

## 2025 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street, Duryea on January 14, 2025, at 6:35 p.m. with Council President, Stephanie Shupp 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 this evening to discuss personnel matters of police and street departments, along with legal matters. 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**

- Robert Webb submitted a yearly report for the packet.
- Chief Lohman stated that the new vehicle has been ordered and should be ready within a month.

### **Council Comments**

- Mike McGlynn questioned the plow on the Facilities Supervisor's truck; Mark Margavage – will take a couple days to repair and suggest not putting any more money into it; also suggested keeping it for the street department if a police vehicle will be used in the future of the code enforcement; Mr. Webb also mentioned that the truck needs motor mounts.
- Council welcomed Ann Marie Mullin as secretary for the borough.
- Jef Bauman stated that residents are looking to help with the revitalization of Swamp Road

### **Old Business**

- Work session minutes were read by the manager.

### **New Business**

- Stephanie Shupp stated that the Emergency Services Committee will be made up of Jim Gromelski, Gino Marriggi, Keith Moss, Jeff Hughes, Joe Korea, Jack Zabrovian and Roberta Welling.

### **Meeting**

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

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

Motion by Tonte, second by Brudzinski that all bills, wages, salaries, and commissions be paid when funds are available. Roll call (7) yes.

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

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Gromelski to accept the resignation of Patrolman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Harris as a full-time officer from the Duryea Police Department as of February 4, 2025, to remain on as a part-time Patrolman, with no guarantee of hours. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Marriggi, second by Zinkavich to appoint following part-time police officers for the month of February 2025, as necessary for the general welfare, health, and safety to the public: Giles, Wall, Harris. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Brudzinski to place a handicap sign at 411 New Street. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Brudzinski to hire Hailstone Group for their comprehensive grant writing and grant administration services for any grant opportunities the borough would like to pursue. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Marriggi, second by Tonte to approve seasonal employee, Jeff Hughes at the CDL rate of pay with the existing Collective Bargaining Agreement (\$24.50 per hour), with no guarantee of hours. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Tonte to approve per diem employee, Mike Wall at \$20 per hour, with no guarantee of hours Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Zinkavich release Anissa Akulonis from her 2024 tax duplicate and authorize her to collect the 2025 property tax. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Brudzinski, second by McGlynn to approve Resolution 2025-1, which sets the Contribution Rate of 0% for the Police Pension Fund. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Brudzinski, second by Zinkavich to approve Resolution 2025-2, which appoints the representatives of the Greater Pittston Regional Compost Commission. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Marriggi, second by Zinkavich to approve the sale of the 2008 Ford Expedition Fire Police car to Tyler Szumski in the amount of \$400 (from recent correspondence). Roll call (7) yes.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**


- Nick Radle – requested the street department flip over the tree trunk on Marcy Ave from last year's storm since it is a safety hazard; discussed correspondence from November meeting regarding the tire recycling center on Clark Road and the hazards from the past regarding tires/urged council to get external professional advice before making decisions; discussed issues regarding the retention ponds on Coparts property.

- Ellen Scatena – questioned when the streetlights requested will be installed (corner of Brown and Stephenson)
- Dave Guarilia – discussed Mr. Gene Guarilia’s sign

**CLOSING COMMENTS:**

- Mike McGlynn – requested Solicitor Watt send notice to the railroad that the borough will be working on the downed tree since it is a potential danger.
- Jeanne Zinkavich stated that she and Mr. Marriggi attended Jim Haddock’s swearing in and that he has made himself available to discuss the need of Duryea Borough.
- Jef Bauman suggested forming a safety committee since there is a significant amount of savings on workers’ comp insurance.

With no further business to discuss, council entertained a motion to adjourn. First by Zinkavich, second by Gromelski. Meeting ended at 7:10 p.m.

  
Carolyn Santee  
Borough Manager