

2025 EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

A special meeting of the Duryea Borough Council and Emergency Services Committee was held at 315 Main Street, Duryea on January 26, 2025, at 2 pm regarding a discussion of part-time paid firefighters in the borough. President Stephanie Shupp was presiding. After a pledge to the flag, an attendance roll call was taken by Shupp: (5) council members present – Zinkavich, Gromelski, Shupp, Allison, McGlynn. This public meeting was advertised in the Times Leader.


An update was given on the Stephenson Street Bridge and the land acquisition of Cambell's Ledge. Fire hydrants were discussed: requests for new hydrants rejected; requests for flow dates for lines not received; requests to have flags put on hydrants; training hydrant at Germania.

Firefighter Driver proposal:

- \$17/17.50 per hour - \$36,400 for 40 hours per week
- Less hourly rate, hours can be extended
- One hour of overtime would result in ~\$3k OT for 6 months
- Hughestown budgeted 2% for OT
- No holidays
- Review call dates to see what days are busy
- 7a - 3p, 8a - 4p shifts
- Moosic – 1099 employees (independent contractor)
- Dupont uses app for hours which fire chief approves and sends to borough manager/invoices for services
- Have to add firefighters to payroll/workers comp (1099?)
- Need to have resolution/agreement to begin
- Pay schedule – hours, job description, schedule
- Monthly meetings – approve part time employees
- Fire police need essentials (safety grants)
- Truck with sign to shut down road (grant)
- Ballot question in November
- Subscription vs fire tax

- Dickson City ballot question - 3 years ago
- Put in tax, eliminate truck fund
- Truck fund ~12k; used to be ~35-40k
- App Greenwood uses?

Next meeting is on Sunday, February 23, 3035 at 2 pm.



Carolyn Santee, Borough Manager