

2022 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street on May 10, 2022, at 7:03 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 this evening to discuss personnel matters of the Administrative and Police Departments.

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 permits for food vendors according to Ordinance 2019-1. The Ordinance needs to be gone through to note changes.

A discussion was had regarding the sidewalk project on Stephenson Street (near RR)...incomplete. According to the contractor who placed the initial sidewalks, the portion just below the tracks on the right side may not be finished with concrete. Waiting on the railroad representative for confirmation.

A discussion was had regarding the model storm water ordinance, to make necessary changes to the existing ordinance.

A discussion was had regarding social media archiving – keep or disable comments. Administration to compile Duryea related pages for further discussion with Solicitor.

A discussion was had regarding an agreement with Astound/RCN to provide cable/internet in the borough. This has been found to be affordable to residents.

A discussion was had regarding a resolution in support of the legalization of the cannabis industry and expungement for previous such offenses in Pennsylvania. Council, Allison Lucarelli (running for state rep), and police discussed the effects on both sides if approved.

A discussion was had regarding the change of street names in Ordinance 2007-6.

Mayor Bauman requested to see the specs for the upcoming sidewalk project funded by an LSA grant.

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

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

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

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

Motion by Gromelski, second by Rowlands to appoint the following part-time police officers for the month of June 2022, as necessary for the general welfare, health, and safety of the public:

Giles, Wall. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Brudzinski, second by Shupp to adopt Ordinance 2022-3 which prohibits parking in front of 769, 771, 773 Main Street to complete a sidewalk project through Pittston City. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Ameika, second by Gromelski to appoint Duane Hollister as an alternate to the Duryea Civil Service Commission, term to expire December 31, 2025. Roll call (5) yes, (2) no – Shupp, Zinkavich.

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Motion by Ameika, second by Zinkavich to pass Resolution 2022-8 in support of the legalization of the cannabis industry and expungement for previous such offenses in Pennsylvania. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Ameika, second by Zinkavich to accept the highest bid for the 2013 Dodge Charger on Municibid. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Ameika, second by Rowlands to authorize the engineer to put the sidewalk project out to bid (LSA grant) and apply for required permits. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion to accept the resignation of Amanda Zabrowski was bypassed.

Motion by Brudzinski, second by Shupp to place a "Hearing Impaired Person" sign on both sides of the road near 249 Main Street. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Rowlands purchase radios from Motorola Solutions for Germania and Excelsior Hose Companies, funded through the ARPA program, in the amount of \$80,000 subject to review and approval of the Solicitor. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Ameika to ratify the purchase of a dike pump and parts from Medico Construction Equipment, funded through the ARPA program, in the amount of \$52,475. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Tonte to terminate employee #95 from the Duryea Street Department. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Ameika to amend the paving project loan through Liquid Fuels funds from 2014 to make an additional payment in May 2023 for the remaining interest due (approx. \$40,626.73). Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Ameika, second by Rowlands to authorize the engineer to put a project out to bid for debris removal along the 600 block of Watt Street, to be funded by FEMA/PEMA, if approved. Roll call (7) yes.

Public Comment:

- Mr. Radle, Mitchell Street, regarding the reopening of Healey Playground. Paul Harrison stated that they have taken care of most safety issues and should open by Memorial Day.
Questioned if there is an update on Mitchell Street. WVSA has not sent any correspondence as of this date.
Stated that due to interstate sales, the cannabis revenue may be lost to other states.
- Joe Karaffa, Marcy Street, requested a stop sign be put at the intersection of Marcy Street and Marcy Ave due to excessive traffic.
- Jim Gromelski stated that the recent compost meeting was cancelled and there has been minimal activity. There was discussion regarding an application to apply for a grant for a weigh station.
- Ed Ameika thanked all for attending the monthly meeting and taking an interest.
- Mayor Bauman listed the community calendar:
 - Community yard sale 5/21, rain date 5/22
 - VFW BBQ and Bacon 6/3 @ 4 pm
 - Flag placement in Marcy Cemetery 5/14 @ 10 am
 - Electronics recycling 5/25 between 3:30 pm and 5:30 pm at Germania Hose Company

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- Questioned paving for this year? Council was instructed to create a list of roads to choose from during the June meeting.
- Suggested council promote the ARPA funds spending.

With no further business to transact, the council entertained a motion to adjourn. First by Shupp, second by Zinkavich to adjourn at 8:10 P.M.



Carolyn Santee
Borough Manager

