

2023 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street on February,14, 2023, at 7:02 p.m. with Council President, Justin Tonte, presiding.

Therese Wruble was sworn in as the Tax collector by Mayor Bauman. Mayor Bauman introduced and welcomed Carina Fortini as new Borough Secretary.

After a pledge to the flag, a roll call was taken: (6) council members present; Ameika absent. 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 fire department. This public meeting was advertised in the Times Leader legal section. All minutes, correspondence, bills, and reports were made available for inspection.

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

Motion by Gromelski , second by Rowlands that all correspondence be accepted, action be take where necessary and placed on file. Roll call (6) yes.

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

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

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Rowlands to appoint the following part-time police officers for the month of March 2023, as necessary for the general welfare, health, and safety of the public: Giles, Wall. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Shupp to amend minutes from the March 8, 2022, meeting to reflect that Bruce Moluski was sworn in and to correct the votes by council members. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Zinkavich to hire Jenniifer Anderson as a part-time police officer for the Duryea Borough to be called as needed, provided she successfully pass the full background check process and all other Borough and M.P.O.E.T.C requirements for newly hired police officers. Officer will be subject to the six-month probationary period for part time officers. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Shupp to place an additional handicap sign in front of 222 Dickson Street for additional handicap parking space. Motion was tabled. Waiting for further information.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Shupp to approve Resolution 2023-4, which approves additional municipalities to be added to the North East Pennsylvania Land Bank Authority. Roll Call (6) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Zinkavich to amend and correct Resolution 2023-3, appointing Therese Wruble as the tax collector for the Borough of Duryea until the first Monday in January 2024. Roll call (6) yes.

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Public Comment:

- Mayor Bauman suggested Railroad Street, Cherry Street and Evans Street for paving; Shupp clarified that there is not enough funding for all suggested streets.
- Further discussion was had regarding handicap sign on Dickson Street. Council has more questions for the resident, along with a more complete application, before making a decision.
- Nick Radle requested an update on the storm water application; Shupp replied that we are still waiting for answers.
- Keith Moss stated that the dike pump was in and ready to be picked up. Questioned cushions for council seats; Shupp concerned about cleaning the materials.
- Jim Gromelski appreciates everyone coming out for the meeting; Condolences to Carolyn and Allison for their recent loss.
- Stephanie Shupp – Happy Valentines Day
- Mayor Bauman announced spring market at Germania March 19th at 12p.m. He mentioned good feedback from first responders and residents that the new street signs are very visible; Mr. Moss stated that we should be purchasing the lions club signs instead of the green signs. Mayor Bauman discussed trailers and non-motor vehicles being park on the street; Mr. Moss stated that it was discussed at an ordinance in previous years. Robert Webb will check for ordinances. Welcomed Carina as Secretary and condolences to Carolyn for her loss.
- Tonte welcomed Carina aboard.



Carina Fortini
Borough Secretary