

2023 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street on August 8th, 2023, at 6:48 p.m. with Council President, Justin Tonte 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 executive session to discuss legal and personal matters of the Police and Fire Departments. Please be advised that this public meeting was advertised in the Times Leader legal section. A copy of the legal ad is attached. All minutes, correspondence, bills and reports were made available for inspection.

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

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

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

Motion by Brudzinski, second by Rowlands 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 Gromelski, 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 Rowlands to accept a verbal resignation from Randy Schlatter from the Duryea Police Department as of July 4, 2023. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Shupp to appoint the following part-time police officers for the month of August 2023, as necessary for the general welfare, health, and safety of the public: Giles, Wall Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Brudzinski, second by Ameika to approve Prociak and Associates for the DCED annual audit for the period ending December 31, 2023. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Gromelski to approve a handicap sign to be placed in front of the residence at 519 New Street. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Ameika, second by Rowlands to authorize the engineer's office to put a job out to bid for Germania Hose Company LSA roofing project. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Rowlands to pass Resolution 2023-5 to apply for LSA grant to fund a backhoe for the Street Department, in the amount of \$134,000. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Ameika, second by Zinkavich to waive the building permit fees for Germania Hose Company for the LSA grant remodeling project; permits to be obtained from the building inspector. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Zinkavich to waive the building permits fees for the Excelsior Hose Company for the LSA grant remodeling project; permits to be obtained from the building inspector. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Brudzinski, second by Rowlands to amend the agenda by adding a motion to apply for a local share account grant for fire department protective equipment. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Zinkavich to apply for a local share account grant for fire department protective equipment. Roll call (7) yes.

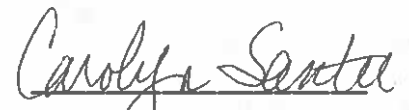
PUBLIC COMMENT :

- Matt Gromelski & Eric Smith requested to sponsor a LSA grant for new equipment for the fire department. Jim Gromelski stated that foreign fire insurance will not cover costs due to rising prices. Grants are a necessity. Mr. Neutts questioned last LSA grant for scuba team and LSA grant for remodel. Keith Moss explained there is an expiration on the equipment and with the prices they are unable to afford. Kevin Chromey stated that there is not enough tax base for a project.
- Missandra Kennedy explained she is having issues receiving her mail and getting other residents mail and suggested a garbage tax for residents. When trees are cut she stated she wants trees planted.
- Julia McDonough concerned about speeding on Main st. and asked why she is paying 3 sewer bills.
- Charles Kearney announced that Sons of American Legion is taking over the hometown hero banners. He plans on setting up a social media page within the next month.
- Nick Radle stated that he met with a technician from Conservation district to add copart as a testing site with the Jamestown Colony virus in mosquitos is a new test.
- Kevin Chromey asked what is the difference between a written and verbal resignation. Bill Watt responded that there was no letter turned in but turned in equipment. He questioned how will the entrance and exit run in the parking lot next door. He does not want millings put in alley near his home.
- Julia M. advised council of potholes on brown street and the intersection need patching.
- Father Carmen announced that him and his wife will be moving to Philadelphia in the next month.
- Jim Gromelski announced that Gene Guarillia will be honored by the Sports hall of fame in Allentown, which is open to all who wants to attend.

Closing Comments :

- Allison Brudzinski wished the Bullocks the best. Gave Paul Stevenson a shout out for the great turnout of his two recent events being able to donate a large amount to Food dignity.
- Stephanie Shupp thanked everyone who helped with the events and will miss Pat and Father Carmen.
- John Rowlands thanked the Street Department for all their hard work and thanks to Father Carmen and Pat for everything they do within the community.
- Ed Ameika thanked everyone for attending meetings and thanks to the Bullocks.
- Jeanne Zinkavich thanked Father Carmen and Pat for everything and the street department.
- Mayor Bauman announced the Wildcats will get their building before the season starts. Sons of American legion is holding their poker run this Saturday at the Vfw. Germania will be having a fundraiser with food trucks the week of August 14th. Thanked the Bullocks and questioned where a backhoe would be stored.
- Justin Tonte wished the bullocks the best, he announced the NEPA Downtown was very successful.

With no further business to discuss, Council entertains a motion to adjourn. First by Ameika, second by Shupp. Meeting ended at 7:55 p.m.


Carolyn Santee
Borough Manager