a regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street on February 8, 2022, at 7:09 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 on February 1, 2022, to discuss legal aspects of ARPA funding and again this evening to discuss 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.

A discussion was had regarding the open position for the Emergency Management Coordinator. Currently Keith Moss holds the position and Mayor Jeffrey Bauman has an interest in the position.

A discussion was had regarding the O&M agreement with AutoECMS. Council and Solicitor have no objection to this request.

A discussion was had regarding a change in the recycling pickup schedule. Street Supervisor, Paul Harrison, recommended changes to make it more feasible to pick up.

A discussion was had regarding the items needed for the sale of the 2013 Doge Charger on the Municibid website.

Justin Tonte commented on the citations that were recently issued after an ice storm. He asked that residents please abide by the ordinance and call Code Officer Webb to discuss having the citation removed.

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

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

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

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

 Malvizzi, Giles, Wall. Roll Call (7) yes.

 No proposals were presented for the Mitchell Street drainage project.

 No motion to accepts proposals for the Mitchell Street drainage project.

 Motion by Rowlands, second by Gromelski to rescind the motion from the January 11, 2022, meeting to accept the resignation of Robert Walling from the Duryea Street Department.

 No motion to appoint an alternate member of the Civil Service Commission; the position will be re-advertised.

 Motion by Ameika, second by Shupp to place a handicap sign at 616 Hooven Street. Roll call (7) yes.

 Motion by Brudzinski, second by Rowlands to place a handicap sign at 137 Stephenson Street. Roll call (7) yes.

 Motion by Gromelski, second by Shupp to appoint Keith Moss as the Emergency Management Coordinator. Roll call (7) yes.

 Motion by Rowlands, second by Ameika to approve the O&M Agreement with Auto ECM. Roll call (7) yes.

 Motion by Ameika, second by Zinkavich to authorize the execution of an Agreement of Sale for property located at 404-406 Main Street, Duryea, PA, subject to a final review and approval of the solicitor. Roll call (7) yes.

 Motion by Ameika, second by Gromelski to appoint Stephanie Shupp and Jeanne Zinkavich to the purchasing committee for Duryea Borough. Roll call (7) yes.

 Motion to put the 2013 Dodge Charger on the Municibid website was tabled; the Chief will work on getting a fair market value of the vehicle.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Ameika to amend the agenda by adding a motion to extend the probationary period of employee #83 for a period of 90 days with, the understanding that the probationary period may be terminated early by action of council, after consultation with management. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Zinkavich to extend the probationary period of employee #83 for a period of 90 days with, the understanding that the probationary period may be terminated early by action of council, after consultation with management. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Zinkavich to amend the agenda by adding a motion to revise and amend the current recycling collection schedule, consistent with the recommendation of the Street Department (co-mingled to be picked up one week over a two-day period; mixed paper to be picked up the opposite week over a two-day period). Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Shupp to revise and amend the current recycling collection schedule, consistent with the recommendation of the Street Department (co-mingled to be picked up one week over a two-day period; mixed paper to be picked up the opposite week over a two-day period). Roll call (7) yes.

**Public Comment:**

* Nick Radle questioned where council will go with the Mitchell Street drainage project now that there were no proposals turned in. Council and Solicitor discussed the fact that the RFP was written by Mr. Radle, and he explained there was nothing definitive in the plan. Mr. Radle requested that the engineer be brought in to see the property with water and have a follow up discussion. Mayor Bauman suggested that the ARPA funds can be utilized for such a project.
* Jonathan Manganiello, a Blueberry Hills resident, questioned the recent citations for snow and ice removal in his neighborhood. Solicitor Watt explained that if residents remedy the situation, a citation is withdrawn. The abatement period is listed on the citation. Residents were instructed to remedy the situation and call Code Officer Webb to discuss the withdrawal of the citation.
* Mary Margavage questioned where we stand with the Civil Defense truck. Manager Santee stated that nothing is happening currently. Ms. Margavage questioned where council is with a new street department building. Solicitor Watt stated that they are in a legal process with a land purchase. Ms. Margavage questioned how many people have not purchased a 2021 garbage sticker? Mr. Webb stated that there are approximately 22 left and in the court system. Ms. Margavage questioned if residents will be cited for trash piling since the street department is currently leaving behind unpaid garbage. Mr. Webb will be going around next week with notices.
* Wendy Brown questioned the abatement period for the ice removal since the citation did not have a specific time. She questioned why that particular neighborhood was targeted when there are usually no issues. Code Officer Webb stated that he starts in a different section of town each day.
* Mayor Bauman went over the Community Calendar:
	+ American Legion having a food sale on Sunday; orders must be called in by Friday.
	+ Requested that council discuss the spending of liquid fuels sooner this year.
	+ Questioned the specs of the Stephenson Street sidewalks surrounding the railroad. Manager Santee stated that the specs came directly from Penn DOT.
	+ Received compliments on the Police Department from residents.

With no further business to transact, the chair entertained a motion to adjourn. First by Rowlands, second by Ameika to adjourn at 8:14 P.M.

Carolyn Santee

Borough Manager