## 2026 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street, Duryea on July14, 2026, at 6:57 p.m. with Council President, Stephanie Shupp, presiding. After a pledge to the flag a roll call was taken: (7) council members present. Mayor Trina Moss was in attendance. With a quorum present, the meeting continued. Council met at an executive session this evening to discuss HR and personnel matters of the street department. All minutes, correspondence, bills, and reports were made available for inspection.

### Department Head Reports/Council Comments

- Robert Webb questioned if the retired police vehicles will be given to code enforcement and fire police - council did not have any issues with that; announced that he will tentatively retire 3/31/27.
- Nick Lohman anounced that the PCCD grant has been finalized; new car is in service; a new business, Winn's Detailing- did a great job on the police vehicles.
- Danny Nicheporchek Reported that a chipper was rented for the downed trees around the borough from the recent storm, questioned if this could possibly be a recycling grant purchase in the future; suggested adding Marcy Street and Marcy Avenue to the upcoming CDBG Paving Project.
- Carolyn Santee Noted the correspondence in the packet from Adam Rousselle with Renewable Energy; noted that Verdantas could have the BCA paid for with upcoming BRIC grant funds if the borough waits until the NOFO, considering them to be pre awarded funds; HARIE safety grant is coming up and needs ideas in addition to the fire police items that were requested this year; reported there is no work being done to the reservoir near Campbell's Ledge but there is an electronic gate across Red Oak Drive leading up to the borough property; noted that traffic signals are an allowable request through the Multimodal Grant; county Zoning Office has sent a notice to the Clark Road garage that has been piling cars.
- Allison Brudzinski Noted that the PCCD grant didn't require official action but was submitted today; had a meeting with Hailstone Economics recently about the multimodal grant.
- Gino Marriggi Thanked all the department heads for reports; great job to all involved at the recent church picnic; thanked all involved with the cleanup of the recent storm.

**Old Business**

- Sub-division for trails - Bill Watt noted that we need to submit an application to the county for the sub-division and will formally start that at the end of the month.
- Salt shed update - Danny Nicheporchek noted that John Cremard will help with the project and will order supplies; the salt will need to be moved, possibly to Tuzzy's in order to get started.

New Business

- CDBG Funds will be applied for with the following streets in mind: Ferguson Street, Spring Street (between Carroll and Hope Streets), Bowen Street, Marcy Street, and Marcy Ave, in addition to the paving approximately 100'x200' for a parking area behind Healey Playground; Bill Watt noted that he had a conversation with Greg Skibitsky about leasing the parking area for Healey with a lease and easement agreement.
- Storage Unit Auction -July 18th - discussed the original requirement for the facility to get approval from the borough for auctions.
- LSA Grants – Allison Brudzinski requested ideas for other LSA wants; McGlynn suggesting sponsoring a grant for the Land Bank to build a house on their property at 93 Main Street, as discussed in the past.

**Meeting**

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

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

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

Motion Marriggi, seconded by Tonte to approve payment of bills that were paid After the last meeting, but before the approval of bills for this meeting. Roll call (7) yes.

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

Motion by Gromelski, seconded by Marriggi to appoint the following part-time police officers for the month of August 2026, as necessary for the general welfare, health, and safety to the public: Giles, Wall. Roll call (7) Yes.

Motion by Brudzinski, seconded by Brudzinski to hire Cade Orlandini as a part-time police officer, provided he successfully passed the full background check

process and all other borough and M.P.O.E.T.C. requirements for newly hired police officers. Officer will be subject to the probationary period as per the current collective bargaining agreement. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Marriggi, seconded by Tonte to hire Joseph Yarbrough as a part-time police officer, provided he successfully passed the full background check process and all other borough and M.P.O.E.T.C. requirements for newly hired police officers. Officer will be subject to the probationary period as per the current collective bargaining agreement. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Brudzinski, Seconded by Marriggi to appoint Nick Radel as Volunteer resident liaison for the Mitchell Street Drainage project and to authorize the appropriate borough officials to execute a written authorization detailing the scope of the position. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Brudzinski, seconded by Tonte to approve Resolution 2026-6 to file for a DCED multimodal grant in the amount of $1,730,184.20 to include paving and sidewalks. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, seconded by Brudzinski to award the Liquid Fuels Paving project to Pennsy Supply in the amount of $94,509 for the following streets: lower New Street (600 Block) and Fulton Street # 3 (Pettebone Street to Swetland Street). Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Marriggi, seconded by Brudzinski to authorize Verdantas LLC, engineering firm, to complete the benefit to cost analysis (BCA) to determine the benefit to cost ratio (BCR) for the 2027 BRIC grant for the levee project in the amount of $20,700 (with an additional $5000 if more data collection is needed to reach the required BCA). Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, seconded by Mcglynn to pass resolution 2026-7 to apply for Local Share Account funding for the Police Department UTV, in the amount of $56,654.74. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Marriggi, seconded by Brudzinski to pass resolution 2026-8 to apply for Local Share Account funding for the Germania River Raptor Rescue Boat in the amount of $174,749.40. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion to approve the auction on July 18th at the storage facility on Brown Street. Roll call (7) yes.

**Public Comment**

- Kidding me Nick Radle supplied an update to the small water and sewer grant. He has reached out to larger companies to discuss the project; Easements were obtained for the residents on their Germania and Foote Ave side and welcomes conversation about the project; Noted that he cleaned trees on the

railroad property and on Grove Street after the recent storm; offered a rock rake to the street department to clean the 400 Main Street property; Trina Moss questioned when the railroad will be contacted for the easement for the small water and sewer project – Radle spoke about the regulations and noted that he recently had a conversation with Jolene from the railroad.

- Mary Margavage asked if the paid firefighters are on a trial basis (yes – 6 months), If they have benefits (not employees of borough of hose company), If they are keeping a log of calls that are available to the public?
- Keith Moss questioned if council made a decision if the sewer authority needed to pave Lackawanna Avenue after the pave cut, bill Watt stated that council agrees that the ordinance was created for all utility companies and that the sewer authority is included in that, a meeting will be held among Watt, borough engineers, council and DBSA board to see if the pave cut affects the longevity of the road, Keith asked when a decision will be made, as the milling and paving of Main Street will be done at the end of the month.
- Jeanne Zinkavich Submitted an invoice for power washing the building after the Main Street fire (CS to check with insurance); Announced that she had sold the property located at 401 Main Street to be developed for apartments and office space; noted that she cannot get help from the CTC to finish up the Guarillia sign – Requested $300 and assistance with the project – Bill Watt stated that he could make that donation through his firm.
- Kevin Chromey believes there should be full time paid firefighters; Gave condolences to Marriggi for his family's recent loss; thanks all involved in the picnic; questioned if Shaft Street will be changed to Winn's Way, Shupp suggested a ceremonial sign instead; Questioned Trina Moss if there will be a yard sale and farmers market in town

**CLOSING COMMENTS**

- Samantha Durkin Of Main Street reported a concern at 771 N Main Street with garbage lying around the property and consistent police activity due to drug use, a tenant was recently removed by police, PFC Malvizzi noted that she had just been there today and the house is uninhabitable, Robert Webb to check out the property during code enforcement.
- Karen Sobeski questioned the paving of Lackawanna Avenue and the Kapish property.
- Gino Marriggi stated that his term had expired on the board of the Chamber of Commerce and Trina Moss has now been appointed.

With no further business to discuss, council entertained a motion to adjourn. First by Mcglynn seconded by Brudzinski. The meeting ended at 8:18 PM.

Carolyn Santee
Borough Manager