

2021 REGULAR MEETING

A regular hybrid meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street and on the Zoom platform on June 8, 2021 at 7:10 p.m. with Council President Jeffrey Bauman, presiding.

After a pledge to the flag, a moment of silence was held in honor of the passing of Frank Groblewski. Roll call was taken: (6) council members present – Rowlands absent. Mayor Moss was in attendance. With a quorum present, the meeting continued.

Council met in executive session this evening to discuss personnel matters of the Street and Police Department and other legal matters.

Motion by Ameika, second by Gromelski to accept the minutes as posted. Roll call (6) yes.

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

Motion by McGlynn, second by Ameika that all bills, wages, salaries, and commissions be paid when funds are available. Roll Call (6) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, 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 Ameika, second by Brudzinski that all reports be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll Call (6) yes.

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

Dunn, Waii, Schiatter, Tamburelio. Roll Call (6) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Ameika to hire Randy Schlatter as a part-time police officer, provided he successfully pass the full background check process and all other Borough and M.P.O.E.T.C. requirements for newly hired police officers with no prior police experience. Officer will be subject to the six-month probationary period for part-time officers. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Gromelski to authorize the engineer to put the following streets out to bid for the 2021 General Funds/Liquid Fuels Paving Project: Watt Street, Marcy Street. Roll call (4) yes, (2) no – Tonte and Bauman.

Motion by Bauman, second by Ameika to ratify the approval of special needs road signs at 32 Huckleberry Lane, 525 Adams Street, and 316 Church Street for Autism Awareness. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Ameika, second by Gromelski to accept the verbal resignation of Preston Oleski from the Street Department as a part-time laborer, as of June 11, 2021. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Ameika, second by Tonte to hire Paul Harrison as the full-time CDL/Laborer for the Street Department with a starting salary of \$17.75 per hour. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Ameika to hire Tyler Szumski as the part-time Laborer for the Street Department with a starting salary of \$14.75 per hour. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Bauman, second by Gromelski to appoint council members Ed Ameika and Justin Tonte as the Borough Overseers for purchases as per the Duryea Purchasing Policy. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-1 regarding "No Parking" along the West side of Main Street, going North in front of the Zambetti property at 941 Main Street was removed from the agenda with intent to vote on it at the July meeting.

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Motion by McGlynn, second by Ameika to accept the resignation of Officer Jonathan Martinez from the Duryea Police Department as of June 28, 2021. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Ameika, second by McGlynn to authorize the Civil Service Commission to advertise and test for a full-time Police Officer. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Bauman to accept the bid from Multiscape for the Stephenson Street Sidewalk Project in the amount of \$20,291.70. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Bauman to authorize the Civil Service Commission to test for the Sergeant position. Roll call (6) yes.

Public Comment:

- Kevin Chromey questioned if Duryea will have the community yard sale this summer – Trina Moss stated it should be held in August.
- Gino Marriggi stated that Gashi Tree Service responded with a quote of \$3900.00 per acre for tree cutting/removal for the property off Foote Ave (if purchased by the borough)
- Jim Gromelski congratulated Council President Jef Bauman and his wife, Amanda on the birth of their daughter.
- Mike McGlynn questioned if there should be a motion for the testing for the Sergeant position for the Police Department (see above for motion made).
- Keith Moss announced the community calendar events:
 - Bacon and BBQ event at the VFW was a success
 - Excelsior will hold a cornhole tournament on June 12th
 - American Legion will hold a lasagna dinner on June 12th
 - Pittston is looking for support for the Riverfront Park
- Jef Bauman discussed that the Governor lifted the mask mandate, opening public places/events; would like to dissolve the zoom meetings after this month and go back to in-person meetings at the borough building.
- Trina Moss announced that the Crime Watch will host a movie in July and August; National Night Out will not be held this summer; Shredding event to held on July 31st

With no further business to transact, the chair entertained a motion to adjourn. First by McGlynn, second by Ameika to adjourn at 7:55 P.M.



Carolyn Santee
Borough Manager