

2026 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street, Duryea on April 14, 2026, at 6:17 p.m. with Council President, Stephanie Shupp presiding. After a pledge to the flag a roll call was taken: (7) council members present. Mayor Trina Moss was in attendance. With a quorum present, the meeting continued. Council met at an executive session this evening to discuss personnel matters of the fire department. All minutes, correspondence, bills, and reports were made available for inspection.

Department Head Reports/Council Comments

- Nick Lohman 136 reportable incidents. Signed the LSA agreement for new vehicles. Drug Take Back is scheduled for April 25th 10-2. Crime Watch meeting is April 15th.
- Bobby Webb report submitted. Will meet with Bill Watt to discuss 138 York Ave.
- Danny Nicheporchek noted that we are low on recycling bins (around 130 left), was there a grant available to get more. The Mirror on Clark Road was fixed. The handicap ramps on Stephenson and Lackawanna settled in, may not have to be replaced. The purchasing committee will be in touch regarding the salt shed.
- Allison Brudzinski there are meetings every 2 weeks for the 125th. Requested authorization for the street department be on hand for the 125th. Met with Hailstone regarding grants and will meet with them again next week.
- Mike McGlynn asked if there was a schedule for street sweeping from WVSA. Asked if he could clean it up himself and how to get rid of the debris. Bobby Webb to call John Widdick from WVSA to see if they have a schedule.
- Gino Marriggi attended the compost meeting, the facility opened April 2nd. Asked if we could post that no rocks or metal be in the yard waste this destroys the machinery at the compost facility. The next meeting is May 7th. Suggested putting a parking sign at the Healy playground.
- Stephanie noted that updated quotes for the demolishing of the Yuhas Building were requested.
- Trina – received the tree grant, trees are in and can be picked up April 15th. She is attending the Municipal League luncheon on Friday. Police Department is doing an Autism Awareness training at a cost of \$500.
- Carolyn/AnnMarie - LSA projects: The American Legion parking lot, The Healey fence, basketball/pickleball court will go out for bid between May and June. The Borough building roof bid will be advertised in April & ready to award at the May meeting.

Old Business

- Dump Box sale – suggested Mike McGlynn and Mark Margavage submit a bid
- Parking Ordinance Bill Watt stated there is a new revised draft of the ordinance. We can add that it can limit it to only certain streets, not private property. Will vote on it

next month. Mike McGlynn not in favor of it. Asked if it will be available for public review. Look at the width of the vehicle or trailer and the width of the road.

- Gaming Ordinance – permits needed for gaming devices. Non -Profits will be exempt. Will advertise new gaming ordinance for next month's meeting.
- Solicitation permits – suggested a NO KNOCK list, have residents register for this list, can ask when they purchase garbage stickers. Nick Lohman suggested that we have no solicitation between Halloween and January 1st. We can't ban this. Do we have the right to deny someone a solicitation permit. Based on surrounding towns should the permit fee be increased from \$25/day/person.
- **New Business**
- 2026 liquid fuels paving project – decide what streets to pave. Maybe take difference out of General Fund if available to pave both New St and Fulton. Look into a Multi-Modal Grant for paving Blueberry
- Spring cleanup at Duryea Wetlands through the Keep PA Beautiful project; looking for volunteers for April 18th at the Wetlands. Will meet at the Stephenson St. Bridge at 10 AM
- Centennial Clock Repair – estimates received and reviewed
- Building Permit Fee schedule – agreed to use Pittston's' fee schedule
- Major Lane – agreed to turn it back into a two way lane. Danny will post a sign on Chittenden Street/lower end of Major Lane that states "YIELD TO ON COMING TRAFFIC"
- Blueberry Hills paving – Mike McGlynn suggested getting the loan process started. It was suggested a Multi Modal grant may be the better way to go.

Meeting

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

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

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

Motion by Gromelski, second by Marriggi to approve payment of bills that were paid after the last meeting, but before the approval of bills for this meeting. Roll call (7) yes.

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

Motion by Tonte, second by Marriggi to appoint following part-time police officers for the month of May 2026, as necessary for the general welfare, health, and safety to the public: Giles, Wall, Anderson. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Brudzinski, second by Gromelski to authorize the solicitor to advertise Ordinance 2026-1 regarding parking along streets in borough for the May 2026 meeting. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Marriggi second by Brudzinski to approve Resolution 2026-5 to apply for the C2P2 Grant through DCNR to aid in the development of the Duryea Wetlands Trail. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Marriggi to approve a handicap sign to be placed in front of the residence at 224 Swetland Street. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by McGlynn to approve a handicap sign to be placed in front of the residence at 317 Bennett Street. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Marriggi to approve payment for reimbursement #3 to Multiscape for the Excelsior Building Update Phase II Local Share Account Grant in the amount of \$116,457; reimbursement from DCED has been received. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Brudzinski, second by Gromelski to reinstate the work session 2 weeks prior to each council meeting at 6:15pm. Roll call (5) yes, (2) no – Marriggi, McGlynn.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Brudzinski to choose the following streets to go out to bid for paving using 2026 liquid fuels funds (approximately \$116k – 500-600 block New Street, Fulton Street– Stephenson to Swetland.) Roll Call (6) yes, (1) no – Gromelski.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Shupp to authorize the engineer to put both streets listed above out to bid using the 2026 liquid fuels funds. Roll call (7) yes

Motion by Marriggi, second by Brudzinski to adopt Pittston City's building permit schedule. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Marriggi, second by Hoover to amend the agenda and add a motion to donate the Fence at Yuhas Building to Hanover Green Cemetery consistent with their request. Roll Call (7) yes.


PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Keith Moss – fence at Yuhas building should be donated to Hanover Green Cemetery
- Tony Zuchinski – stated that ATV's – Quads are getting on dike and riding through back of cemetery – new chains need to be installed at entrances of dike. Complaints about the old taxi building on Elm St. with cars parked in front, there is no sidewalk
- Nick Radle – Asked if street department could move railroad ties back farther for parking at Healy Park. Lot owned by Germania.
- Carl Bechtold– asked for 15 mile/hr speed limit signs be placed on Lower Stephenson Street. Was told there is no ordinance for the signs and a traffic study would need to be done.
- Darlene Jamieson– thanked street department for the cleanup of Hill Street – good job
- Mark Margavage– put a gate on back end of Healy Park off of Wright Street
- Mr. Yates – Duryea should have its own planning commission.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

- Mike McGlynn enjoy the nice weather and get outside
- Jeff Hoover stated that on 5/9 the VFW would be putting flags on Marcy Cemetery at 10AM

With no further business to discuss, council entertained a motion to adjourn. First by McGlynn, second by Gromelski. The meeting ended at 7:36 p.m.


Carolyn Santee
Borough Manager