

2024 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street on January 9, 2024, at 7:10 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 to discuss personnel matters of the street department and legal matters pertaining to land acquisition. 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.

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

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

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

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

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Tonte to appoint the following part-time police officers for the month of February 2024, as necessary for the general welfare, health, and safety of the public: Giles, Wall Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Marriggi, second by Zinkavich to authorize a temporary handicap sign to be placed in front of 312 Church Street (approved by all departments) Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Brudzinski to approve seasonal employee, Jeff Hughes at the CDL rate of pay with the existing Collective Bargaining Agreement (\$22.50/hour). Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Marriggi, second by Zinkavich to approve per diem employee, Mike Wall at \$20 per hour. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Marriggi to release Therese Wrubel from her 2023 tax duplicate and authorize Anissa Akulonis to collect the 2024 property tax. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Brudzinski to approve Resolution 2024-1, which sets the Contribution Rate of 0% for the Police Pension Fund.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Mary Margavage suggested that we need a building with the new vehicle being out in the winter and questioned the cost of the cameras for Healey playground.
- Keith Moss mentioned all the dike pumps are ready to go; he suggested putting an addition on existing building for trucks; Jack Zabrovian will be looking into a tanker to fuel pumps and borough trucks if needed; order rides for Healey playground with LSA


funds; reminded council of Dave Herron's interest in the Civil Defense truck; thanked street department for doing a good job with the recent snow storm.

- Joyce and Charles Salvo stated there was damage done to their property during the last snowstorm and hoping a smaller plow will alleviate the problem. New Street alley property continues to be dug up; hedges have been removed due to previous damage. Danny Nicheporchek replied that they are working on a smaller plow. Gino Marriggi stated that the resident at the end of the alley needs access, Danny will fix damage in spring.
- Tara Craig stated her mom lives at 519 ½ New Street and wants to make sure the alley continues to be plowed for her mom's safety during snow. Deed states that alley is 12 feet wide. Sidewalk from 519 was shoveled back into the alley recently.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

- Mike McGlynn requested current grants, award date and extension dates for new extensions, and old bank statements. Advised council to have roads inspected in the new section of Blueberry before adoption. Requests a look into costs of planning and zoning. He stated to residents to please maintain snow removal around fire hydrants; Keith Moss stated to also remove snow from drains as well.
- Jeanne Zinkavich sent extended condolences out to Ed Ameika and family. Thanks to the Street Department for snowstorm removal. The streetlight at the corner of Foote Ave and York is fixed.
- Stephanie Shupp mentioned that the Scam and Fraud prevention meeting will be held on January 25th, 2024, 6:30 pm at Holy Rosary. Thanks to the Street Department for the snowstorm work and congrats on the new truck. Happy law enforcement Day.
- Mayor Jeff Bauman appreciates storm water photos from Nick Radle. The List of grants is a good and idea will benefit all. He would like to know where ARPA funds were spent. He suggested getting the state involved in storm water mitigation for Foote Ave and Railroad Street. Questioned what the final balance was in the money market account at the end of 2023; will the audit reflect that amount? Nick Radle

With no further business to discuss, Council entertains a motion to adjourn. First by McGlynn, second by Gromelski. Meeting ended at 7:38 p.m.


Carolyn Santee
Borough Manager