called as needed, provided he successfully pass the full background check process and all other Borough and M.P.O.E.T.C. requirements for newly hired police officers with no prior police experience. Officers will be subject to the six month probationary period for part time officers. Roll Call (5) yes.

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Motion by Rowlands, second by Tonte to hire Kevin Davis as a part time police officer, with no guarantee of hours, to be called as needed, provided he successfully pass the full background check process and all other Borough and M.P.O.E.T.C. requirements for newly hired police officers with no prior police experience. Officers will be subject to the six month probationary period for part time officers. Roll Call (5) yes.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Gromelski to approve a handicapped sign to be placed in front of the residence at 438 New Street. Roll Call (5) yes.

Motion by Bauman, second by Tonte to approve Nagle Athletic Surfaces to perform the work at Healey Playground to correct the cracking of the basketball court at a cost of \$8,653 (option 2-Riteway crack repair with reinstatement). Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by Bauman, second by Hanczyc to table Ordinance 2019-2, which recognizes the Authority of the Germania Hose Company and the Excelsior Hose Company #2, to seek reimbursement for fire, safety and rescue responses and hazardous material and environmental incidents. Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Tonte to approve payment to Postler & Jaekle Corp in the amount of \$34,350 for the HVAC project at Germania Hose Co. (to be reimbursed \$24,000 from LSA Grant and reimbursed \$10,350 from Germania). Roll call (5) yes.

### **Public Comment:**

Nick Radle – discussed Wilkes Barre Fire Department’s billing ordinance and voiced concerns of costs contained in it. Questioned the status of the water issue on Mitchell Street, if J. Pisanchyn went to the county level to check for permits by the neighbor filling in the yard.

Kevin Chromey – questioned how often Medico is in contact with the Borough regarding the County Line River Project; they project that was started in the past with Chris Gillis and Susquehanna Mining, and if this time the project will continue; would like Medico to be invited to a meeting to answer questions from residents regarding the procedures during the upcoming project.

Darlene D’Angelo – questions how the new Police Officers will be trained while current officers are working so many shifts; when will two new full time officers be hired.

### **Council:**

Gromelski – no update on Compost meeting; makes all aware about the upcoming meeting at Wyoming Area High School regarding the possibility of a new levee in West Pittston (Wednesday evening).

Moss – attended the flood mitigation meeting so the Borough can continue to receive funds due to flooding; flood gauge was placed, waiting on programming; Community Calendar:

6/12 Crime Watch Meeting at 7pm

6/15 Healey Shredding 10am-1pm

Bauman – updates all on the status of full time officers being hired through Civil Service Commission; urges the public to report any/all crime or nuisances to the police department.

With no further business to transact, the chair entertained a motion to adjourn. First by Hanczyc, second by Rowlands to adjourn at 7:16 p.m.

  
Carolyn Santee  
Borough MANAGER

## 2019 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held on July 9, 2019 at 6:37 p.m. in the municipal building with Council President Jeffrey Bauman, presiding. After a pledge to the flag, a roll call was taken: (6) council members present, McGlynn absent. Mayor Moss was in attendance, the meeting continued.

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Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to accept the minutes as posted. Roll Call: (6) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc that all correspondence be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll Call (6) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc that all bills, wages, salaries and commissions be paid when funds are available. Roll Call (6) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Rowlands to approve payment of bills that were paid after the previous meeting, but before approval of bills for the current meeting. Roll Call (6) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Akulonis that all reports be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll Call (6) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to appoint the following part-time police officers for the month of August 2019, as necessary for the general welfare, health and safety of the public:

Fredmonski, Dunn, Giles, Kolodziej, Priorielli, Wall, Conrad. Roll Call (6) yes.

Building and Code Enforcement update given by Jeff Pisanchnyn and Robert Webb regarding blighted properties in the Borough.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Gromelski to authorize the Civil Service Commission to advertise for a full-time police officer for the Duryea Borough Police Department and to submit a list of appropriate and eligible candidates to Borough Council. Roll call (5) yes, (1) no-Akulonis.

### **Public Comment:**

J. Neutts – Questions if the owner of TP Corporation will be billed for the lawn cutting that the Borough did recently. Rowlands responded that the buyer has not yet taken ownership of it yet. The Little League was having a game that would be broadcasted, so Council decided to have the St. Dept. cut it to make it presentable.

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## 2019 REGULAR MEETING

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Council met in executive session this evening to discuss personnel and other legal matters.

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Motion by Akulonis, second by Rowlands to approve payment of bills that were paid after the previous meeting, but before approval of bills for the current meeting. Roll Call (6) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Akulonis that all reports be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll Call (6) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to appoint the following part-time police officers for the month of August 2019, as necessary for the general welfare, health and safety of the public:

Fredmonski, Dunn, Giles, Kolodziej, Priorielli, Wall, Conrad. Roll Call (6) yes.

Building and Code Enforcement update given by Jeff Pisanchny and Robert Webb regarding blighted properties in the Borough.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Gromelski to authorize the Civil Service Commission to advertise for a full-time police officer for the Duryea Borough Police Department and to submit a list of appropriate and eligible candidates to Borough Council. Roll call (5) yes, (1) no-Akulonis.

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## 2019 SPECIAL MEETING

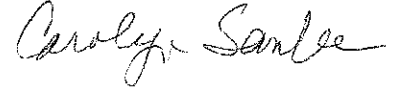
A special meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held on July 30, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the municipal building with Council President Jeffrey Bauman, presiding. After a pledge to the flag, a roll call was taken: (4) council members present, McGlynn Gromelski, Akulonis absent. Mayor Moss was in attendance, the meeting continued.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Hanczyc to table the award of the 2019 D.P.W. Garage Addition. Roll Call: (4) yes.

Motion by Bauman, second by Tonte to appoint the following to the Civil Service Commission's Oral Testing Board: Ann Levandoski, Stefanie Shupp and Phil Latinski. Roll Call (4) yes.

**Public Comment:** None

With no further business to transact, the chair entertained a motion to adjourn. First by Rowlands, second by Tonte to adjourn at 7:27 p.m.



Carolyn Santee  
Borough MANAGER

## 2019 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held on August 13, 2019 at 6:48 p.m. in the municipal building with Council President Jeffrey Bauman, presiding. After a pledge to the flag, a roll call was taken: (6) council members present, Gromelski absent. Mayor Moss was in attendance. With a quorum, the meeting continued.

Council met in executive session this evening to discuss personnel and other legal matters.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Rowlands to accept the minutes as posted. Roll Call: (6) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc that all correspondence be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll Call (6) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc that all bills, wages, salaries and commissions be paid when funds are available. Roll Call (6) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to approve payment of bills that were paid after the previous meeting, but before approval of bills for the current meeting. Roll Call (6) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc that all reports be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll Call (6) yes.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Tonte to appoint the following part-time police officers for the month of September 2019, as necessary for the general welfare, health and safety of the public:

Fredmonski, Dunn, Giles, Kolodziej, Priorielli, Wall, Condrad. Roll Call (6) yes.

No motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-2 which recognizes the Authority of the Germania and Excelsior Hose Companies to seek reimbursement for fire, safety and rescue responses and hazardous material and environmental incidents. To be added to the September agenda after changes have been made.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Akulonis to authorize Borough Manager's attendance at the Annual PSAB Fall Leadership Conference October 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> at the Nittany Lion Inn, State College. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to authorize the purchase of Cyber Insurance for Duryea Borough through Joyce Insurance Company. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to accept the resignation of Mike Wall from the Duryea Borough Civil Service Commission. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Rowlands to appoint Kevin Chromey to Mike Wall's remaining term on the Civil Service Commission, expiring 12/13/23. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion to accept a bid for the 2019 Duryea DPW Garage Addition was tabled.

A discussion was had regarding possible ways to utilize the grant awarded to the Borough from LLVSA. Marriggi, of the Street Department, stated that there are some drainage/storm water issues that would benefit from the funds.

A discussion was had regarding a traffic study that could possibly be done at the intersection of Foote Ave and York Ave. Possible grant program to pay for a light if deemed necessary from the study.

## 2019 REGULAR MEETING

### Public Comment:

J. Greco – questioned the money being used to pave Blueberry Hills streets (liquid fuels); questioned who owns the streets (JB responded-being worked on by Solicitor); questioned the nature of the fireworks that were being used over the weekend; advises the PD to watch for speeding vehicles on Phoenix St on Saturday morning; questioned misappropriation of funds at Germania.

N. Radle – discussed drainage issue on Mitchell, requests mosquito treatment; advised that DEP removed testing devices – JB stated that WVSA may have money for this particular project, questions a pump possibly being placed to Miller St. and who owns the property.

P. Linskey – Rear 107 Chittenden – neighbor at this address dug up a portion of her yard while she was away – B. Watt stated that this would be a civil dispute; also stated that 107/109/rear 109 Chittenden has overgrown grass/shrubs that is scratching cars when utilizing the driveway – R. Webb to notify resident.

K. Chromey – complimented the recent paving project; suggested doing something to honor firefighters at their passing; questioned the fact that Blueberry Hills roads had not been dedicated – is Duryea still responsible for the maintenance of the roads?

L. Hanczyc – stated that the food bank at Sacred Heart Hall is in need of volunteers the second Monday of each month.

J. Bauman – congratulated Crime Watch/PD on a successful National Night Out; several things on the upcoming agenda Civil Service Commission, budget, paving; will discuss needs at the budget meetings.

A. Pesotine – questioned an ordinance regarding the cat issue in the borough.

C. Wademan-Green – owner of Schoolhouse Apartments on Foote Ave. questioned what is being done with the TP Corp – Bauman responded that it was purchased but not yet notified of the plans.

B. Yuhas – requests that something be done at the intersection in Duryea to stop vehicles from parking on sidewalks, per borough code; unable to fit a wheelchair through when vehicles are parked there; B. Bejeski stated that after repairing sidewalks, a truck parked on the blacktop, and a forklift was driven on it, causing damage.

B. Bejeski – stated he is in the process of purchasing a property off of York Ave in Duryea Borough, owned by K. Nowakowski; since the property was never transferred to Nowakowski from Duryea Borough, Bejeski asks that the Borough waive any taxes that may have accrued; contains approximately 10 acres of undeveloped land, to stock stone/millings; also contains a section of land off Spring Street that could possibly hold two homes.

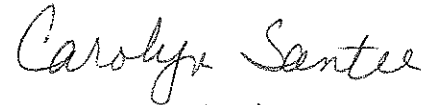
## 2019 REGULAR MEETING

K. Moss – thanked everyone for their part in National Night Out; Community Calendar:

- 8/24 - St. Mary's Church – community yard sale
- 9/7 VFW Beerfest 1pm-7pm
- In regards to public safety, Mayor Moss suggested abolishing the Civil Service Commission and hire full time officers at this current meeting. Officers on shift are currently working up to 16 hour shifts.

J. Bauman – thanked J. Orloski for a new eagle sculpture are the Community Park on Stephenson Street. Also thanked R. Webb and the Street Dept for their part in placing the eagle recently.

With no further business to transact, the chair entertained a motion to adjourn. First by Hanczyc, second by Akulonis to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.



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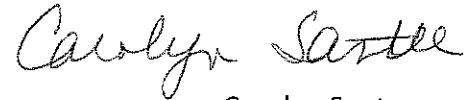
## 2019 SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held on August 27, 2019 at 5:36 p.m. in the municipal building with Council President Jeffrey Bauman, presiding. After a pledge to the flag, a roll call was taken: (6) council members present, McGlynn absent. Mayor Moss was in attendance, the meeting continued.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Rowlands to appoint Mark Naylor to the Oral Testing Board for the Civil Service Commission. Roll Call: (6) yes.

**Public Comment:** None

With no further business to transact, the chair entertained a motion to adjourn. First by Akulonis, second by Rowlands to adjourn at 5:39 p.m.



Carolyn Santee  
Borough MANAGER

## 2019 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held on September 10, 2019 at 7:02 p.m. in the municipal building with Council President Jeffrey Bauman, presiding. Officer Matthew Condrad was sworn in by Mayor Moss as a part time Police Officer for the Duryea Borough Police Department.

After a pledge to the flag, a roll call was taken: (7) council members present. Mayor Moss was in attendance. With a quorum, the meeting continued.

Council met in executive session this evening to discuss personnel and other legal matters.

### Hill Street:

- Matt Johnson, Northern and Reading Railroad, discussed the possible closure of the crossing at Hill Street. It had been closed for repairs recently and the paving could be completed if council decided against closure of the crossing. The KOZ property (Boylan Drive) has a crossing that is in much need of repair, which is the responsibility of the Borough. If the Borough decided to close Hill Street, the Railroad would be willing to replace the Boylan Drive crossing at no cost to the Borough. In addition, the Railroad has a \$7,500 incentive to close a crossing, which would be matched by Penn DOT at \$7,500.
- Jeff Hoover stated that Hill Street is still safer to turn onto Main Street than turning from Hill Street onto Foote Ave, at the top of Hill Street. Questioned why the tracks are so much higher now and if the road can still be paved. Johnson stated that the tracks had to be put in higher due to water retention. Akulonis questioned why Boylan Drive tracks weren't put in higher. Johnson stated that they started raising them more recently, realizing the old way didn't work.
- A Hill Street resident stated that all of the residents in that area rely on Hill Street on a daily basis.
- Mike McGlynn questioned why the track wasn't left at the current height while fixing the drainage issue underneath; requested it be paved at a wider angle to allow cars easier access onto Main Street. Johnson stated that the tracks needed to be raised in addition to fixing drainage; agreed to paving a wider angle. Mayor Moss questioned why this was considered an emergency; Johnson stated the FRA found a deficiency in the crossing.
- Mrs. Goul requested the sign at the top of Hill Street be moved so as not to block the road.
- Bartnikowski questioned if drainage issue was addressed during repair.
- Jeff Hoover stated that the residents couldn't care less about the need for replacement on Boylan Drive, it is a road that is not used.
- Art Pesotine questioned when the railroad on Stephenson Street will be done. Johnson stated that the paperwork is in, just needs to verify if the parts would be in soon enough to finish this year.
- Nick Radle questioned how high it was raised and can a road still be placed with the new pitch. Johnson stated that he didn't have the dimensions and that the railroad will be able to replace the road if the Borough chooses to do so.
- Mike McGlynn stated that he'd rather have the road restored to what it was before and Mayor Moss suggested using the Borough engineer.

No motion was made to authorize the closing of the Northern and Reading Railroad crossing on Hill Street.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to accept the minutes as posted. Roll Call: (7) yes.

## 2019 REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc that all correspondence be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc that all bills, wages, salaries and commissions be paid when funds are available. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to approve payment of bills that were paid after the previous meeting, but before approval of bills for the current meeting. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc that all reports be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Akulonis to accept the resignation of Patrolman Vincent Priorielli from the Duryea Police Department, effective 8/11/19. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Akulonis to appoint the following part-time police officers for the month of October 2019, as necessary for the general welfare, health and safety of the public:

Fredmonski, Dunn, Giles, Kolodziej, Wall, Conrad. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Gromelski to make payment to Pennsy Supply in the amount of \$242,892.90 for the 2019 CDBG paving project. Roll call (7) yes, McGlynn requested holding 10% to be sure that all issues are fixed; no second.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Bauman to approve a handicap parking sign be placed in front of the residence at 520 New Street. Roll call (7) yes.

No motion was made to make a donation to Pittston Area Baseball Booster Club.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Akulonis to waive back property taxes at the property known as PIN #14D1200A026000, to be sold by Ken Nowakowski to Bob Bejeski, with the stipulation that a home(s) are to be built on the lot within two (2) years of sale, and, as long as the other taxing bodies waive taxes. Roll call (7).

### **Public Comment:**

Bob Bejeski – questioned if the Borough received a copy of the deed for the Nowakowski property that he turned in; on file.

John Crespolini – from Marcy St, questioned if Duryea Borough is paying the repair at the railroad on Hill St, and what is the timeline to be finished. Railroad is paying for repair and unsure of a timeline as of now.

Nick Radle – questioned the status of the drainage on Mitchell Street and mosquitos being sprayed. Waiting on engineer and DEP already sprayed for the last time this summer.

Art Pesotina – regarding stray/feral cats-any way to update ordinances regarding licenses or fences? Bauman stated that the ordinance will be looked at.

Mrs. Thomas – stated that garbage was picked up on Ann Street, without stickers on it. Questioned when Donnelly Street alley will be repaired. Marriggi stated that the skid steer is being repaired and will work on it when it comes back.

## 2019 REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Moss – Community calendar:

9/15 Excelsior Hose Co. car/craft fair

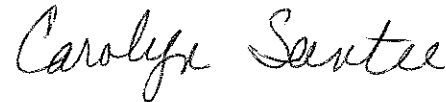
9/18 Duryea Crime Watch to host a substance abuse forum

9/21-9/22 Germania softball tournament

9/28 Winefest at Germania Hose Co.

Jef Bauman – urges residents' attendance at the upcoming substance abuse forum.

With no further business to transact, the chair entertained a motion to adjourn. First by Hanczyc, second by Akulonis to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.



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Borough MANAGER

## 2019 SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held on September 23, 2019 at 6:06 p.m. in the municipal building with Council President Jeffrey Bauman, presiding. After a pledge to the flag, a roll call was taken: (4) council members present, Rowlands, Akulonis, McGlynn absent. Mayor Moss was in attendance, the meeting continued.

Motion by Bauman, second by Hanczyc to appoint Chief Nicholas Lohman to the Oral Testing Board for the Civil Service Commission. Roll Call: (4) yes.

**Public Comment:** None

### **Budget Work Session.**

With no further business to transact, the chair entertained a motion to adjourn. First by Hanczyc, second by Tonte to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.



Carolyn Santee  
Borough MANAGER

## 2019 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held on October 8, 2019 at 6:55 p.m. in the municipal building with Council President Jeffrey Bauman, presiding.

After a pledge to the flag, a roll call was taken: (6) council members present; Tonte absent. Mayor Moss was in attendance. With a quorum present, the meeting continued.

Council met in executive session this evening to discuss personnel and other legal matters.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to accept the minutes as posted. Roll Call: (6) yes.

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Motion by Akulonis, second by Rowlands to approve payment of bills that were paid after the previous meeting, but before approval of bills for the current meeting. Roll Call (6) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc that all reports be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll Call (6) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to hire Robert Barchiesi II as a part time police officer, to be scheduled as needed, provided he successfully pass the full background check process and all other Borough and M.P.O.E.T.C. requirements for newly hired police officers with no prior police experience. Officers will be subject to the six month probationary period for part time officers. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to hire Andrew Kruglov as a part time police officer, to be scheduled as needed, provided he successfully pass the full background check process and all other Borough and M.P.O.E.T.C. requirements for newly hired police officers with no prior police experience. Officers will be subject to the six month probationary period for part time officers. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to hire Christopher Davish as a part time police officer, to be scheduled as needed, provided he successfully pass the full background check process and all other Borough and M.P.O.E.T.C. requirements for newly hired police officers with no prior police experience. Officers will be subject to the six month probationary period for part time officers. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to appoint the following part-time police officers for the month of November 2019, as necessary for the general welfare, health and safety of the public:

Fredmonski, Dunn, Giles, Kolodziej, Wall, Condrad, Barchiesi, Kruglov, Davish. Roll Call (6) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Gromelski to adopt Ordinance 2019-2 which recognizes the Authority of the Germania Hose Company and the Excelsior Hose Company #2, to seek reimbursement for fire, safety and rescue responses and hazardous material and environmental incidents. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion to enter into an agreement with West Pittston Borough Public Works to rent/lease Duryea Borough's leaf vac truck was tabled.

Discussion regarding grant applications for flood and storm water projects:

- PA Small water grant vs LSA grant for storm water issues (Skytop Drive, Mitchell Street, Phoenix Street.
- McGlynn – possibly install a pumping station to the nearest storm drain. Request engineers to figure which streets could be done within the \$500,000 range for the small water grant.

## 2019 REGULAR MEETING

- Gromelski – requests that the new technology for an emergency response system, for weather/flood emergencies, be included in the grant; approximate cost would be \$8,000.
- Nick Radle – questioned if the engineers had come up with any solutions yet regarding the water issue on Mitchell Street. The nearest storm drain is on Miller Street. Satisfied with the fact that there may be a solution in the near future.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to approve the Oral Testing Board appointment by the Civil Service Commission (to include Stephanie Shupp, Chief Nicholas Lohman and ex state trooper Mike Jordan). Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Gromelski to hire Preston Oleski as a part time street department laborer at a starting rate of \$13.50 per hour. Roll call (6).

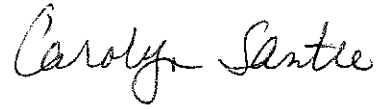
Motion by Akulonis, second by McGlynn to appoint Kevin Chromey as an observer to the Oral Testing Board. Roll Call (6) yes.

### Public Comment:

- ❖ Kevin Chromey – questions when the next flood meeting is in West Pittston. Gromelski-Wednesday Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at WA High School; questioned Mayor-who is responsible for towing. Mayor-Winn's and All One Auto alternate monthly. Chromey questions if there was a donation from All One Auto in order to be authorized to tow. Mayor-they may have made a donation.
- ❖ Art Pesotine – addressed the nuisance cat issue again. Code enforcement has an ordinance that may help, Webb to follow up with neighbors; Pesotine requested changing the ordinance to have a limitation on outdoor cats.
- ❖ Tony Zuchinski – questioned all if it is legal to park on sidewalks or not; causing a safety issue; he was almost hit on Main Street twice; Lohman-no its not legal.
- ❖ Nick Radle – regarding water issue on Mitchell Street, there is a storm drain on Boylan Drive, which is close; it leads to a detention pond nearby.
- ❖ Jack Rowlands – questioned the time frame for Hill Street to be fixed; railroad stated it will be done as soon as the machine is repaired.
- ❖ Darlene Jamieson – requested contact information for the railroad to send complaints regarding Hill Street still being closed.
- ❖ Jean Hoover – questioned what will happen if Hill Street isn't complete before winter.
- ❖ John Crespolini – questioned how Boylan Drive railroad crossing will be paid to have replaced; Bauman stated that will be addressed during budget.
- ❖ Mayor Moss – community calendar
  - 10/14 6pm Christmas Stroll meeting at the borough building
  - 10/16 6:30pm Crime Watch meeting
  - 10/19 Basketball coin drop on Main Street
  - 10/25 Trunk or Treat
  - 10/26 10am-2pm Drug Take Back
- ❖ Jef Bauman – stated that budget meetings have started; urges residents to attend to get involved in how tax dollars will be spent.

## 2019 REGULAR MEETING

With no further business to transact, the chair entertained a motion to adjourn. First by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.



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## 2019 SPECIAL MEETING

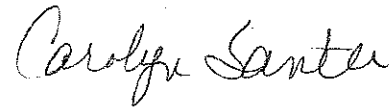
A special meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held on October 17, 2019 at 6:05 p.m. in the municipal building with Council President Jeffrey Bauman, presiding. After a pledge to the flag, a roll call was taken: (6) council members present, Tonte absent. Mayor Moss was in attendance; with a quorum the meeting continued.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Akulonis to hire Matthew Conrad as a full time patrolman for the Duryea Police Department, as per the union agreement. Roll Call: (6) yes.

**Public Comment:** None

### **Budget Work Session**

With no further business to transact, the chair entertained a motion to adjourn. First by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to adjourn at 7:14 p.m.



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Borough MANAGER

## 2019 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held on November 12, 2019 at 6:35 p.m. in the municipal building with Council President Jeffrey Bauman, presiding.

After a pledge to the flag, a roll call was taken: (7) council members present. Mayor Moss was in attendance. With a quorum present, the meeting continued.

Council met in executive session this evening to discuss personnel and other legal matters.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to accept the minutes as posted. Roll Call: (7) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc that all correspondence be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll Call (7) yes.

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Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to approve payment of bills that were paid after the previous meeting, but before approval of bills for the current meeting. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc that all reports be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Akulonis to hire Jonathan Martinez as a part time police officer, to be scheduled as needed, provided he successfully pass the full background check process and all other Borough and M.P.O.E.T.C. requirements for newly hired police officers with no prior police experience. Officers will be subject to the six month probationary period for part time officers. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Akulonis to appoint the following part-time police officers for the month of November 2019, as necessary for the general welfare, health and safety of the public:

Fredmonski, Dunn, Giles, Kolodziej, Wall, Barchiesi, Kruglov, Davish, Martinez. Roll Call (7) yes. A discussion regarding an agreement with West Pittston Borough to rent/lease equipment did not result in a motion in favor of the proposal.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Rowlands to appoint Audrey Marcinko to the Lower Lackawanna Valley Sanitary Authority, term to expire December 31, 2024. Roll call (6) yes, abstain (1) McGlynn.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to advertise for snow plow bids for emergency situations. Roll call (7) yes.

### Discussion of PA Small Water and Sewer Grant:

- Costs for repair, per PennEastern Engineers:
  - McAlpine SStorm Line-W Side from Miller toward Avoca-\$92,430
  - Inlet Structure on culvert at intersection of Main and Phoenix\$45,200
  - Skytop/Lampman/Park\$138,615
  - Ponding Area at the end of Mitchell
    - Option A to Stephenson-\$366,400
    - Option B to McAlpine-\$340,520
  - Approximately \$8,000 (+\$2,500 (approx.) for installation) for a siren at Germania for emergency storm situations

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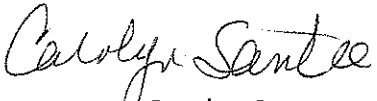
- McGlynn questioned if spending such a large amount on Mitchell Street will alleviate all of the water ponding, and if we'll only be using borough property to do so. Will check with engineers and advise.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Gromelski to pass Resolution 2019-4, in the amount of \$487,135 for a PA Small Water and Sewer Grant to address storm water issues near Skytop Drive, Mitchell Street, McAlpine

### Public Comment:

- ❖ Allison Brudzinski/Aimee Balchune – Thanked all involved for their support with Duryea at Dusk 2019. They collected/donated \$35,000 so far to the NE Regional Cancer Institute so far. Their fourth annual race will be held on 6/13/20.
- ❖ Richard Slatky – questioned the Mayor about adding All One Auto to the towing detail, in addition to Winn's. Questioned if the fees should be regulated. Mayor will look into it.
- ❖ Kevin Chromey – attended the West Pittston meeting regarding a new 14' flood wall. Questioned when the remainder of the veteran banners will be hung? Mayor stated all are done as of this past weekend. Questioned where the Historical Society stands now that Mr. Fahey has moved out of the area. There was a cost of \$275 for an EIN number. Questioned if the sirens here and at Germania work and where a new one would be placed. Mr. Gromelski stated that they do not work and a new one would be placed at Germania at the cost of approximately \$15-45 per month.
- ❖ Nick Radle – questioned if there could be an alternate solution to the Mitchell Street drainage issue besides what the engineer has proposed. Stated that there's a sanitary line that runs along the railroad tracks that could be followed.
- ❖ Frank Groblewski – regarding Germania siren, there were too many resident complaints so the siren stopped being used here at the borough building.
- ❖ Darlene Jamieson – Hill Street residents are very satisfied with the work and that the road was completed and reopened already.
- ❖ Keith Moss – Community Calendar:
  - 11/13 Crime Watch Meeting at the borough building at 6pm
  - 11/17 Christmas Stroll Meeting at the borough building at 6pm
  - 11/23 Annual Crime Watch Thanksgiving Dinner at Sacred Heart 4p-8pm
  - 11/26 Thanksgiving Prayer Service at St. Mary's
  - 12/7 Annual Christmas Stroll-roads to be closed 4:30pm-8:30pmWishes all a Happy Thanksgiving.
- ❖ Jef Bauman – announced the upcoming budget meeting on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Urged residents to attend.

With no further business to transact, the chair entertained a motion to adjourn. First by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to adjourn at 7:27 p.m.

  
Carolyn Santee  
Borough MANAGER

## 2019 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held on December 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the municipal building with Council President Jeffrey Bauman, presiding.

After a pledge to the flag, a roll call was taken: (7) council members present. Mayor Moss was in attendance. With a quorum present, the meeting continued.

Council met in executive session this evening to discuss personnel and other legal matters.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to accept the minutes as posted. Roll Call: (7) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc that all correspondence be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc that all bills, wages, salaries and commissions be paid when funds are available. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to approve payment of bills that were paid after the previous meeting, but before approval of bills for the current meeting. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc that all reports be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to appoint the following part-time police officers for the month of January 2020, as necessary for the general welfare, health and safety of the public:

Fredmonski, Dunn, Giles, Kolodziej, Wall, Barchiesi, Kruglov, Martinez. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Hanczyc to appoint Diane Plisga to the Duryea Borough Sewer Authority, term to expire December 31, 2024. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Rowlands to adopt the 2020 proposed budget. Roll call (6) yes, (1) no, McGlynn.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Tonte to pass Resolution 2019-5, to apply for a Local Share Account grant for a marked 2020 Ford SUV ECOboost, in the amount of \$55,768 which includes graphics, radio, laptop and accessories for installation. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Akulonis to accept that all council meetings are to be held on the second Tuesday of each month in 2020. Work session to begin at 6:30 P.M., immediately followed by the council meeting. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Tonte to adopt Ordinance 2019-3, which sets the taxation rate to 1.9 mills for the Calendar Year 2020. Roll call (5) yes, (2) no-Akulonis, McGlynn.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Akulonis to pass Resolution 2019-7 to apply for a Local Share Account grant on behalf of the North East Pennsylvania Land Bank Authority for projects in each of the participating municipalities. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by McGlynn to pass Resolution 2019-6 which recognizes the service of Alfred Akulonis throughout the course of four (4) terms of Council. Roll call (7) yes. A plaque was presented to Mr. Akulonis for his service. Another plaque was placed in Council Chambers in recognition of the project Mr. Akulonis organized, which involved building of furniture in the Chambers. Mr. Akulonis thanks all.

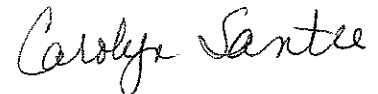
### **Public Comment:**

- Nick Radle commends the work done at the cemetery on Foote Ave. Questions progress on PA Small Water and Sewer Grant...informed that it will be submitted by Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>.

## 2019 REGULAR MEETING

- Kevin Chromey notes question at budget meetings regarding the difference in garbage costs (per bag). Council stated that costs are to remain the same.
- Jim Gromelski, Justin Tonte, Lois Hanczyc, Mike McGlynn wish happy holidays to all and thanks Mr. Akulonis for his service.
- John Rowlands-happy holidays, thanks Mr. Akulonis for his service, commended those involved for a successful Christmas Stroll again this year.
- Al Akulonis thanks everyone for kind words and wishes all happy holidays. He stated that he would like to donate a bench to the borough to be made from timbers he had saved from the old school on Stephenson Street.
- Keith Moss-community calendar:
  - Crime Watch 12/18Thanks Mr. Akulonis for his service throughout the years. Congratulations to the Christmas Stroll Committee. Thanks to the Mayors for judging Christmas trees. Thanks all businesses for involvement with the Stroll.
- Jef Bauman wishes all safe, happy holidays. Thanks to Mr. Akulonis. Requests donations to the Twelve Days of Christmas Food Drive. Notes that the reorganization meeting will take place on January 6, 2020 with the regular meeting the following week. Thanks to residents, urges attendance at upcoming meetings.

With no further business to transact, the chair entertained a motion to adjourn. First by Akulonis, second by Hanczyc to adjourn at 6:52 P.M.



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