

2026 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street, Duryea on March 10, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. with Council President, Stephanie Shupp presiding. After a pledge to the flag and a moment of silence for Brian Poplarchek, former councilman, a roll call was taken: (7) council members present. Mayor Trina Moss was in attendance. With a quorum present, the meeting continued. Council met at an executive session on February 18th and March 4th and again this evening to discuss personnel matters of the fire department and legal matters of the borough. All minutes, correspondence, bills, and reports were made available for inspection.

Department Head Reports/Council Comments

- Danny Nicheporchek noted that he has been unable to obtain a quote for the compressed natural gas pump; working on new gas cards from the CNG gas station, Love's; noted that he received a quote for \$60,000 for a new salt shed, also discussed the possibility of building the carport up as a salt shed instead for approximately \$6,000; questioned if there is an easement on Midway Broadcasting Road, which now belongs to PSA.
- Allison Brudzinski requested exploring solicitation permits – possibly prohibiting them altogether, Bill Watt suggested seeing how other towns handle them, stated that we could have a no knock registration form but cannot prohibit altogether; gave an update on working with a developer in the area for the 400 block of Main Street, could possibly have a meeting March or April, with that will come a discussion to possibly demolish the 400-406 Main Street property.
- Mike McGlynn gave an update on the Land Bank: an offer to purchase the New Street property was declined; 93 Main Street moving forward with building a house to sell.
- Gino Marriggi thanked department heads for their work; requested that the owner of the property located at the corner of Foote Ave and Clark Road be contacted to see if they could remove some of the mound that blocks the line of site for cars coming out onto Foote Ave, McGlynn suggested putting up a mirror in the area for cars to see the traffic coming up the hill; Mr. Marriggi also noted that he will attend the upcoming regional compost meeting.

Old Business

- Data center zoning ordinance amendment/Hydro Pump project – upcoming meeting 3/12/26 at 2 p.m. at Luzerne County, Duryea representatives discussed concerns with Dan Reese at the zoning office, Bill Watt stated that he will respond against the project by 3/15/26, Shupp mentioned concerns that the river would not be cleaned so much as being used for the hydro pump project instead.

- Reinstatement of work session – Allison Brudzinski suggested council bring back the work session on a different day prior to the meeting, noted that it was more productive and efficient, could be done on an as needed basis.

New Business

- America250PA – Stephanie Shupp noted the resolution on the agenda and discussed the celebration events.
- 2026 liquid fuels paving project – Blueberry Hills streets were checked over, Shupp noted that blocks Huckleberry, Blueberry, Strawberry, and Blackberry are in need, McyGlynn suggested getting a loan for the Blueberry Hills streets and to pave lower New Street with the liquid fuels funds; question about using CDBG funds (only for low to moderate income areas); Bill Wall suggested the possibility of a capital improvement loan, Penn Vest.
- Spring cleanup at Duryea Wetlands through the Keep PA Beautiful project; looking for volunteers for April 18th at the Wetlands and borough roads; McGlynn stated that the gates for the Wetland area should be open from dawn to dusk – it was noted that the area is accessible, but the gates are locked to prevent anyone from driving/dumping there.
- Sidewalk LSA funds/expenses – all funds from LSA were expended for the recent Main Street sidewalk project, with the remaining area in front of 400-406 Main Street being incomplete; McGlynn noted that the handicap ramps are still lifting during cold weather on Lackawanna Ave.

Meeting

Motion by Gromelski, second by Brudzinski to accept the minutes as posted. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Marriggi, second by Brudzinski that all correspondence be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Marriggi second by Gromelski that all bills, wages, salaries, and commissions be paid when funds are available. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Tonte, second by Marriggi to approve payment of bills that were paid after the last meeting, but before the approval of bills for this meeting, with McGlynn asking about the cost of Geisinger. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Brudzinski, second by Gromelski that all reports be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Tonte, second by Marriggi to appoint following part-time police officers for the month of April 2026, as necessary for the general welfare, health, and safety to the public: Giles, Wall, Anderson. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Marriggi to ratify the hiring of Joseph Berti as a part-time laborer for the Street Department at \$21.50/hour, as of February 17, 2026, as per the current collective bargaining agreement. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Brudzinski to accept the resignation of Willard Yates from the Duryea Sewer Authority as of April 1, 2026. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Hoover to appoint Gino Marriggi to fill a vacancy on the Duryea Borough Sewer Authority, created by the resignation of Wilard Yates, term to expire December 31, 2030. Roll call (2) yes – McGlynn/Hoover; (1) abstain – Marriggi; (4) no – Gromelski/Brudzinski/Tonte/Shupp.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Marriggi to appoint Bert Welling to fill the vacancy on the Duryea Sewer Authority, created by the resignation of Willard Yates, term to expire December 31,2030. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Marriggi, second by McGlynn to approve Resolution 2026-4 to support the Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semi Quincentennial (AMERICA2250PA). Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Marriggi, second by McGlynn to obtain cost estimates from engineers for the following streets for paving utilizing the 2026 Liquid Fuels Fund: Fulton and lower New Streets. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Brudzinski to approve a handicap sign to be placed on the Fulton Street side for the resident at 211 Stephenson Street. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion for a handicap sign to be placed at 208 Foote Ave. has not yet been approved by Penn DOT.

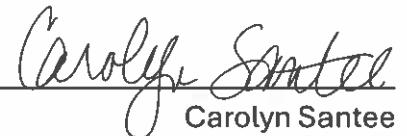
PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Kevin Chromey thanked Mr. Gromelski for acknowledging the passing of Brian Poplarchek and noted that Keith Moss has never missed a meeting; put in another request to change Shaft Street to Winn Ave – Gromelski stated a discussion should be had with those involved regarding changes that would be needed if this were to pass; questioned if the borough would swap the Yugas at 400-406 Main Street with any other properties; noted concern with solicitors going door to door; stated that Robert Webb is an asset to the borough; discussed license plates on front/back of vehicles; condolences to Mike McGlynn for his father's passing.
- Joe Neutts – questioned if Rehoski's is moving forward.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

- Allison Brudzinski thanked the police department and Mayor Moss for Reading Across America recently as Holy Rosary.
- Condolences to the McGlynn and Poplarchek families for their recent losses.
- Trina Moss announced the Spring Market at Germania Hose Company 3/15/26 from 12 pm to 4 pm and Food Dignity starting in May at the VFW.

With no further business to discuss, council entertained a motion to adjourn. First by McGlynn, second by Marriggi. The meeting ended at 8:11 p.m.


Carolyn Santee
Borough Manager