

2026 REGULAR MEETING

Swearing in of Edward Amieka as a member of the Civil Service Commission.

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street, Duryea on January 13, 2026, at 6:31 p.m. with Council President, Stephanie Shupp presiding. After a pledge to the flag, a roll call was taken: (7) council members present; Mayor Trina Moss was in attendance. With a quorum present, the meeting continued. Council met at an executive session this evening to discuss personnel matters of the Street Department. All minutes, correspondence, bills, and reports were made available for inspection.

Department Head Reports/Council Comments

- Chief Lohman – noted that new cubicles and furniture were set up in the Police Department; CPR certification class was being held 1/13/26.
- Jeff Pisanchyn reported that contractors have been buying local properties to flip.
- Robert Webb stated that there are gaming permits outstanding since the last budget meeting –will send citations; working on updating the gaming ordinance; will add a fine for sticker removal, adding extra machines, and late payments; noted that there is a vacancy on the Safety Committee Board; Trina Moss will replace Jef Bauman; 125th anniversary committee needs more volunteers; Mike McGlynn suggested advertising on social media and the paper.
- Carolyn Santee thanked Trina, the Shupp boys and Bert Welling for their help with the garbage sticker packets.
- Allison Brudzinski – LSA awarded \$341K – congratulated and thanked all involved; meeting scheduled with Hailstone about upcoming grants 1/21, 12 – 1PM.; handicap stops on Stephenson St. sidewalk between the church & school are coming up and need repair, Pennsy to be notified; concerned with the monthly work session being removed in 2026 and having the executive session on the same day again; requests council revisit the separate work session since it was so productive.
- Mike McGlynn – questions how we prevent a data center coming to Duryea; borough to reach out to Luzerne County Zoning; Stephanie Shupp noted an upcoming meeting with Dan Reese from Luzerne County Zoning.
- Gino Mariggi - asked the chief about AED training.

Old Business

- Kokinda Drive – Mike McGlynn suggested taking it over and paving it without Liquid Fuels funds; Keith Moss suggested taking it over with the Sewer Authority; Mike Amato will be requested to do a survey .

- Parking Ordinance – Mike McGlynn, Justin Tonte suggested adding a few items to the proposed ordinance; McGlynn is not in favor of rv's/boats being included in the ordinance; Stephanie Shupp suggested it be sent to Bob Webb for review.

New Business

- New Street road cracks and deterioration for a couple of years; Jim Gromelski stated that the width of the road is cracked from 521 New Street, cracked from catch basins on both sides, 608 sidewalk is buckled, utility shut off sticking out of roadway. Cracks are from 603-607. Mike Amato to get assessment regarding issues.
- Liquor license transfer – call Luzerne County for specs on this type of business.

Meeting

Motion by Gromelski, second by Marriggi to accept the minutes as posted. 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 Marriggi second by McGlynn that all bills, wages, salaries, and commissions be paid when funds are available. Roll call (7) yes.

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

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

Motion by McGlynn, second by Marriggi to authorize the engineer to put the Borough Roof Project out to bid, utilizing Statewide LSA funds. Roll call (7) yes.

Reading of the furnace bids for the American Legion Upgrade Project, utilizing County LSA funds: Healey Plumbing and Heating - \$14,500, Frank Moran HVAC - \$15,000, Can Am Plumbing and Heating - \$19,400.

Motion by Marriggi, second by Brudzinski to award the furnace portion of the American Legion Upgrade utilizing County LSA funds to Joe Healey Plumbing and Heating. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Brudzinski to approve the Emergency Action Plan updated by Keith Moss, Emergency Management Coordinator. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Tonte to approve Resolution 2026-1 which sets the Contribution Rate of 0% for the Police pension Fund. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Brudzinski to approve Resolution 2026-2 which appoints the representatives of the Greater Pittston Regional Compost Commission (with

the change of Marriggi as the representative and Gromelski as the alternate). Roll call (7) yes.


Motion by Marriggi, second by Brudzinski to appoint Therese Wrubel to collect the 2026 Duryea Borough Property, County and School Taxes, term to expire January 1, 2028.. Roll call (7) yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Nick Radle submitted a summary transition of the Yuhas building into a parking lot; noted that this would benefit all businesses in that area of Main Street while also beautifying the area; discussed the demo quote that was submitted recently for removal of the asbestos siding.
- Mary Margavage discussed an update received from Pittston City regarding the completion of recent projects; questioned where the borough stands on the cleanup of the Kapish property at 301 Main Street; Shupp questioned code enforcer, Robert Webb as to where he is at with citing the property owner; questioned the plans for the Yuhas property at 400 Main Street – Shupp noted that council has received estimates for demo but does not have a plan in place yet.
- Ed Ameika questioned the American Legion having to pay for gaming permits; he stated that he has researched and found that non-profits should not be charged for gaming permits; Robert Webb and Gino Marriggi are working on changes to this ordinance.
- Keith Moss thanked Allison Brudzinski for her comments on the work session – Trina Moss noted that it should have been voted on in January; is not in agreement with a parking lot at the Yuhas property, Brudzinski noted that council is working towards a plan with a developer.

NO CLOSING COMMENTS:

With no further business to discuss, council entertained a motion to adjourn. First by Marriggi, second by Brudzinski. The meeting ended at 7:39 p.m.


Carolyn Santee
Borough Manager