

## 2021 REGULAR MEETING

A regular hybrid meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street and on the Zoom platform on May 11, 2021 at 6:54 p.m. with Council President Jeffrey Bauman, presiding.

After a pledge to the flag, a moment of silence was held in honor of the untimely passing of Council woman, Lois Hanczyc. Roll call was taken: (6) council members present. 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 Administration Department and other legal matters.

Reports from Department Heads – Jeff Pisanchyn, building inspector – Mr. Bauman asked for suggestions on how council could help out (e.g. ordinances); Robert Webb – Code Enforcement (ordinances); Chief Lohman – Police Department – Mr. Bauman suggested targeting problem areas once fully staffed; Carolyn Santee – Administration/General Borough info.

Discussion regarding a requested agreement with Municipal Recovery. Mr. Bauman stated that the borough currently pays \$25/ton and nothing for cardboard/paper. We will participate in a pilot glass recycling drop-off program with a dumpster located at Germania, near the Wright Street entrance. Resident, Ms. Carroll questioned if putting the dumpster near the Healey Playground was set in stone. It was suggested and accepted that the dumpster be placed at the ambulance building on the corner of Main and Marcy Streets where cameras and lighting are available.

Discussion regarding the No Parking Ordinance in front of 941 Main Street (Colarusso property). Mr. McGlynn suggested having the opposite side of Main Street surveyed to find if parking will be permitted outside of the railroad property.

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

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

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

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

Motion by McGlynn, second by Ameika to accept the lowest responsible bidder after review by the engineer for the 2021 Skytop Drive Drainage Project (lowest apparent bidder before review – American Asphalt in the amount of \$97,588). Roll call (6) yes.

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

Dunn, Wall. 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.

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Motion by McGlynn, second by Gromelski to hire John Tamburello 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 Ameika, second by Tonte to authorize the placement of a handicap sign in front of 134 Stephenson Street. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by McGlynn to hire Kelli Walsh as the part-time Administrative Assistant, no second motion.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Rowlands to hire Amanda Zabrowski as the part-time Administrative Assistant at \$15 per hour, approximately 15 hours per week. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Rowlands to appoint Joan Orloski to the Duryea Borough Sewer Authority to serve the remainder of Lois Hanczyc's term, to expire 12/31/2022. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion to authorize the engineer to put streets out to bid for the 2021 Liquid Fuels Paving Project was tabled. Roll call (6) yes.

No motion to enter into an agreement with Municipal Recovery Inc. to continue to utilize recycling services for the next five (5) years.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Ameika to appoint Jeffrey Bauman to represent Duryea Borough on the Flood Authority Committee. Roll call (5) yes, (1) abstain - Bauman.

Motion by Ameika, second by McGlynn to approve a special needs road sign near the residence at 77 Chittenden Street for autism awareness. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by McGlynn to hire Thomas Brody as a part-time Street Department Laborer at \$14.75 per hour. Roll call (5) yes, (1) no – Bauman.

Motion by Ameika, second by Rowlands to authorize the Solicitor to draft an ordinance regarding "No Parking" along the West side of Main Street, going North in front of the Zambetti property at 941 Main Street. Roll call (6) yes. Mr. Bauman notes that this will help a new business out with state permits for parking.

### **Public Comment:**

- Mari Michaels – concerned with speeding on the Main Street in the Avoca section of Duryea. Looking for more Police presence to prevent speeding, ATVs and dirt bikes. Suggested using the US Justice portal on the borough website.
- Council members offer condolences to the Hanczyc family and remember Lois's dedication and commitment to our community.
- Ed Ameika thanked all who helped with the Community Clean Up this past month.
- Keith Moss – Community Calendar:
  - Germania Gun Bingo Sunday at 11:30 a.m.
- Jef Bauman discussed the power of community during the recent clean up. Honored Lois Hanczyc's work in Duryea; council is in the process of filling the vacancy. A meeting will be held on May 25, 2021 for an appointment, and all interested parties should submit their name and/or a letter to the borough manager. A separate election will be held in November to fill the remaining two years of that term.

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With no further business to transact, the chair entertained a motion to adjourn. First by McGlynn, second by Ameika to adjourn at 7:52 P.M.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn Santee".

Carolyn Santee  
Borough Manager

