

2025 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street, Duryea on August 12, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. with Council President, Stephanie Shupp presiding. After a pledge to the flag, a roll call was taken: (5) council members present, Brudzinski and Gromelski were absent. Mayor Bauman was in attendance. With a quorum present, the meeting continued. Council met at an executive session on August 5th and again this evening to discuss personnel matters of the street and police departments and legal matters regarding land acquisition. All minutes, correspondence, bills, and reports were made available for inspection.

Department Head Reports/Council Comments

- Nick Lohman discussed the accident involving a police vehicle.
- Danny Nicheporchek announced that there are no parts available for the CNG tank; The cost of a new quick fill is \$150K; Jeff Bauman can we look for a backup; Mike McGlynn suggested applying for an LSA. Also discussed were the recent dike inspection and the spraying of weeds on the dike.
- Jef Bauman questions hiring another street department worker/advertising for the position/post within the department/look over the budget
- Carolyn Santee discussed the dike inspection; discussed the need to get the CNG pump repaired in case the station is closed again; rental registration ordinance – needed clarification on changing the time frame for inspections; should be changed from every five years to every two years.

Old Business

- Discussed the Campbells Ledge acceptance request.

New Business

- Discussed the possibility of Land Bank LSA sponsorship; council would rather not do so this year.

Meeting

Motion by Marriggi, second by Zinkavich to accept the minutes as posted. Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by Marriggi, second by Tonte that all correspondence be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Marriggi that all bills, wages, salaries, and commissions be paid when funds are available. Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by Marriggi, second by Zinkavich to approve payment of bills that were paid after the last meeting, but before the approval of bills for this meeting. Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by Tonte, second by Marriggi that all reports be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Tonte to appoint following part-time police officers for the month of September 2025, as necessary for the general welfare, health, and safety to the public: Giles, Wall. Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Zinkavich to award the paving of Holiday Drive to Pennsy at a total cost of \$19,148.50 (to be split with PA American Water). Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Marriggi to amend the agenda by adding a motion to ratify the termination of employee #105 from the street department as of 7/28/25. Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Marriggi to ratify the termination of employee #105 from the Street Department as of 7/28/25. Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Tonte to accept the verbal resignation of employee #107 from the Police Department as of July 12, 2025. Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Marriggi to amend the agenda by adding a motion to authorize the solicitor to advertise the Ordinance 2025-1 to form a Rental Registration and Inspection ordinance, with the change of inspections from every five (5) years to every two (2) years. Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Tonte to authorize the Solicitor to advertise Ordinance 2025-1 to form a Rental Registration and Inspection Ordinance, with the change noted above. Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Tonte to approve Resolution 2025-7 for an application for the DCED Multimodal grant. Roll call (5) yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

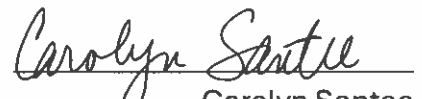
- Keith Moss discussed a meeting with the owners of the Mo-Ritz and YMS of R regarding the sewer line placement. The storage units on Brown St holding Auctions – is this legal? Kapish property update - building should be condemned, no water. Suggested to add a motion to move forward with blighted properties – Sunshine Act prevents adding motions that are non-emergencies.
- Ed Ameika asked if we were putting in for grants for more sidewalks – this is part of the multimodal grant that was recently submitted. Building next to his home at 724 Main was loaded with items and falling apart; boards coming off windows; fire hazard; water runoff not draining properly and onto his property.
- Mary Margavage requested a status on the Yuhas building. Keep? Sell to Landbank?
- Nick Radle – discussed storm water in the borough; LCD information in the packet's correspondence section shows the need to monitor this due to mosquito borne illness.
- Diane Vilvada – Stated that she has contacted Jeff Pisanchyn/code enforcement without getting calls back. Stated there is an offensive odor coming from a Dickson

St. property for over 10 years. Ed Ameika stated that another resident had a similar issue and received help from the Women's Resource Center to relocate.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

- Justin Tonte – reminds everyone of the appointments at the reorganization meeting coming up in January.
- Gino Marriggi – Thanks for public comments. Urges council to move forward with 301 Main St (definitive in writing)
- Jeanne Zinkavich - Maintaining flowers & sign, working on Phase II. Food Dignity August 28, 5-7PM at the VFW. Community Yard Sale, Saturday August 23rd 8-2, Rain Date August 24th. Fall Fest at the Healy 10/5, 12-5. Trina Moss was nominated for the YMCA Spirit of Community Award. Requested list of activities for OVR students.
- Stephanie Shupp – 125th Anniversary Community update – logo, shirts, events throughout the year. Fun/Food in the park at Healy – Stephanie's employer did a STEM event with the kids.
- Jeff Bauman – ARPA Funds - requested releasing the ways funds were spent. Questioned if the finance committee met in July – Justin & Stephanie, no concerns so far. Will meet again in early September.
- Keith Moss – invited Mayor & Council to Lion's Club 60th Anniversary dinner on 9/14 at 2PM
- Sheriff sale of 251 Marcy Street – possible Land Bank purchase?

With no further business to discuss, council entertained a motion to adjourn. First by Zinkavich, second by Marriggi. The meeting ended at 8 :00 p.m.


Carolyn Santee
Borough Manager