

REORGANIZATION MEETING

A reorganization meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held on January 6, 2020 in the Duryea municipal building. Judge Tina Gartley swore in Councilmen-Lois Hanczyc, John Rowlands and Edward Ameika.

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Keith Moss presiding. After a pledge to the flag, Mayor Keith Moss appointed Carolyn Santee as the temporary secretary of the reorganization meeting. An attendance roll call was taken (7) council members present. With a quorum present, the meeting continued.

Mayor Moss requested a motion for a nomination for Council President. Motion by Ameika, second by Rowlands to nominate Jeffrey Bauman. Roll call (7) yes. Meeting was turned over to Council President Bauman.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Ameika to nominate John Rowlands as Vice-President of Council. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Tonte to appoint Carolyn Santee as Borough Manager. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Hanczyc to appoint Carolyn Santee as Borough Treasurer. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Ameika to appoint Saporito, Falcone & Watt as the Solicitor for Duryea Borough. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Hanczyc to appoint Penn Eastern as the Engineer for Duryea Borough. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second Gromelski to appoint Joseph Korea as the Fire Chief and Jeff Hughes as the Assistant Fire Chief for Duryea Borough. Roll call (7) yes. Amended at the January 14th meeting as follows: Motion to amend the appointment of Borough Fire Chief to the then existing Fire Chief at Excelsior Hose Company, and the Assistant Borough Chief to the then existing Fire Chief at Germania Hose Company. Roll call (6) yes, (1) no-Gromelski.

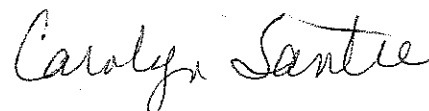
Motion by Hanczyc, second by Rowlands that the Duryea Branch of People's Security Bank be named as the depository for Duryea Borough. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by McGlynn to appoint Jeff Pisanchyn as the Building Inspector for Duryea Borough. Roll call (7) yes.

Public comment:

Councilmen congratulate incoming council members, and thanks to all for elections. Mr. Ameika looks forward to working with council again. Mr. Bauman thanks council for the presidential nomination.

With no further business to transact, motion by McGlynn, second by Hanczyc to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m. Roll call (7) yes.



Carolyn Santee
Borough Manager

2019 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held on January 14, 2020 at 6:43 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 to amend the appointment of the Borough Fire Chief and Assistant Borough Fire Chief from the January 6th reorganization meeting. Motion by McGlynn, second by Hanczyc to appoint the then existing Fire Chief of Excelsior Hose Company as Borough Chief, and the then existing Fire Chief of Germania Hose Company as the Assistant Borough Fire Chief. Roll call (6) yes, (1) no, Gromelski.

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.

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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. 13th.
- 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.


Carolyn Santee
Borough MANAGER

2020 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held on February 11, 2020 at 7:12 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 Rowlands to accept the minutes as posted. Roll Call: (7) yes.

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

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Tonte that all bills, wages, salaries and commissions be paid when funds are available. Bauman questioned why Solomon is charging for glass recycling. Marriggi has a call into Dave Solomon. Roll Call (7) yes.

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

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

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

Review and discuss refuse ordinance. Bauman explained that the ordinance will be amended as to how the refuse process is currently being handled. Outdated procedures will be changed or removed as necessary to make the process run smoothly.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Gromelski to table the adoption of the amended Civil Service Rules/Regulations. Roll call (7) TABLED.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Rowlands to accept the resignation of Patrolman Matthew Conrad from the Duryea police Department. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Hanczyc to table the authorization of the Civil Service Commission to advertise for two full-time police officers for the Duryea Borough Police Department. Roll call (7) TABLED.

Motion by Bauman, second by Rowlands advertise for a permanent and an alternate member to serve on the Civil Service Commission. Permanent term to expire 12/31/26, alternate term to expire on 12/31/21. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Gromelski to authorize the Solicitor to make proposed changes to Ordinance 2010-4 regarding refuse. Roll call (7) yes.

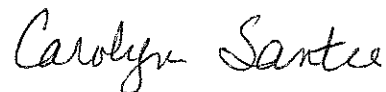
Motion by Hanczyc, second by Tonte to hire Drew Malvizzi as a part-time police officer, to be called as needed, provided he successfully pass the full background check process and all other Borough and M.P.O.E.T.C. requirements for newly hired police officers with no prior police experience. Officers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

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- Joe Sekelsky questioned the handicap sign that council approved in January in front of a vacant home on the 200 block of New Street. He stated that the Marsico's are the executor of the estate, not the actual owners. Bauman/Watt will investigate the legality of that. Mr. Sekelsky also stated he's being harassed by code enforcement for a vehicle parked on the street (tow stickers). Mr. Webb stated there were no tow stickers placed, he was given a warning that the vehicle needed to be registered/inspected and in working condition according to the Quality of Life Ordinance.
- Kevin Chromey referred to the article regarding tax increase. Council verified that it is at 1.9 mils. Urged residents to sign the petition against the rain tax. Questioned the proposed state police fees/recycling glass/towing charges from All One Auto. Stated that the Civil Service Commission will be hiring a solicitor to consult with.
- Rich Slatky questioned why there are no guidelines on the towing fees. Mayor Moss stated that they are all similar fees.
- Jeannie Zinkavich questioned who pays the solicitor for the CSC. Bauman stated that the borough will pay those fees.
- McGlynn referenced the correspondence about the New Street parking situation on the 500 block. Bauman requested that the fire department and ambulance check on it also to make a better decision. Marriggi stated that the fence and the PPL pole are both an issue. Gromelski stated that the FD has apparatus that could be taken down the alley without a vehicle. McGlynn requested calling the engineer to see if it's a road or an alley and if the fence is located on Borough property.
- Mayor Moss community calendar:
 - Germania breakfast this Sunday 7am-noon
 - Substance Abuse program Feb 19 7pm Memorial Library Pittston
 - Reminds residents to call Mayor regarding all functions
- Jef Bauman announced that council members will be taking on projects throughout the year.

With no further business to transact, the chair entertained a motion to adjourn. First by Hanczyc, second by Gromelski to adjourn at 7:55 P.M.



Carolyn Santee
Borough MANAGER

2020 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held on March 10, 2020 at 7:05 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 Rowlands to accept the minutes as posted. Roll Call: (7) yes.

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

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

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

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

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

Motion by Gromelski, second by Ameika to recognize the month of April as "Safe Digging Month" with a Proclamation for PA One Call. Roll call (7) yes.

Discussion regarding the handicap sign ordinance: Mr. Bauman stated that the ordinance had been discussed in the work session previously. Kevin Chromey questioned where signs could be placed. Bauman stated that the borough works with the resident on placement.

Discussion regarding handicap sign placed in front of the residence at 221 New Street was had during work session. Solicitor Watt clarified that the ordinance states it is for a resident's home-where they actually reside. Mr. Watt suggested amending the ordinance to make it clearer.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Mr. Bauman to rescind the handicap sign placed at 221 New Street (by recommendation of Mr. Watt). Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Hanczyc to appoint Trina Moss as a permanent member of the Civil Service Commission, term to expire 12/31/25. Roll call (6) yes, (1) no-Bauman.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Ameika to appoint Michael Lombardo as an alternate member of the Civil Service Commission, term to expire 12/31/25. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Rowlands to table the motion to advertise the changes to Ordinance 2014-2 relating to the collection of refuse. Roll call (6) yes, (1) no-Bauman.

Discussion regarding 2020 paving project with the use of Liquid Fuels funds: Mr. Bauman reviewed current funds for Liquid Fuels and the old paving project from 2019 through Pennsy Supply (to be paid with 2019 LF funds). Mr. McGlynn suggested that the Railroad adjust the grade coming down Marcy Street when they fix

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the crossing. Mayor Moss questioned which part of Holiday Drive would be paved. Bauman stated it should be paved all the way up, as it is listed as a through road. Mr. McGlynn questioned if it is in fact wide enough to be paved as a roadway, since it is currently a dirt road and turns into grass at the top. Engineers should be utilized to measure roadways and verify if Holiday Dr. and Simpson's patch measure up and are covered through Liquid Fuels. McGlynn questioned why there is only \$50,000 earmarked for road salt. Mr. Marrigi stated that we usually only use about \$20,000, with a good snowfall. Only used about \$9,000 so far this year. Mr. Bauman stated that he would like to move forward with the project even though we are unaware of the stipulations of Holiday Drive and Simpson's Patch.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Gromelski to request engineer to get bids on supplied list, with the engineer's recommendation if Holiday Drive and Simpson's patch are wide enough and eligible for paving through liquid fuels. Roll call (7) yes.

Discussion regarding the hiring of a full-time CDL driver and a part-time laborer for the Street Department. Mr. McGlynn questioned if the motion needs to read "per contract". Mr. Watt stated that since there is a contract in place, it is implied.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Hanczyc to advertise for a full-time CDL/Laborer at the starting rate of \$17/hour for the Street Department. Roll call (7)

Motion by Gromelski, second by Rowlands to advertise for a part-time Laborer at the starting rate of \$14/hour for the Street Department. Roll call (7).

Motion by Rowlands, second by Bauman to approve the requisite notice and advertising requirements for the deeds of dedication to Blueberry Hills, phases two through six. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Ameika to put the 2004 Subaru Impreza out for bid, with a minimum bid of \$500, as is. Roll call (7) yes.

Public Comment:

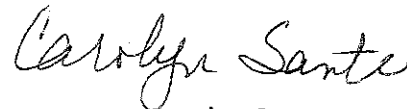
- Charles Urban speaks against stormwater fee. Stated his work/volunteer history and read his letter to state representatives regarding his opposition to the fees.
- Kevin Chromey questioned using the same engineer when talk during budget was to possibly switch. Mr. Bauman stated that it was decided that the borough would keep the current engineer for the upcoming year. Questioned if the PD contract was settled yet, and why it has not gone to arbitration. Mr. Bauman explained that it is still under consideration between council and the PD. Stated that the Civil Service Commission met with Attorney Lars Anderson to go over changes to regulations and the application for employment. Questioned Chief Lohman if there is anything in place for special needs on the application. Chief Lohman does not believe so. Stated that Winn's towing charges would be less than those of All One Auto from last month. Mayor Moss stated that all tow charges are the same. Addressed Mr.

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Bauman about using the "Weis rumor mill" at meetings, stating that they are a lucrative business in town. Mr. Bauman stated that nothing negative was meant by the reference.

- Mayor Moss – Community Calendar
 - 3/11 Crime Watch at the borough building
 - 3/28 Night at the Races for Excelsior, at Germania
 - 3/29 Gun Bingo for Germania
- Jef Bauman reviewed pending grants, along with grants that have been received
- Mike McGlynn questioned the parking ban when WVSA will be street sweeping. Mr. Marriggi stated that WVSA will notify residents with signs in advance.
- Rober Webb questioned if council reviewed the address ordinance that he had presented last month. Mr. Bauman stated that they will go over it this coming month.
- Mayor Moss mentioned the possibility of a project along McAlpine Street regarding a drainage issue near COPARTS. PENN DOT to donate supplies and COPARTS to run pipes to their detention pond.

With no further business to transact, the chair entertained a motion to adjourn. First by Hanczyc, second by Rowlands to adjourn at 8:08 P.M.



Carolyn Santee

Borough Manager

EMERGENCY MEETING OF DURYEA BOROUGH

An emergency meeting was held on Saturday, March 28, 2020 at 12:00 pm outside the municipal building with Council President Jeffrey Bauman presiding.

Roll call was taken by the Manager: (4) council members present, Hanczyc, McGlynn, Ameika and Mayor Moss absent. With a quorum present, the meeting continued.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Tonte to accept Resolution 2020-2, which extends Mayor Moss' Declaration for a State of Emergency for Duryea Borough, until further notice. Roll call (4) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Gromelski to pay all bills for the month of April, except a bill to Mid-Atlantic for recycling bins. Roll call (4) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Rowlands to adjourn the meeting at 12:12 pm. All in favor.



Carolyn Santee
Borough Manager

2020 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held remotely on the Zoom platform on May 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. 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 Tonte to accept the amended (per McGlynn-add council member who voted no to tabling the refuse ordinance) minutes as posted, . Roll Call: (7) yes.

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

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

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

Motion by Rowlands, second by Gromelski to ratify the hiring of Cody Cawley as a part-time police officer, to be called as needed, as he has successfully passed 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 Ameika, second by Hanczyc to hire Joshua Rhoads as a part-time police officer, to be called as needed, provided he successfully passes 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 Tonte to appoint the following part-time police officers for the month of June 2020, as necessary for the general welfare, health, and safety of the public:

Fredmonski, Dunn, Giles, Kolodziej, Wall, Martinez, Malvizzi, Cawley. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Ameika to ratify the hiring of Craig Setzer as a part-time laborer for the Street Department at a rate of \$14 per hour to start. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Ameika to approve Resolution 2020-3, which sets the rate for the Buckle Up PA Grant at \$34 per hour. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Ameika to approve Resolution 2020-4, which will waive penalties on Duryea property taxes through August 18, 2020. Roll call (7) yes.

Public Comment:

- Mr. McGlynn questioned if the engineers will be going over the streets he questioned at the last meeting (width of Holiday Drive and if Simpson's Patch is a public road) before putting it out to bid. Engineers have been directed to look into Holiday and Simpson's Patch is not listed on Liquid Fuels map, so that will not be paved. Questioned whether WVSA will let residents know when street sweeping will be done. Mr. Marriggi explained that they will put up signs notifying residents.

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- Mayor Moss-Community Calendar
 - Excelsior/Germania holding a pizza/wings fundraiser the weekend of May 22nd/23rd 4pm-8pm
 - American Legion holding a piggie dinner Sunday, May 17th
 - Town Tavern reopened for business, Marie's-My Sister's Kitchen-VFW all still open for takeout/pickup-urges residents to support local business

Questioned if there was any correspondence from NJ Rubber (sale has not yet gone through) and Reading & Northern RR (no response back from Matt Johnson as of yet for Boylan Drive and Stephenson Street RR tracks)

- Mr. Ameika brought up an idea to honor the Duryea residents of the 2020 graduation class. He would like to organize an event with a small group of people sometime in June.
- Mr. Bauman thanked the Police Department for the continued update of information on the Facebook page.
- Mr. Kevin Chromey participated in the zoom meeting but was unable to be heard with his information regarding the Civil Service Commission. In talking with Mr. Chromey after the meeting, he stated that the rules and regulations should be back from the Attorney's office next week.
- Mr. McGlynn suggested a billboard and/or political signs, in addition to scrolling names on the sign at Germania for the upcoming graduates.
- Mayor Moss mentioned that Mrs. Skutak informed him of the upcoming graduation ceremony for Holy Rosary in their park at the school.

With no further business to transact, the chair entertained a motion to adjourn. First by McGlynn, second by Hanczyc to adjourn at 7:39 P.M.



Carolyn Santee
Borough Manager

2020 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held remotely on the Zoom platform on June 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. 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. With a quorum present, the meeting continued.

Council met in executive session this evening to discuss personnel and other legal matters regarding a Street Department employee and the Police Department contract.

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

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

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

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

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

Fredmonski, Dunn, Giles, Kolodziej, Wall, Martinez, Malvizzi, Cawley, Rhoads. Roll Call (6) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Hanczyc to approve an initial payment of \$19,500 to Reading and Northern Railroad for the maintenance and repair of the crossing at Boylan Drive, with the remainder of the payment due quarterly at \$2,000/quarter. Total payment of \$40,000. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Rowlands to approve the opening of the Borough building and the Street Department building for limited hours, limiting the area that the public may access. Roll call (6) yes. Hours to be determined. Mayor Moss stated that the Duryea Borough Sewer Authority is encouraging all residents to make payments by mail.

Discussion regarding a new paving project utilizing Liquid Fuels funds for 2020, available funds-\$188,388 approximately. List of possible streets include: Railroad Street (Phoenix St. to New St.), Holiday Drive, Pond Street (New St. to Railroad St.), McCullen Street (dead end off of new St.), Glen Street, New Brown Street*.

- New Brown, a portion of Pond and a portion of McCullen could be funded by Community Development funds in 2021.

Motion by Bauman, second by Gromelski to authorize the engineer to put a new paving project out to bid, utilizing Liquid Fuels funds for 2020, to include the following streets: Railroad Street (Phoenix St. to New St.), Holiday Drive, Pond Street (New St. to Railroad St.), McCullen Street (dead end off of New St.), Glen Street. Roll call (6) yes.

Discussion regarding a paving project for 2021 utilizing Community Development funds. List of possible streets to include (in order of need):

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- 1-Pond (New St. to Foote Ave.)
- 2-River
- 3-New Brown*
- 4-Small Brown (near old daycare)
- 5-Stephenson (Main to bridge)
- 6-Bennett
- 7-Lackawanna
- 8-Hillcrest
- 9-Lincoln
- 10-Ann
- 11-Hallstead
- 12-Parkcrest
- 13-Church
- 14-Jones
- 15-Walnut
- 16-Grove
- 17-McCullen (between New and Meyer)

scheduled for this year's paving. Funds also available through CDBG in 2021

Motion by Bauman, second by Hanczyc to authorize the engineer to do a cost estimate for the first eight streets listed on CDBG funds for 2021 (Pond to Hillcrest). Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Tonte to accept the verbal resignation of Mark Margavage Jr., part-time Street Department laborer. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Ameika, second by Hanczyc to advertise for a part-time Street Department Laborer. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Hanczyc to authorize the engineer to coordinate the completion of sidewalks and ADA ramps with Penn DOT and Reading & Northern around the railroad crossing on Stephenson. Costs appear to be reimbursable by Penn DOT, through Reading & Northern. Roll call (6) yes.

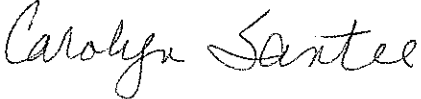
Public Comment:

- Mike Lombardo requested another stop sign to be placed at the corner of Brown and New Brown Street. Cars continue to speed out of New Brown where the storage facility is located. Gino to work with engineer on solutions.
- Kevin Chromey questioned if sidewalks/railing will be replaced on both sides of Stephenson Street where the railroad crossing was just replaced. This will be completed before the end of the year.
- Gino Marrigi stated that the Street Department received the two new garbage packers, one through a Recycling Grant and one partially through the LSA Grant. Recycling bins are also available to residents.
- Mayor Moss-Community Calendar:
 - 6/14 American Legion to host a chicken scampi dinner 12pm-5pm
 - Germania Hose Company hosting a Father's Day Raffle-Beer for a Year
 - 6/27 tentative drive-thru for picnic food at Excelsior and Germania Hose Companies

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- 6/28 High School Class of 2020 Graduate parade at 1:15pm.
- Jef Bauman thanked Gino Marriggi and Mike McGlynn for their work on the grants received for the garbage packers. Letters went out to students and businesses regarding the High School Class of 2020 parade. Requested that all departments start preparing for the 2021 budget, and requested budget numbers to be prepared.

With no further business to transact, the chair entertained a motion to adjourn. First by Hanczyc, second by Rowlands to adjourn at 7:56 P.M.



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2020 REGULAR MEETING

A regular hybrid meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held remotely on the Zoom platform, and at the borough building, on July 14, 2020 at 7:19 p.m. with Council President Jeffrey Bauman, presiding.

After a pledge to the flag, a roll call was taken: (5) council members present at the borough building-Tonte, Rowlands, Bauman, Hanczyc, McGlynn; (2) council members present on the Zoom platform-Gromelski, Ameika. Mayor Moss was in attendance. With a quorum present, the meeting continued.

Council met in executive session this evening to discuss personnel and legal issues regarding the Police Department Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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

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

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

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

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

Fredmonski, Dunn, Giles, Kolodziej, Wall, Martinez, Malvizzi, Cawley, Rhoads. Roll Call (7) yes.

Discussion regarding waiving penalties on Duryea property taxes through December 31, 2020.

More taxes have been paid to date this year that they were last year at this time. Hanczyc believes that there is already confusion as to due date from the county changing dates initially. McGlynn worries that residents may not be able to pay due to lack of work from COVID. Stated that we should follow the county.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Rowlands to waive penalties on Duryea property taxes consistent with Luzerne County Council's decision. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Rowlands to ratify the hiring of Thomas Luder as a part-time laborer for the Duryea Street Department at the starting rate of \$14.00 per hour. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Hanczyc to adopt the amended Civil Service Rules and Regulations. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Tonte to authorize the Civil Service Commission to advertise for two full-time police officers 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 McGlynn, second by Bauman to re-open the parks, after professional sanitizing. Roll call (6) yes, (1) no-Ameika.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Rowlands to authorize the Solicitor to advertise the address ordinance. Roll call (7) yes.

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Public Comment:

- Fireworks Ordinance – Mr. Bauman questioned how ordinances differ among borough, county and state. Chief Lohman stated that there were a lot of calls recently, with a few citations. He stated that the offenses and cost of citations should be more structured. Mayor Moss stated that complaints stem from the cost of the permit.
- Kevin Chromey –
 - Questioned if we are in the SWIFT program (levee) - not as of now (CS)
 - When does budget begin – September (CS/JB)
 - Questioned if the Borough has a policy/handbook for different issues that may arise. Can't cover all scenarios (BW). Policy book is always being updated (CS).
 - Questioned what ever came of the historical society when the resident who started it left town? No one has an interest to date (JB)
 - Is there legislative action that could be taken on blighted properties? Handled on a borough/county level (CS).
 - Questioned the speed of the train at the railroad crossing at Stephenson St.
 - Questioned if the Police contract is still in negotiations? And for how long?
 - Questioned what will be done with the property next to the borough building
 - Questioned if anyone was in favor of the "rain tax"? Council was on board with the decision and Mr. Bauman has followed from the beginning (JB). Mr. Rowlands did the research and thought it was in the best interest of the borough (JR).
 - Questioned if anyone was in favor of defunding the Police Department?
 - Questioned if anyone was in favor of getting rid of the police qualified immunity?
 - Mr. Marriggi and Mr. Chromey then had a disagreement about how much time is being taken up at the meeting with things from the past. Council moved on to the next resident.
- Michael Rosemellia called in on the Zoom platform with a complaint. He stated that he and his family have been harassed by Mayor Moss by having the Police stop by his home to investigate riding a quad around his property and Weis Market, and by calling his probation officer to lodge complaints about him. He stated that he would not like to sue the borough but would like the defamation of character and harassment to stop. Mayor Moss stated that he saw Mr. Rosemellia riding the quad and sent officers to check out the situation, and that he goes through stop signs, revs the truck engine while driving by his home and that he needs to abide by all laws like other residents.
- Mike McGlynn – asked about a grant to clean the parks?
- Mayor Moss-Community Calendar:
 - 7/17 and 7/18 - VFW Bacon/BBQ event
 - 7/19 – Legion is hosting a shrimp/chicken dinner
 - 7/25 – Excelsior and Germania tentatively hosting a drive through food sale-potato pancakes/pierogies
 - 8/9 – Germania Hose Co. gun bingo

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With no further business to transact, the chair entertained a motion to adjourn. First by McGlynn, second by Hanczyc to adjourn at 8:05 P.M.



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