

## 2022 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street on January 10, 2023, at 7:01 p.m. with Council President, Justin Tonte, presiding.

After a pledge to the flag, proclamations were announced by Mayor Bauman for the following:

- To honor Gina Altieri and Janet Russo to congratulate My Sister's Kitchen for their years of success.
- To honor Mr. Thomas Kokinda on the occasion of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

a roll call was taken: (6) council members present; Zinkavich absent. Mayor Bauman was in attendance. With a quorum present, the meeting continued.

Council met in executive session this evening to discuss legal and personnel matters of the Administrative 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 Rowlands, second by Ameika to accept the minutes as posted. Roll call (6) yes.

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

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

Motion by Rowlands, second by Gromelski to appoint the following part-time police officers for the month of February 2023, as necessary for the general welfare, health, and safety of the public:

Giles, Wall. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Ameika, second by Rowlands to approve Resolution 2023-1, which sets the contribution rate of 0% for the Police Pension Fund. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Rowlands to approve Resolution 2023-2, which authorizes an agreement between Duryea Borough and Pittston City to continue with the Home Investment Partnerships Program (Home Rehab). Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Ameika to appoint Therese Wrubel as the Tax Collector for the remainder of Martin Hanczyc's term, expiring December 31, 2025. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Ameika, second by Gromelski to release Bruce Moluski from his 2022 tax duplicate and authorize Therese Wrubel to collect the 2023 Property Tax. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Brudzinski, second by Rowlands to approve that FNCB be named as the depository for Duryea Borough Tax Collection. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Shupp, second by Brudzinski hire Carina Fortini as the full-time borough secretary, starting at \$17 per hour, subject to background check and approved by Solicitor. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Gromelski to appoint Danny Nicheporchek as the representative for the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority. Roll call (6) yes.

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Motion by Rowlands, second by Gromelski to table an additional handicap placard in front of 222 Dickson Street for additional resident. This will create three (3) handicap signs in front of a duplex. The area should be assessed to see if it is suitable for three (3) separate parking spaces.

### Public Comment:

- K. Moss questioned where the borough is with ordinance to camera sewer lines on houses going up for sale. Solicitor Watt is collecting ordinances for a final draft; questioned if cushions would be purchased for the benches in council chambers – not approved.
- Lois Komensky presented photos and a map to show that there is not enough room for residents to walk along Foote Ave going in front of Healey Playground; requested that the merry-g-round be replaced; requested new mallets for the xylophones in each park.
- Tony Zuchinski questioned the garbage sticker process since he is not in need of the required 55 stickers per year, explained that it's an annual fee and that is the amount of stickers that come along with it.
- Mike McGlynn questioned why the new tax collector was appointed for three (3) years instead of one (1) – this is how it was presented by the tax claim office; questioned why the bank will also change for the real estate account – this is up to the tax collector.
- Mr. Gromelski looking forward to prosperous year with more police officers and future projects.
- Ms. Brudzinski and Mrs. Shupp congratulated those who were celebrated with a proclamation; thanks to My Sister's Kitchen and happy birthday to Mr. Kokinda; Ms. Shupp stated that the merry-go-round will be replaced with another ride, possibly with a handicap ride; stated a grant is in the process
- Mr. Rowlands, Mr. Ameika and Mr. Tonte congratulated My Sister's Kitchen and Mr. Kokinda; Mr. Ameika thanks all residents for continued participation in monthly meetings.
- Mayor Bauman stated that the codification process for ordinances is in the works and would like to help if needed; suggested council start the process for paving with the liquid fuels funds.

With no further business to transact, the council entertained a motion to adjourn. First by Ameika, second by Rowlands to adjourn at 7:33 P.M.



Carolyn Santee  
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