

2021 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held remotely on the Zoom platform on April 13, 2021 at 6:44 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 matters of the Street Departments and other legal matters, which included real estate property.

Discussion regarding streets to be paved utilizing liquid fuels funds.

Discussion regarding the sale of two 2007 Sterling Garbage Packers for sale.

Discussion regarding opening building to organizational meetings: Council feels that it is time to resume "in person meetings".

Discussion regarding garbage sticker deadline. Council feels that the extension to the garbage sticker deadline does not need to continue.

Motion by Ameika, second by Tonte to accept the minutes as posted. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Ameika, second by Rowlands 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 Gromelski to approve payment of bills that were paid after the previous meeting, but before approval of bills for the current meeting.

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

Motion by Ameika, second by Tonte to appoint the following part-time police officers for the month of May 2021, as necessary for the general welfare, health, and safety of the public:

Dunn, Wall. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Rowlands to advertise for a full-time CDL Driver/Laborer for the Street Department. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Tonte to authorize the engineer to prepare the costs for the following streets for paving utilizing Liquid Fuels Funds: Watt Street, River Street, 200 block of Marcy Street, Railroad Street (from New to Phoenix), Stephenson Street (from Main to bridge). Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Ameika approve Resolution 2021-2 which approves fees charged by the Tax Collector for the reproduction of tax bills, returned checks and certifications. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Hanczyc, second by Rowlands to sign up for Code Red with a 3-year license at a cost of \$3,150.50 for fully unlimited use. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Ameika to table the motion to authorize United One to do a generalized search for all Duryea Borough properties and easements within the borough. Roll call (6) yes, (1) no-Bauman. It was suggested to get an estimate for the cost of this service.

Motion by Ameika, second by Hanczyc to purchase a copier from 4 the Office at a cost of \$7,514. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Ameika to authorize AFG to change the plan custodian for its 457 Deferred Plan from Symetra to John Hancock, enabling full time employees to enroll. Roll call (7) yes.

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Motion by Tonte, second by Gromelski to accept a bid from Leo Glodzick III in the amount of \$16,000 for two 2007 Sterling Garbage Packers. Roll call (6) yes, (1) no-Bauman.

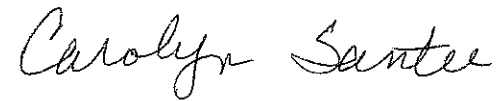
Public Comment:

- Chief Lohman reported on the Police Department call volume, report included in packet. New vests were donated by WA Kiwanis.
- Jeff Pisanchyn reported on UCC Code Enforcement. 7 citations issued, 1 warning, called out for work without permits.
- Gino Marriggi reported on the Street Department. Started yard waste and pothole patching. In need of part-time employees.
- Robert Webb reported on Code Enforcement. Investigating 2 properties, dog bite issue, 2 follow-ups on Chittenden Street, missed Land Bank meeting but discussed a possible purchase of a property with the Solicitor.
- Mary Margavage questioned what grants we've received from Liquid Fuels, and the fact that other towns are receiving grants that Duryea Borough is not. Explained grants received throughout the last few years, and how they are obtained. Questioned why the council is hiring an Administrative Assistant rather than a grant writer.
- Karen Ziller suggested reaching out to other municipalities to work together on equipment.
- Jim Gromelski stated that a long-time member of the Germania Hose Company was recently lost. A moment of silence was held in memory of Mr. Donald McRae who was a firefighter, police officer and councilman.
- John Rowlands thanked council for moving forward with Code Red.
- Keith Moss discussed the Community Calendar. American Legion is holding weekly food sales. Germania Hose Co. will hold a gun bingo on 5/16 12pm-5pm.
- Healey Playground-building needs attention (new roof). Joe Ryzner's name is spelled wrong on the plaque and requested that it be fixed.

- Jef Bauman stated that the Borough has signed up with keep PA Beautiful. Supplies will be available for anyone who wishes to volunteer to clean up and area of Duryea. Mr. Bauman applauded Blueberry Hills resident Holly Norwillo for starting the trend by cleaning up the entrance to Blueberry Hills. Mr. Rowlands suggested putting together a small group for the area that needs to be cleaned. Volunteers could sign up by calling the borough.
- Jeannie Zinkavich questioned if there could be a volunteer group to spruce up Healey Playground. Mr. Bauman mentioned that Comcast had a program in the past for that purpose but has been suspended due to COVID. Mr. McGlynn and Mr. Rowlands suggested we utilize a program through Lowe's (100 Hometowns) for funds to rehabilitate the playground. Mr. Rowlands will reach to a contact he has at Lowe's. Mayor Moss stated that Home Depot also has a program we could utilize. Mr. Bauman urged all to research community grants for discussion at future meetings.

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With no further business to transact, the chair entertained a motion to adjourn. First by McGlynn, second by Rowlands to adjourn at 8:31 P.M.



Carolyn Santee
Borough Manager