

2024 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street, Duryea on July 9, 2024, at 6:58 p.m. with Council President, Stephanie Shupp presiding. After a pledge to the flag, a roll call was taken: (5) council members present. Marriggi and Zinkavich were absent. Mayor Bauman was in attendance. With a quorum present, the meeting continued. Council met in executive session to discuss personnel issues of the Administrative and Street 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.

A discussion was had regarding the Comcast Franchise Agreement. Solicitor Watt explained that Cohen Law Group negotiates services for municipalities; will reach out to see what can be done.

A discussion was had with Danny Arena Jr. about dumping clean fill in Swamp Road. Mike McGlynn questioned if the Borough can get a permit and let companies dump clean fill.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Brudzinski to accept the minutes as posted. Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by Brudzinski, second by Gromelski that all correspondence be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Tonte that all bills, wages, salaries, and commissions be paid when funds are available. Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by Brudzinski, second by Tonte to approve payment of bills that were paid after the previous meeting, but before approval of bills for the current meeting. Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Brudzinski that all reports be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Gromelski to appoint following part-time police officers for the month of August 2024, as necessary for the general welfare, health, and safety to the public: Giles, Wall. Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Brudzinski to apply for a safety grant through HARIE for St Dept locks. Roll call (5) yes.

No motion to pave streets utilizing the awarded CDBG funds. Borough manager was directed to check the coverage for Stephenson Street.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Brudzinski to put all roads out to bid for the 2024 CDBG paving project. Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by McGlynn to authorize the engineer to put a project out to bid to repair the erosion along the dike wall from Hurricane Ida, funded by FEMA/PEMA. Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Tonte to place a handicap placard on the side street (Hallstead) for 701 Foote Avenue. Roll call (5) yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Paul Stevenson gave an update on NEPA'S DAY OUT in the park fundraiser on July 27th and extended an invite to council. Rain date will be July 28th and will benefit Hillside Farms Grief Camp. There was \$12,500 raised last year. Mayor Jef Bauman requested Street Department employees to work that day and questioned if the restrooms were put in place.
- Jerry Marsh asked about the position of the Stephenson Street Bridge. Bill Watt gave an update about the meeting with the county manager.
- Josh Vargas, a Duryea resident starting up a snow cone stand in borough is looking to set up in the area. He has his license but is waiting on inspection.
- Mary Kay Brady announced that Parkcrest Drive properties have an area between them and the railroad. Trees are snapping with storms. The property is listed as Redevelopment Authority, but they claim that they

do not own that property. She would like to know who owns it and to have it cleaned up. Bill Watt responded if it is not Borough property, we won't be able to do much. Mayor Jef Bauman suggested calling Jim Haddock.

- Keith Moss announced the Benefit for Bob Price on August 10th 4 to 7pm.
- John Rowlands asked about the status of the sidewalk grant.
- Nick Radle suggested having the Street Department measure streets for road paving to keep an ongoing list.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

- Allison Brudzinski announced the Food Dignity Program being held at the VFW on Thursday, July 11th 5 -7 p.m. Congrats to Paul Stevenson on his recent award. Thanks to all the hard work from the Street Department in the heat.
- Jim Gromelski announced the Compost meeting August 1st at the Dupont Borough building.
- Justin Tonte announced the Nativity of Our Lord Picnic Friday, July 12th and Saturday, July 13th.
- Michael McGlynn gave an update on Healey playground; the rides are installed waiting on pavilion. Cremard excavating is working with the Borough.
- Mayor Jef Bauman asked for an update on Yuhas property; Bill Watt replied that he is working on last estate with family members. Mayor Bauman questioned the problem with trees on Stephenson Street being resolved; Robert Webb replied PPL is sending out a crew. He also asked about garbage citations and about putting liens on properties, to shorten timeline for delinquent properties. Bill Watt replied, PA legislature passed an act for abandoned properties so it makes it difficult to speed up the process. Mary Kay Brady noted the property behind her house is not cared for. Mayor Jeff Bauman recommended a committee for beautifying the Borough.

With no further business to discuss, Council entertained a motion to adjourn. First by McGlynn, second by Tonte. Meeting ended at 7:54 p.m.



Carolyn Santee
Borough Manager