2026 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street, Duryea on June 9, 2026, at 6:20 p.m. with Council Vice-President, Justin Tonte, presiding. After a pledge to the flag a roll call was taken: (6) council members present; Shupp absent. Mayor Trina Moss was in attendance. With a quorum present, the meeting continued. Council met at an executive session this evening to discuss fire firefighter and police department personnel matters. All minutes, correspondence, bills, and reports were made available for inspection.

Department Head Reports/Council Comments

- Nick Lohman discussed the number of incidents throughout the month; The new SUV was dropped off at the dealer to be prepared; officers had training this month.
- Robert Webb noted that property issues are being addressed with the help of the chief/mayor/manager/secretary and that Code enforcement is a long process.
- Danny Nikeporchek reported that 200round recycle bins were quoted at $4800 to receive in the fall, Mike Mcglynn would like a quote on square bins instead; announced that Mayo Striping will be adding crossbars at intersections; O'Hara will starting parging dike walls on the dike soon; thanked Gino Marriggi for the help with getting the CNG trucks inspected.
- Carolyn Santee announce that vending machines will be placed in the parks and borough building in the next few weeks; reported the complaints from Blueberry Hills residents about the deteriorating roadways in their neighborhood.
- Allison Brudzinski reported that the grants committee met to discuss the CDBG and Small Water & Sewer grants; working with Hailstone Economics for the PCCD Technology grant; LSA grants were awarded to Excelsior in the amount of $416,000 and the ambulance building property in the amount of $146,000; suggested that the next LSAs coming up should be for improvements to the interior of the borough building; questioned where we are with the property at 301 Main St – Bill Watt to follow up.
- Gino Marriggi thanked the department heads for reports, the 125 Anniversary Committee, Germania, and police department for their work on the parade; announced that Stan Knick is stepping down from the compost committee and requested to keep the compost site in Dupont, the grinder needs repair and requests that residents be mindful of what they are putting in the yard waste.
- Trina Moss thanked everyone involved with the 125 Committee and the chairman, Robert Webb; the produce stand started at the VFW Thursday the 4th and will continue for the summer.

Old Business

- Sub-division for trails – there were issues with the survey and the engineer will need to discuss meets and bounds with the solicitor.
- Small Watter & Sewer Grant – Nick Radle noted the need to do the project outside of the wetland area; Trina Moss questioned if there was a written easement in place with the railroad yet – Nick has discussed with the railroad and there's a need to follow up with the application process.

New Business

- Grants – Allison Brudzinski reminded everyone that the multi modal grant is due July 31st and will need to be decided on by the July meeting as to what it will include; BRIC grant is still up in the air.
- CDBG Funds – McGlynn requested that the engineer go over the streets on the CDBG map for paving to decide what needs paving; Tonte noted that the CDGB funds could also be used for other projects since most streets on the map are good; Trina Moss added that Spring Street, between Hope and Carroll Streets could use to be paved.
- LSA Grants –
    - Brudzinski noted that the police department had requested a UTV for Swamp Road and surrounding property; Trina Moss stated that the chief is working on quotes for a 4 door Polaris to be set up like a police car.
    - Germania boat – McGlynn questioned if the cost of the boat could be shared with a neighboring town; includes Costars pricing.

Meeting

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

Motion by Marriggi, seconded by Gromelski that all correspondence be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll call (6) yes.

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

Motion by Marriggi, seconded by Gromelski to approve payment of bills that were paid after the last meeting, but before the approval of bills for this meeting. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Brudzinski, seconded by Marriggi that all reports be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, seconded by Brudzinski to accept the resignation of Jennifer Anderson from the Duryea Police Department as of May 28, 2026. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Marriggi, seconded by Brudzinski to appoint following part-time police officers for the month of July 2026, as necessary for the general welfare, health, and safety to the public: Giles, Wall. Roll call (6) yes.

Opening of bids for the Liquid Fuels Paving Project.

Motion by McGlynn, seconded by Gromelski to table the motion for the Liquid Fuels Paving Project to have the engineer break down the streets into individual section. Roll call (6) yes.

Opening of bids for the American legion Parking Lot Project utilizing LSA funds.

Motion by McGlynn seconded by Marriggi to award the American Legion Parking Lot Project to M&J Excavation in the amount of $39,600, utilizing LSA funds. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Brudzinski, seconded by Gromelski to adopt Ordinance 2026-1, with revisions regarding the regulation of animals in the borough. Roll call (5) yes, (1) no – McGlynn stated he did not read it over.

Motion by Marriggi, seconded by Brudzinski to adopt Ordinance 2026-2 regarding the regulation of gaming machines in the borough. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, seconded by Brudzinski to adopt Ordinance 2026-3 regarding the regulation of parking large vehicles on borough streets. Roll call (5) yes, (1) no - McGlynn.

Motion by Marriggi, seconded by Brudzinski to enter into a Stipend Agreement with the volunteer hose companies on a trial basis for a period of six (6) months from July 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026. Roll call (6) yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Ms. Ricketts made a complaint about 10 new kittens at the property next door.
- Keith Moss discussed issues with the property at 301 Main Street
- Jake Arnold of 205 Kokinda Drive made a complaint about ATV activity on and around his property and that it has turned into a safety issue; installed cameras, no trespassing signs, and gates but ATV users continue to cause damage to his property; requested a plan to stop the damage on his property; Chief Lohman stated that he will need to call 911 and they will do their best to identify those involved; Marriggi questioned the areas that have been fenced off; Watt noted that DCNR is working on a program for ATV restrictions; Hoover questioned if there is an ordinance in place, Watt will supply one he has compiled.
- Joan Wickizer requested getting Bowen Street paved; will be added to the CDBG list for paving.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

- Allison Brudzinski thanked the 125 Committee, and everyone involved; announced that the Betterment Committee will be the recipient of the Jimmy Balchune Memorial Fund for improvements to Healey Playground, their event is June 27th 12pm – 6pm.

- Justin Tonte thanked everyone involved with the 125 event.
- Robert Webb noted that the street department did a great job with the Stephenson Street sidewalk along 401 Main Street and requested having the same done on Main Street, Keith Moss questioned if there was still LSA funds for that sidewalk, Santee reported that all LSA funding was used up for the sidewalk project; Webb questioned the pave cut on Lackawanna Ave noting that residents had complaints about it being filled with rock rather thank cold/hot patch, Keith Moss stated that he is taking care of it and it will be blacktopped next week, Webb noted that the ordinance calls for it to be paved curb to curb rather than blacktop on the cut.
- Trina Moss noted that there was a Hometown Hero banner damaged during the Yuhas fire and requested the borough purchase a new one (yes).

With no further business to discuss, council entertained a motion to adjourn. First by Marriggi, seconded by McGlynn. The meeting ended at 7:35 p.m.

Carolyn Santee
Borough Manager