

## 2023 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street on June 13th, 2023, at 6:43p.m. with Council President, Justin Tonte presiding. After a pledge to the flag, a roll call was taken: (6) council members present; Stephanie Shupp was absent. 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 Department. 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 (6) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Ameika that all correspondence be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Brudzinski, second by Gromelski that all bills, wages, salaries, and commissions be paid when funds are available. Roll call (6) 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 (6) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Gromelski that all reports be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll call (6) 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 Ameika to hire Robin-Lynn Plake as a full-time police officer, provided she successfully pass the full background check progress and all other Borough and M.P.O.E.T.C requirements for newly hired police officers. Officer will be subjected to probationary period as per the current Collective Bargaining Agreement. Also conditioned upon Council and the Duryea Borough Police Department Union reaching a Memorandum of Understanding concerning the period between today and the applicant successfully passing the M.P.O.E.T.C Exam, subject to the review of our Solicitor. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Brudzinski, second by Zinkavich to hire Katia Harris as a full-time police officer, provided she successfully pass the full background check progress 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. Also conditioned upon Council and Duryea Borough Police Department Union reaching a memorandum of Understanding concerning the period between today and applicant successfully passing the M.P.O.E.T.C. Exam, subject to the review of our Solicitor. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Gromelski , second by Ameika to approve a handicap sign to be placed in front of 211 Dickson Street. Roll call (6) yes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT :**

- Bruce Prandy and O'Haire asked when the DCNR grant will be awarded for Coxtan property, he is concerned about emergency vehicles being able to access coxtan residents in case of an Emergency. Chief Lohman explained that the Police Department no longer has a key to gain access pass the gate. Bruce Prandy requested a meeting with the owner, McGlynn mentioned that there was an agreement in the past. Bill Watt replied that he will reach one of the property owners.
- Louise Lopresto presented tree maintenance info at May meeting, showed dead leaves from tree explaining how she is dissatisfied that arborist met with Borough without her being present, she would like more communication and an ordinance with parameters. Carolyn Santee replied that the arborist sent a letter to explain and answer questions. Jeanne Zinkavich replied that because of frozen temps that would cause the leaves to die and fall. Bill Watt also replied that we can not give professional advice for her to send her concerns and questions to him and he will try and get them answered.
- John Gromelski and Allison Brudzinski welcomed new police officers
- Ed Ameika agrees with Mrs. Lopresto about the look of the trees, refers to photos of other cities where whole streets the trees look the same..
- Mayor Bauman wished all graduates good luck and announced the YMCA Summer Program at Healey and Community Parks starting June 19<sup>th</sup> through August 11<sup>th</sup>, Free lunches for children. Also urges residents to bring any issues they may have to the council meetings.

With no further business to discuss, Council entertains a motion to adjourn. First by Rowlands, second by Gromelski. Meeting ended at 7:57 p.m.



Carolyn Santee  
Borough Manager