

2025 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street, Duryea on February 11, 2025, at 6:40 p.m. with Council Vice-President, Michael McGlynn presiding. After a pledge to the flag, a roll call was taken: (6) council members present; Shupp absent. Mayor Bauman was in attendance. With a quorum present, the meeting continued. Council met in executive session this evening to discuss legal matters regarding the acquisition of property and personnel matters of street department. 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.

Department Head reports

- Chief Lohman stated that the new vehicle is almost ready for delivery; noted concern with the YMS of R development at 268 Main Street.
- Jeff Pisanchyn discussed a 100 block of Main Street property that has failed inspection but continues to be under construction.
- Robert Webb noted that his report was included in the packet.
- Carolyn Santee noted that the slide for Community Park has arrived, waiting on scheduling; update from LCFPA regarding the levee project – McGlynn not in favor of current design without a flood wall- requesting design changed now to include the bridge.
- Danny Nicheporchek thanked council for the building repair; salt is becoming unavailable, Duryea used all that was ordered; Marriggi suggested only salting bus route and hills from here on out; McGlynn suggested contacting JVA to buy directly.
- Keith Moss noted that Ed Faulent should be listed as a part of the Emergency Services Committee (omitted in January 14th minutes).

Old Business

- Safety Committee – Robert Webb stated that members have been working on certification; first meeting to be held in March.

New Business

- Liquid Fuels paving project – Robert Webb suggested contacting the water company to clarify if they'll be paving Holiday (side street) and York Ave after the recent water line was placed.
- Other streets mentioned for paving: Shaft, Washington, White, Holiday, Blueberry entrance, Blackberry.
- LSA grant
 - Opens July 1, closes September 30.
 - McGlynn suggested everyone bring ideas to the next meeting

- Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority – design process is still underway, trying to include the bridge; will have an update next month.

Council

- Gromelski stated that the next compost meeting will be held on the first Thursday in March.
- Brudzinski noted that she reached out to Sara Hailstone recently to discuss grants.
- Marriggi thanked the street department for work with the recent snowstorms.
- Zinkavich discussed the Guarilia sign to be placed on Main Street:
 - Communicating with WB CTC about the back drop, placement of sign, the horticultural department would like to help out after the sign is placed.
 - Trina Moss stated that we could get small trees for the area through Penn State.
 - McGlynn suggested a brick structure.

Meeting

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

Motion by Marriggi, second by Zinkavich that all correspondence be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll call (6) yes.

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

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

Motion by Marriggi, second by Zinkavich to appoint following part-time police officers for the month of March 2025, as necessary for the general welfare, health, and safety to the public: Giles, Wall, Harris. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Tonte to authorize the engineer to put out streets for paving utilizing the 2023-2024 CDBG funds (Bennett, Lincoln, Meyer, Grove). Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Tonte, second by Marriggi to approve payment for the Germania Remodel Local Share Account grant in the amount of \$82,620 once reimbursement from DCED is received. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Marriggi, second by Zinkavich to obtain cost estimates from engineers for the following streets for the 2025 Liquid Fuels Paving project: Washington, Shaft, York (side street), White. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Zinkavich to turn the 2018 Ford Interceptor SUV over to the Duryea Fire Police (borough retains ownership with vehicle on borough insurance policy). Roll call (6) yes.

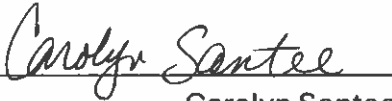
PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Ed Ameika, representing the American Legion, requests permission to buy and donate a new, all weather, large flag for the front of the borough building; McGlynn stated that the flagpole is broken and will check on the size that could be hung; Robert Webb will repair the flagpole with the fire department once the weather breaks.
- Nick Radle stated that the Small Water and Sewer Grant is open from 2/3/25-4/30/25; it requires a 15% match which could be taken from the WVSA savings account; suggests requesting additional funds from WVSA if more funding is needed; willing to write the grant for the borough; Bauman suggested obtaining a letter of support from WVSA; McGlynn requested the cost of the project.
- Danny Nicheporchek brought up recent issues with a resident on little Brown Street; requests the solicitor send a notice about the need for snow plowing on the street.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

- Zinkavich thanked the street department for doing a good job with recent weather.
- Bauman thanked Robert Webb for work with the Safety Committee; thanked Brudzinski for collaborating with Pittston City to work on grants; congratulated Chief Lohman on his upcoming 24th anniversary and presented a certificate for his service.
- McGlynn noted that there have been resident complaints about idling trucks near Copart in the early morning hours; Lohman suggested no idling signage; Bauman stated that he could coordinate a meeting with Copart to discuss issues.

With no further business to discuss, council entertained a motion to adjourn. First by Zinkavich, second by Marrigi. Meeting ended at 7:48 p.m.



Carolyn Santee
Borough Manager