

2022 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street on March 8, 2022, at 7:13 p.m. with Council President, Justin Tonte, presiding.

After a pledge to the flag, a roll call was taken: (7) council members present. Mayor Bauman was in attendance. With a quorum present, the meeting continued.

Council met in executive session on February 15, 2022, and again this evening to discuss legal matters of ARPA funding.

This public meeting was advertised in the Times Leader legal section. All minutes, correspondence, bills, and reports were made available for inspection.

A discussion was had regarding SocialArchive, a social media archiving company. Questions as to which pages are actually considered "borough owned" and costs of two other companies.

A discussion was had regarding funds to be used to purchase the Yuhas property.

A discussion was had regarding closing the Recreation Board account at People's Security Bank since the Rec Board was dissolved. Questions regarding the continuation of funds for events, which could be added as a line item to the budget.

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

Motion by Ameika, second by Rowlands that all correspondence be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Ameika that all bills, wages, salaries, and commissions be paid when funds are available. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Ameika, second by Shupp to approve payment of bills that were paid after the previous meeting, but before approval of bills for the current meeting. 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 Ameika, second by Gromelski to appoint the following part-time police officers for the month of March 2022, as necessary for the general welfare, health, and safety of the public:

Malvizzi, Giles, Wall. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Ameika to accept a resignation from Tyler Brody from the Duryea Street Department. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Gromelski to hire Geoffrey Czajkowski s a part-time laborer for the Duryea Street Department with a starting rate of \$15.50/hour. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Ameika, second by Rowlands to hire Thomas Brody as a full-time CDL/Laborer for the Duryea Street Department at a rate of an additional \$3 per hour to current salary, as an existing employee. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Zinkavich to accept the amendments to the Civil Service Commission regulations. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Brudzinski, second by Rowlands to authorize the Civil Service Commission to move forward with the testing process and advertise for the position of a full-time police officer. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Ameika, second by Rowlands to adopt Ordinance 2022-2 to amend Ordinance 2014-4 for the North East Pennsylvania Land Bank. Roll call (7) yes.

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Motion by Rowlands, second by Ameika to approve Resolution 2022-3 regarding a Local Share Account Grant for the remaining Street Department building project in the amount of \$836,250. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Brudzinski to approve Resolution 2022-4 regarding a Local Share Account Grant for a storage building for the Duryea Wildcats Football and Cheer Association in the amount of \$24,000. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Ameika to put the 2013 Dodge Charger (fair market value between \$7,000 and \$7,500) on the Municibid website with the following specifications:

- Council will vote on final bid, if under \$5,000-on 4/12/22
- Reserve price: \$5,000
- Starting bid: \$3,500
- Starting bid date/time: 3/15 @ noon
- Ending bid date/time: 4/12 @ noon

Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Ameika to pass Resolution 2022-5 to appoint Bruce Moluski as the 2022 Duryea Borough Tax Collector, term to expire 01/01/2024. Roll call (5) yes; (2) abstain – Gromelski, Zinkavich.

Motion by Ameika, second by Tonte to approve the purchase of an LED sign using ARPA funds, from KC Signs, at a cost of \$57,440, to place in front of the borough building. Roll call (7) yes.

Public Comment:

- Nick Radle recapped events since 1992 adding to storm water issues on Mitchell Street. Requested a council member meet with him; Mrs. Shupp volunteered to meet and discuss solutions. Mr. Radle also requested a letter be sent to adjacent land owners requesting the use of their property to place a drainage pipe.
- Keith Moss questioned if council decided on a budget for the ARPA Funds; also reminded that the Police Department requested hazard pay and a simulator for training; requested the funds also be used to purchase new pumps for the dike at an approximate cost of \$52,475. Jack Zbrovian, who helped acquire pumps from DCNR, noted that the pumps will need to be updated soon. Informed all that the Healey Playground fence was hit and needs repair. Complaint about the plowing by the Street Department, plowing snow toward houses on Brown Street rather than the woods across the street.
- Maria Balchune – complaint about increased quad activity on McAlpine Street; concerned for residents' safety.
- Ed Ameika thanked all interested parties for the Tax Collector position.
- Mayor Bauman went over the Community Calendar:
- Mark Mustapich complaint regarding cats in the neighborhood.
- Ted Thomas complaint regarding tractor trailers driving/parking on Donnelly Street. Questioned if the alley behind his home on Donnelly Street can be maintained better than in the past.

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With no further business to transact, the chair entertained a motion to adjourn. First by Ameika,
second by Rowlands to adjourn at 8:42 P.M.



Carolyn Santee
Borough Manager