

## 2022 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street on April 12, 2022, at 7:01 p.m. with Council President, Justin Tonte, presiding.

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

Council met in executive session this evening to discuss personnel matters of the Street and Police Departments.

This public meeting was advertised in the Times Leader legal section. All minutes, correspondence, bills, and reports were made available for inspection.

A discussion was had regarding permits for food vendors according to Ordinance 2019-1.

A discussion was had regarding the sidewalk project on Stephenson Street (near RR)....incomplete.

A discussion was had regarding the model storm water ordinance, to make necessary changes to the existing ordinance

A discussion was had regarding the Food and Fun Program to run at Community Park.

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

Motion by Ameika, 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 (7) yes.

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

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Rowlands to accept the resignation of Officer Tamburello from the Duryea Police Department. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Brudzinski, second by Gromelski to hire Brianne Malvizzi as a full-time police officer, provided she successfully pass the full background check process and all other Borough and M.P.O.E.T.C requirements for newly hired police officers. Officer will be subject to the probationary period as per the current Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Ameika to appoint the following part-time police officers for the month of May 2022, as necessary for the general welfare, health, and safety of the public:

Giles, Wall. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Rowlands to accept a verbal resignation from Robert Walling from the Duryea Street Department as of March 11, 2022. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Zinkavich to hire Isaiah Terry as a part-time laborer for the Duryea Street Department with a starting rate of \$15.50/hour. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Zinkavich to hire Robert Schumaker as a part-time laborer for the Duryea Street Department with a starting rate of \$15.50/hour. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Ameika, second by Gromelski to pass Resolution 2022-6 regarding the closing of the Parks and Recreation account at People's Security Bank. Roll call (7) yes.

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Motion by Rowlands, second by Ameika to place a handicap sign in front of 742 Donnelly Street. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Tonte to pass Resolution 2022-7 which will replace Resolution 2022-3 changing the requested amount of the LSA grant from \$24,000 to \$25,200. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Rowlands to enter into an agreement for the Food and Fun at the Park Summer Program with the Greater Wyoming Valley Area YMCA. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Gromeksli, second by Ameika to appoint Bill Yates to the Duryea Borough Sewer Authority to replace the term of Frank Brosso, to expire 12/31/2023. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Ameika, second by Gromelski to accept the bid for the 2013 Dodge Charger on Municibid in the amount of \$4500. Roll call (7) yes. **Both bidders backed out.**

Motion by Rowlands, second by Zinkavich to amend the agenda by adding a motion to purchase Police Department firearms consistent with a quote provided by the Police Department in the amount of \$3,328.16. Quote was received by a Costars contractor-not required to go through the bidding process. Roll call (7) yes.

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### Public Comment:

- Mike Lombardo announced that the Civil Service will be advertising and starting the hiring process again next month.
- George Jendrey, resident of McAlpine Street, had a complaint that 121 McAlpine Street had been under construction since last fall-no permit displayed, junk, logs and metal sheeting lying on the property, machinery leaking oil, and an open pit. Will be requesting a right-to-know request for citations in the past. Mr. Webb stated that this was addressed last year but could be looked into again.
- Donna Durkin, resident of Wright Street, addressed the speeding and tractor trailers on Wright Street and the alley near the Healey Playground. Requested speed limit signs and more patrol. Officer Swisher suggested vinyl striping in layers on the road to slow down drivers.
- Kelly Lowe would like to file another right-to-know request, without interference from the Solicitor. Stated that the last one was a sheet of paper from the police department with most information whited out. Solicitor Watt suggested she send another over. Requested the growth from the woods across from her house be taken care before the growth over the summer.
- Officer Swisher questioned if council has approved the firearms purchase through the county. Have the ARPA funds been budgeted? Hazard pay for employees of the Police Department? Mr. Tonte stated that a budget work session will be at the end of April. Solicitor Watt stated that there are a lot of rules surrounding the hazard pay with ARPA funds. Officer Swisher insisted that hazard pay could/should be paid to retain employees.
- Council stated that Manager Santee should be listed on the ARPA funds as administrator, Jeanne Zinkavich as Point of Contact for Reporting and Stephanie Shupp as Authorized Representative for Reporting.

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- Joe Neutts questioned who purchased the Dodge Charger.
- Jeanne Zinkavich stated that the Betterment Committee is sponsoring a Fork Over Love event on April 26 at Germania Hose Company at 5pm. Town yard sale to be held May 21<sup>st</sup> with a rain date of May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Mayor Bauman stated there will be a pasta dinner at the Legion on April 30<sup>th</sup>...info on their Facebook page. Suggested all rally around making changes due to resident concerns. Wished all a Happy and safe Easter.
- Justin Tonte announced that there will be an upcoming meeting to discuss budget for ARPA funds. Congratulated Office Malvizzi on her promotion to full-time and Mr. Terry and Schumaker on their part-time positions at the Street Department. Wished all a Happy Easter.

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



Carolyn Santee  
Borough Manager