

2023 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street on July 11th, 2023, at 6:45 p.m. with Council President, Justin Tonte 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 legal and personal matters of the Street and Police Departments. 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 Rowlands, second by Ameika to accept minutes as posted. Roll call (7) yes.

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

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

Motion by Rowlands, second by Ameika 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 Ameika, second by Shupp that all reports be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll call (7) yes.

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

Motion by Rowlands, second by Zinkavich to enter into a co-op agreement with Excelsior Hose Company for the 2022 LSA Grant for a building remodel. Roll call (7) yes,

Motion by Ameika, second by Brudzinski to enter a co-op agreement with Germania Hose Company for the 2022 LSA Grant for Scuba Team gear. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Ameika to approve payment to Pennsy Supply for CDBG Paving Project in the amount of \$476,894.27. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Ameika, second by Rowlands to rescind motion from June 2023 meeting to place a handicap sign at 211 Dickson Street (approved in error, as resident only has room for one sign. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Zinkavich to hire Kyle Sarfine as a part-time laborer for the Street Department, with the start date of August 14th, pending drug test and background check. Roll call (7) yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT :

- Paul Stevenson sends a personal invite out to council, staff, residents and other local officials to attend NEPA'S Day Downtown located in our Duryea Community Park on Saturday, July 29th, 12 – 8 p.m. Paul was excited to explain how the event is coming together with vendors, food trucks, kid's carnival, bands, talent, animals and much more. Parking will be at the VFW, Sacred Church and Germania with two shuttles provided by Pace transportation.
- Nick Radle asked if there was any update on WVSA funding for Mitchell Street. He is concerned with large amounts of rain in Copart lot will form a catch basin, he suggests to switch from retention to detention and for the borough to reach out to Mr. Nelson.
- Kevin Chromey questioned if the dike has been acceptable or certified and if lower Stepheson Street is being paved this year, Mayor Bauman explained that the road is not getting paved in 2023. Kevin also asked if Duryea owns Duryea Realty, Mo-Ritz and Yuhas properties; Carolyn replied we do not.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

- John Rowlands wished Mary Margavage a Happy Birthday.
- Ed Ameika thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
- Mayor Bauman announced Our Nativity of the Lord Church Picnic is this weekend July 29th 12-8p.m. Reminding everyone of the CEO daily lunches in the park and CEO food drive is on Thursdays. Announced great job to office staff with Audit and Allison Brudzinski for sending a letter to Copart.

With no further business to discuss, Council entertains a motion to adjourn. First by Ameika, second by Shupp. Meeting ended at 7:10 p.m.



Carolyn Santee
Borough Manager