

## 2021 REGULAR MEETING

A regular hybrid meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street and on the Zoom platform on July 13, 2021, at 7:34 p.m. with Council President Jeffrey Bauman, presiding.

After a pledge to the flag, a proclamation was presented by Mayor Keith Moss declaring Tuesday, July 13, 2021, to be named Lois Hanczyc day in recognition of her service to Duryea Borough. Roll call was taken: (7) council members present. Mayor Moss was in attendance. With a quorum present, the meeting continued.

Council met in executive session on June 29, 2021, and again this evening to discuss personnel matters of the Police Department and other legal matters regarding acquiring property.

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

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

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

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

Motion by Ameika, second by Brudzinski to appoint the following part-time police officers for the month of August 2021, as necessary for the general welfare, health, and safety of the public:

Dunn, Wall, Schlatter, Tamburello. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Rowlands to create two handicap/van accessible parking spots directly in front of the gates at Community Park. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Ameika, second by Rowlands place a handicap sign in front of 316 Church Street. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Brudzinski place a handicap sign in front of 105 Lackawanna Ave. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Tonte to appoint Prociak and Associates as the independent auditor for the annual DCED audit in 2022. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Ameika, second by McGlynn to promote Patrolman First Class Charles Swisher to the rank of Sergeant upon recommendation of the eligibility list from the Duryea Borough Civil Service Commission. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Bauman to authorize the engineer to get a cost estimate for the following streets for the CDBG Paving Project for 2022: upper Meyer Street, Hallstead Street, Parkcrest Drive, Grove Street (Meyer to Foote), Hillcrest Drive, Lackawanna Ave, Lincoln Street, Brown Street, Church Street, Bennett Street, Marcy Street (300 block and 400-900 block), New Brown Street (Brown Street to Weis), Stephenson Street (Main Street to bridge), Pond Street (New Street to Foote Ave), New Street (Pond Street to Stephenson Street). Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Bauman, second by Rowlands appoint James Kroptavich to the Duryea Borough Sewer Authority, term to expire December 31, 2025. Roll call (7) yes.

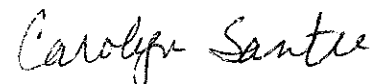
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### Public Comment:

- Rich Slatky questioned when the Railroad will be removing the RR ties lying along the tracks. Mayor Moss stated that some were removed, and he has contacted the RR to remove the remainder.
- Mr. Klobukowski questioned when a PPL pole will be removed from in front of his home at 551 Meyers Street. Resident has contacted PPL, along with Mayor. Information can be sent this week to PPL to question removal.
- Mary Margavage requested more speed limit signs be placed on York Ave; questioned if citations are being giving for high grass; suggests borough invest in sidewalks and lighting; questioned if the council is working on a Street Dept building.
- Gail Malloy spoke of blighted properties in the borough, stating citizens are very unhappy; burned buildings should be razed; increase code enforcement; hearings should be made known to neighbors of blighted properties; landlord/tenant registration fees; funds could be put in escrow for house fires (Solicitor to go over current ordinance re-find legality); blighted property review board; PA Housing and Affordable funds; Solicitor Watt responded regarding zoning and authorities stating that they are a big undertaking and difficult to create without vested residents/officials; Mayor Moss suggested an intergovernmental redevelopment authority with Pittston; Solicitor Watt stated that higher government in PA does not allow for that.
- Ed Ameika thanked all here trying to improve the borough of Duryea.
- Mayor Moss – Community Calendar:
  - July 14<sup>th</sup> – Crime Watch meeting
  - July 14<sup>th</sup> Betterment Committee meeting
  - July 24-25 – Germania Picnic
  - July 31<sup>st</sup> – Shredding at Healey Playground 10am-12pm
  - August 8<sup>th</sup> – PD Association/ice cream/movie
  - August 28<sup>th</sup> – St. Mary's Community yard sale
  - September 3<sup>rd</sup> – Porketta dinner PD Association 5pm-7pm

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With no further business to transact, the chair entertained a motion to adjourn. First by Bauman, second by Rowlands to adjourn at 8:10 P.M.



Carolyn Santee  
Borough Manager