

## **DURYEA BOROUGH WORK SESSION – July 2025**

Duryea Borough Council met for a work session on July 1, 2025, at 6:00 pm regarding items for an agenda for the July council meeting. Council members present: Gromelski, Brudzinski, Tonte, McGlynn, Zinkavich, Shupp. After a pledge to the flag the meeting was called to order.


### **OLD BUSINESS**

- LSA ideas – Brudzinski noted Main St façade would be suited for a Keystone Grant
  - Ambulance building – parking lot paving/wall replacement/fence replacement
  - Empty lot at 300 Main- parking lot
- Comcast negotiations – Bill Watt discussed the recent negotiations from Cohen Law Firm
  - Meeting set up for next week regarding what Comcast can offer
  - Franchise fee currently at 4% of gross revenue, could go to 5%
  - Free services to municipalities
  - Educational channel for free
  - Will have a list for council for Cohen Law to concentrate on
  - Will need a public hearing
- Paid firefighter position –
  - Bill Watt met with fire chiefs recently; receptive to council suggestions regarding a conditional type of grant on a monthly basis
  - Will meet reporting, transparency, hiring process
  - Discussed the draft of a resolution for council to review
  - Will be on next week’s agenda with possible amendments –suggestions should be sent to Bill before July 7th
- Holiday Drive estimates to share cost (50/50) with PA American Water. Quotes:
  - Fortini \$48,075
  - Pennsy \$19,148
- Parking on sidewalks
  - Discussion was had regarding preventing cars parking on the sidewalks
  - Send a CodeRed out to make everyone aware that tickets will be issued if they continue to park on sidewalks. Chief Lohman will adjust his letter and distribute to vehicles parked on sidewalks through 7/16/25 when the PD will start citations

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Yuhas property –
  - Engineer to inspect for structural issues
  - Street Department to get property in order
  - Hailstone suggested turning over to Land Bank to put out RFPs; set up meeting with Joe Chacke
- Kokinda Drive adoption was discussed
  - Engineer will need to measure the road to see if it meets Penn DOT specs

- Skytop Drive stormwater runoff
  - Getting estimates for next week
- HARIE Safety Grant (\$15,000 max)
  - Ideas – flood lights, speed limit signs,
  
- Astound offered wifi at the Healey Playground and the sandbag building on the dike for an additional \$247/month
- Open pools causing mosquitoes in the area on Lackawanna Ave
- The parks were not open on the weekend; McGlynn requests signs calling 911 if the park is closed on decent weather days.
- The wood on the pavilion at the Community Park needs to be treated.

  
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Carolyn Santee, Borough Manager