

2021 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street on December 14, 2021, at 6:56 p.m. with Council President Jeffrey Bauman, presiding.

After a pledge to the flag, a roll call was taken: (6) council members present; McGlynn absent. Mayor Moss was in attendance. With a quorum present, the meeting continued.

Council met in executive session this evening to discuss personnel matters in the Street Department and legal matters regarding real estate property.

This public meeting was advertised in the Times Leader legal section.

Discussion regarding the separation of cardboard and paper recycling. No changes as of this meeting.

Discussion regarding the utilization of ARPA funds was moved to the January meeting.

Discussion regarding the possible sale of the Police Department 2013 Charger on the Municibid website. This will be advertised asap since the car is not being used by the Police Department currently.

Discussion regarding the advertisement for the RFP for Mitchell Street since the property in question has been sold. A possible meeting to be set with the new owner.

Discussion regarding parking along the intersection of Foote and York Ave. A letter will be sent to Penn DOT notifying that council would like a study to be done to alleviate line of sight issues in that area.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Ameika to accept the minutes as posted. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Ameika, second by Rowlands that all correspondence be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll Call (6) yes.

Motion by Brudzinski, second by Tonte that all bills, wages, salaries, and commissions be paid when funds are available. Roll Call (6) 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 (6) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Tonte that all reports be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll Call (6) yes.

Motion by Ameika, second by Tonte 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:

Malvizzi, Wall. Roll Call (6) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Ameika to adopt the proposed 2022 budget. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Brudzinski, second by Rowlands to approve Ordinance 2021-2 which amends 2020-1, making changes to the refuse ordinance with the process that garbage stickers are sold. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Tonte to adopt Ordinance 2021-3, which sets the taxation rate to 1.9 mils for the calendar year 2022. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Ameika, second by Gromelski to appoint Michael Lombardo to the Civil Service Commission, term to expire December 31, 2027. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Ameika, second by Brudzinski to advertise the revised Request For Proposal (RFP) regarding the alleviation of storm water on Mitchell and Grove Streets. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Ameika to accept that all council meetings are to be held on the second Tuesday of each month in 2022, with the exception of election day in November. Work session to begin at 6:30 P.M., immediately followed by the council meeting. Roll call (6) yes.

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Motion by Rowlands, second by Tonte reimburse Chittenden Street residents for the robotic mower that was taken with trash, in the amount of \$809.14. Roll call (6) yes.

No motion for snowplow bids; no bids received.

Motion by Ameika, second by Rowlands to appoint Mark Margavage as a parttime mechanic, at the rate of \$20.00 per hour for the Duryea Street Department. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Bauman to approve Resolution 2021-5 regarding a Local Share Account Grant for a building addition project for Excelsior Hose Company, in the amount of \$559,077. Roll call (6) yes. This motion overrides Resolution 2021-3, which was in the amount of half the cost of the project (\$250,000). Gromelski requests an audit to be performed to make sure all procedures are followed completely.

Motion by Brudzinski, second by Ameika to place a handicap sign at 207 Lackawanna Ave. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Ameika, second by Rowlands to hire Tyler Brody as a part-time Street Department Laborer with the starting rate of \$14.75 per hour, not to exceed 32 hours. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Gromelski to accept the resignation of Robert Walling from the Duryea Street Department. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Bauman, second by Rowlands to add a motion for the hiring of a per diem employee in the event there are no bargaining agreement employees available, at a rate of \$20 per hour. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Ameika to hire Ralph Kettle as a per diem employee in the event there are no bargaining agreement employees available, at a rate of \$20 per hour. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Ameika to add a motion to approve Resolution 2021-3 in recognition of the Council and Mayoral Service of Mayor Keith Moss in Duryea Borough. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Ameika, second by Gromelski to approve Resolution 2021-3 in recognition of the Council and Mayoral Service of Mayor Keith Moss in Duryea Borough. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Ameika to add a motion to approve Resolution 2021-4 in recognition of the Council Service of Councilman Michael McGlynn in Duryea Borough. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Ameika to approve Resolution 2021-4 in recognition of the Council Service of Councilman Michael McGlynn in Duryea Borough. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Ameika to add a motion to change the name of Miners Court to Keith A. Moss Way in recognition of his dedicated public service to the Borough of Duryea. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Ameika to change the name of Miners Court to Keith A. Moss Way in recognition of his dedicated public service to the Borough of Duryea. Roll call (6) yes.

Public Comment:

- Nick Radle questioned if the RFP will be advertised. To be advertised the following Sunday.
- Jim Gromelski wished all a Merry Christmas and for thoughts/prayers for resident Gary Halagarda due to medical procedure recently.

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- Justin Tonte, John Rowlands, Allison Brudzinski wish all a happy holiday and thanks and well wishes to Keith Moss and Mike McGlynn.
- Jef Bauman enjoyed his time serving on council listening to residents and council keeping the borough moving in the right direction. Good luck to new council and thanked Mayor Moss for being a mentor.
- Keith Moss Community Calendar
 - Excelsior Hose Co. – Santa will go around on the firetruck 12/18 5pm-9pmWished Jef Bauman luck in his new position as Mayor and thanked everyone for well wishes.
- Ed Ameika wished Jef Bauman luck in his new position and stated that he has been the best council president during Ed's time serving the borough.

With no further business to transact, the chair entertained a motion to adjourn. First by Rowlands, second by Gromelski to adjourn at 8:01 P.M.



Carolyn Santee
Borough Manager