

2025 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street, Duryea on April 8, 2025, at 6:35 p.m. with Council President, Stephanie Shupp 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 an executive session this evening to discuss legal matters of land acquisition and personnel matters of the street department. All minutes, correspondence, bills, and reports were made available for inspection.

Department Head Reports/Council Comments

- Robert Webb noted that the Community Park sidewalk has been fixed; electrician will work at Healey this coming week; all Safety Committee members have been certified and will hold a meeting next week.
- Danny Nicheporchek questioned the timeline for sandblasting/painting at Healey; questioned what should be done with the sandbags.
- Carolyn Santee reported that the Girl Scouts will plant the flowers in front of the borough building; STMP grant was submitted by Hailstone Economics; “no idling” signs were placed near Coparts.
- Allison Brudzinski noted that the grants committee is collaborating with Pittston City and Hailstone Economics; a mini façade grant could be submitted through LSA/DCED; ideas are needed for the June meeting for LSA grants; Hailstone to research grant options for Blueberry Bills paving and Stephenson Street bridge repair/replacement; funds will need to be earmarked to match a multi modal grant; should hear about awards to the STMP grant within the month.
- Jim Gromelski supplied an update to the Regional Compost: free compost available; hiring two employees; add application to website.
- Gino Marriggi questioned when the hydro seed will be done at Healey Playground - Danny supplied an update; Gino noted that he met with Luzerne County regarding the Stephenson Street bridge and there was a suggestion to start contacting legislators for funding.
- Jeanne Zinkavich reported that the Little League has an interest in using the old pavilion from Healey Playground; Gene Guarilia sign will be started this week.

Old Business

- York Ave/PA Water pave cut – update on the water company restoring the roadway; council to look into a joint project to pave the entire roadway with the water company.

New Business

- Levee/Bridge Committee was formed to coordinate bridge and levee projects. The following have been appointed:
 - Gino Marriggi – chair
 - Justin Tonte
 - Michael McGlynn
 - Keith Moss
 - Jef Bauman
 - Dave Bartuska
- Jef Bauman encouraged hiring a new full-time police officer, as there may not be another part-time application for the rest of the year; Stephanie Shupp noted that on-the-job training is available through CareerLink.

Meeting

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

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

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

Motion to approve payment of bills was skipped due to missing list of bills in packet.

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

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Tonte to appoint following part-time police officers for the month of May 2025, as necessary for the general welfare, health, and safety to the public: Giles, Wall, Harris. Roll call (7) yes.

Bids for Main Street Sidewalk project, CDBG and Liquid Fuels Paving Projects were read at a public meeting on April 7, 2025, at the borough building with Penn Eastern engineers.

Motion by Marriggi, second by Gromelski to choose Bennett, Linclon, Meyer, Grove, Shaft and Washington Street to be paved using CDBG and Liquid Fuels funds. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Brudzinski to amend the agenda by adding a motion to include awarding the bid for both CDBG Paving Project and Liquid Fuels Paving Project. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Marriggi to award the CDBG Paving Project and the Liquid Fuel Paving Project to Pennsy Supply in the amount of \$299,862.60. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Brudzinski to award the Local Share Account Main Street Sidewalk project to Don E. Bower, in the amount of \$288,142. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Tonte hire Lorenzo Saavedra as a full-time police officer, 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. Officer will be subject to the probationary period as per the current Collective Bargaining Agreement. Also conditioned upon Council and the Duryea Borough Police Department Union reaching a Memorandum of Understanding concerning the period between today and the applicant successfully passing the M.P.O.E.T.C. Exam, subject to the review of our Solicitor. Roll call (6) yes, (1) no - McGlynn.

Motion by Marriggi, second by Zinkavich to sell the old garage door from the street department building to Bob Bejeski in the amount of \$100. Roll call (7) yes.

Due to funding elimination, the following motion was removed: to authorize Verdantas LLC, engineering firm, to complete the benefit to cost analysis (BCA) to determine the benefit to cost ratio (BCR) for the 2026 BRIC grant for the levee project in the amount of \$18,800 (with an additional \$5,000 if more data collection is needed to reach the required BCR).

Motion by Brudzinski, second by Marriggi to approve Resolution 2025-4 to apply for the PA Small Water and Sewer Grant in the amount of \$328,095. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Marriggi, second by Zinkavich to amend the agenda by changing a motion to give the old Healey Playground pavilion roof, as is, to Duryea Little League, who is also responsible for taking all parts and moving to their property within thirty (30) days of this meeting. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Marriggi to give the old Healey Playground pavilion roof, as is, to Duryea Little League, who is also responsible for taking all parts and moving to their property within thirty (30) days of this meeting. Roll call (7) yes.

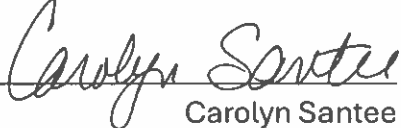
PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Keith Moss and Jef Bauman discussed the installation of the new siren at Germania Hose Company, which will only be sounded for and disasters; a CodeRed notice will go out to make residents aware.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

- Jim Gromelski noted that the new siren at Germania Hose Company has been installed on a higher pole so as not to disturb residents as much as the old siren.
- Michael McGlynn requested an update on the quote for repairs to the clock outside of the borough building.
- Gino Marriggi announced that yard waste has started being collected by the street department.
- Jef Bauman announced the Easter Egg Hunt at Germania Hose Company April 19th at 10 am and a car show on April 26th at noon.
- Trina Moss announced the combined Drug Take Back and Food Dignity programs at the VFW April 26th at 10 am.

With no further business to discuss, council entertained a motion to adjourn. First by McGlynn, second by Gromelski. Meeting ended at 7:30 p.m.


Carolyn Santee
Borough Manager