

2022 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street on December 13, 2022, at 6:59 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 this evening to discuss legal and personnel matters of the Street and Police Departments.

This public meeting was advertised in the Times Leader legal section. All minutes, correspondence, bills, and reports were made available for inspection.

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

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

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

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

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Ameika to accept the resignation of Matthew Cianfichi from the Duryea Police Department. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Shupp to appoint the following part-time police officers for the month of January 2022, as necessary for the general welfare, health, and safety of the public:

Giles, Wall. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Ameika to appoint Therese Wruble as the Taz Collector for tax collection in 2023. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Ameika, second by Brudzinski to table the motion to adopt the proposed 2023 budget. Roll call (7) yes. Special meeting will be held at a later date.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Zinkavich accept that all council meetings are to be held on the second Tuesday of each month in 2023. Work session to begin at 6:30 p.m., immediately followed by the council meeting. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Rowlands to ratify the hiring of Brian Stepanovich as a part-time laborer for the Duryea Street Department as of December 7, 2022. Roll call (7) yes.

No snow plow bids were received; motion was not voted on.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Zinkavich to promote Tyler Szumski to full-time Laborer/CDL Driver for the Duryea Street Department, as of January 1, 2023. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Zinkavich to approve Resolution 2022-16, which sets the new prices for garbage fees for 2023. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Brudzinski to make a one-time contribution to Excelsior Hose Company and Germania Hose Company in the amount of \$2,750 each, from the ARPA Fund. Roll call (7) yes.

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Public Comment:

- Mary Margavage questioned if new street lights would be installed with the new sidewalks; grant only contains sidewalks
- Nick Radle wishes all a Merry Christmas. Suggested installing new sidewalks along York Ave since it is currently under construction.
- Jim Gromelski wished all a happy holiday.
- Allison Brudzinski thanked all involved in planning/working the Christmas Stroll; congratulations to Tyler Szumski on his promotion; happy holidays to all.
- Stephanie Shupp thanked all for the help with the Christmas Stroll; thanked Danny Nicheporchek and Bob Webb for their help to set up the Stroll; happy holidays.
- John Rowlands congratulations to Tyler Szumski; happy holidays.
- Ed Ameika thanked all the familiar faces for coming to meetings with feedback throughout the year; Merry Christmas and God bless.
- Jeanne Zinkavich congratulations to Tyler Szumski; thanks to all for the help with the Stroll; Merry Christmas.
- Jef Bauman noted an update from Pittston City regarding the Home Rehab grant, obtaining \$750,000 more for the program; congratulations to council on working diligently on the 2023 budget; congratulations to Tyler Szumski, and thanks to CareerLink for offering the program for Tyler; mentioned the many compliments received on the larger Christmas tree and thanks to the Street Department for their work on it; Merry Christmas.
- Mike McGlynn questioned if the Gene Guarilia sign had been authorized and ordered (to be done this week); questioned why council voted to go outside Duryea to appoint a new tax collector.
- Justin Tonte thanked all for the Christmas Stroll; congratulations Tyler Szumski; thanked all for the help with the budget; shout out to My Sister's Kitchen for the many years of service to Duryea residents/requested that all continue to support them in their last month in the borough; happy holidays.
- Robert Webb requested a thank you letter be sent to Taylor DPW for always lending equipment and a helping hand in getting it here.

With no further business to transact, the council entertained a motion to adjourn. First by Ameika, second by Rowlands to adjourn at 7:13 P.M.



Carolyn Santee
Borough Manager