

2023 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street on April 11, 2023, at 6:50 p.m. with Council President, Justin Tonte, presiding.

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

Council met in executive session to discuss legal matters and personal matters of the Street Department. Please be advised that this public meeting was advertised in the Times Leader legal section. A copy of the legal ad is attached. All minutes, correspondence, bills, and reports were made available for inspection.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Zinkavich to accept minutes as posted. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Brudzinski, second by Shupp that all correspondence be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Gromelski that all bills, wages, salaries, and commissions be paid when funds are available. Roll call (7) yes.

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

Motion by Rowlands, second by Arneika to appoint the following part-time police officers for the month of May 2023, as necessary for the general welfare, health, and safety of the public: Giles, Wall. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Zinkavich to add a third handicap sign in front of 222 Dickson Street, for a third handicapped resident at that address. Roll call (7) yes.

No motion was made to purchase seat cushions for the benches in the council chambers.

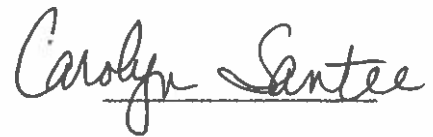
Motion by Zinkavich, second by Rowlands to ratify the acceptance of the resignation of Joseph Pisanchyn from the Duryea Street Department as of April 7, 2023. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Brudzinski, second by Shupp to enter into an agreement to acquire school students as seasonal employees through the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and Reaching Beyond limits. Roll call (7) yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Charles Sciandra discussed legal issues regarding Copart; questioned why there was no public meeting; requested council schedule a meeting with all parties involved; suggested soil be tested.
- Keith Moss stated to Mayor Bauman to not allow coin drops on corner of Foote Avenue and McAlpine Street, especially during other events.
- Terry Kvalkauskas requested to get back on list to tow for Police Department.
- Rita Yuhas concerned about environmental issues with Copart project.

- Nick Radle asked about grant for Mitchell Street; discussed his concerns about Copart.
- Paul Stevenson, an events director asked to utilize community park for a fundraising event Summer in the City on July 29, 2023.
- Jim Haddock, our State Representative introduced himself to council; discussed the grants that he secured statewide for the Wildcats and Hose company for the fire marshals; discussed upcoming LSA grants.
- Kevin Chromey questioned Ed Ameika about groundbreaking behind the bridge in 2015 and requesting a public meeting; stated that contaminated soil from behind the bridge was dumped on copart property in the past.
- Mayor Jeff Bauman announced he received high accolades from a veteran about SGT. Swisher, who responded to a call, and for checking in on the resident frequently.
- Justin Tonte gave a special thanks to Trina Moss and Career link for CDL training of an employee.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn Santee". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Carolyn Santee
Borough Manager