

## 2026 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street, Duryea on February 10, 2026, at 6:45 p.m. with Council President, Stephanie Shupp presiding. After a pledge to the flag, a roll call was taken: (7) council members present. Mayor Moss was in attendance. With a quorum present, the meeting continued. Council met at an executive session on February 5<sup>th</sup> and again this evening to discuss paid firefighters and legal matters of the borough. All minutes, correspondence, bills, and reports were made available for inspection.

### **Department Head Reports/Council Comments**

- Robert Webb discussed the 125 Committee – suggested that the information be added to the FB page, website and sign. He worked with Gino Marriggi on the gaming permit ordinance to be sent to Bill Watt. The 125 event is the same day as the Smoked in the Valley at the VFW.
- Dan Nicheporchek spoke about cost of the replacement of the CNG quick fill pump will (in the millions). He is looking at costs for a slow fill and getting 4 Love's cards for fuel. A new pump could get in the way of a new salt shed.
- Allison Brudzinski –
  - Small water/sewer grant awarded in the amount of \$278,000; thanked Mr. Radle and all who worked on it.
  - Neighborhood Works helps with residential properties; work with boroughs but transition with management of projects; will have another call upcoming.
  - Met with Hailstone to discuss 2026 focus; will need to meet with Carolyn Santee to discuss DCNR.
  - Keith Moss questioned if there are any easements granted for small water & sewer grants yet - no.

### **Old Business**

- Kokinda Drive
  - Mike McGlynn questioned what the intentions should be for adoption to help residents on that road; asked Bill Watt to look into a legal way to adopt even though it doesn't meet specs; Bill will talk with Mike Amato; Connie Kokinda provided a map; Robert Webb is to look into the location of the sewers; Joe Neutts questioned the specs for a cul-de-sac.
- Gino Marriggi – thanked all for the resolution for the liquor license transfer; questioned Danny about where he is with the salt shed repair.

- Parking Ordinance
  - Joe Neutts questioned what the ordinance covers
  - Bobby Webb discussed its contents
  - Kevin Chromey suggested putting notes on cars parking the wrong way and noted that there are parking issues near the pharmacy and Stephenson Street
- Committees were appointed by Stephanie Shupp
  - Jeff Hoover & Jim Gromelski to the purchasing committee
  - Trina Moss to the grants committee (McGlynn recently removed himself).
- Animal Ordinance – two proposed ordinances
  - Stephanie Shupp requested that everyone review the ordinances.
  - Bobby Webb discussed the contents of the ordinance and will draft one for the next meeting
  - Keith Moss questioned if the number of animals are limited.

### **New Business**

- Huckleberry - discussion on roads that need paving with Liquid Fuels
- The garage on Clark Road was questioned regarding the number of vehicles parked on and near the property; Carolyn Santee will contact the county.
- Correct last month's minutes – Mike McGlynn is opposed to RV/boat parking being limited on streets.

### **Meeting**

Motion by McGlynn, second by Marriggi to accept the minutes, with revision by McGlynn. Roll call (7) yes.

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

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

Motion by Gromelski, second by Tonte to approve payment of bills that were paid after the last meeting, but before the approval of bills for this meeting. Roll call (7) yes.

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

Motion by Brudzinski, second by Tonte to appoint following part-time police officers for the month of March 2026, as necessary for the general welfare, health, and safety to the public: Giles, Wall, Anderson. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Marriggi, second by Gromelski to release Anissa Akulonis from her 2025 tax duplicate and to authorize Therese Wruble to collect 2026 Property Tax, term to expire January 1, 2028. Roll call (7) yes

Motion by McGlynn, second by Brudzinski to authorize the upgrade of the police vehicles being purchased utilizing LSA funds with the additional amount from general fund at \$14,034.48. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Brudzinski, second by Marriggi to authorize the solicitor to advertise the proposed parking ordinance. Roll call (7) yes

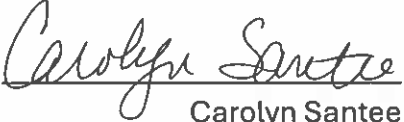
### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Kevin Chromey –
  - thanked Miss Dessoie and Mr. Wall for helping him at his home recently
  - asked where council is with renaming Shaft Street to Winn Ave; Solicitor Watt noted that residents would need to change their address with this request
  - questioned PA having license plates on the front of cars
  - questioned the Trombly property on Swetland Street, with equipment being stored on the roadway
  - suggested a wall of fame for the borough employees and fire departments
  - noted that 707 Main Street looks like a junkyard
  - with the police giving out parking tickets, questioned if that will apply to those parked at the church
  - questioned if the borough still participates in the regional compost and if we could use the Swamp Road property for our own compost area
  - when do the budget meetings start
  - noted that lower Stephenson Street should be paved
  - suggested erecting a pole barn at the ambulance building for equipment
- Karen Sobeski
  - suggested advertising for the 125 Anniversary of the borough
  - questioned the large vehicles parked on Lackawanna Ave
  - questioned the Yuhas building – Brudzinski noted that a meeting was had with a developer and another is upcoming.
- Jeanne Zinkavich
  - requested an update on the property located at 301 Main Street; the owner picked up the requested paperwork in December and Solicitor Watt will work on sending a notice to Kapish
  - noted that the Penn DOT plow truck left 4 feet of snow on Hooven Street.
- Bert Welling requested a feasibility study at the flashing light at the intersection of Clark Road and Foote Ave.

### **CLOSING COMMENTS:**

- Jim Gromelski, Justin Tonte, and Allison Brudzinski thanked everyone for their hard work with the snow storm.
- Allison Brudzinski again suggested that the work session be restored on a different day than the council meetings.
- Justin Tonte congratulated Chief Lohman on 25 years of service.
- Gino Marriggi announced that he will attend the regional compost meeting in March.
- Jeff Hoover announced that the post office recently entered into a 5 year lease agreement with the VFW.
- Trina Moss
  - announced that the Betterment Committee is now part of the Luzerne Foundation as a 501c3
  - noted that the Smoke in the Valley event is on the same day as the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration
  - Ketih Moss has been appointed to the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority
  - March 15<sup>th</sup> is the Spring Market
  - Noted the Chief's 25-year anniversary this week
- Gino Marriggi questioned the lack of a police officer at the meeting.

With no further business to discuss, council entertained a motion to adjourn. First by McGlynn, second by Marriggi. The meeting ended at 8:02 p.m.

  
Carolyn Santee  
Borough Manager