2026 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street, Duryea on May 12, 2026, at 6:29 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 department and personnel matters. All minutes, correspondence, bills, and reports were made available for inspection.

Department Head Reports/Council Comments

- Nick Lohman stated that the new vehicles have been ordered; crime watch meeting will take place 5/13 @ 6 pm.
- Danny Nicheporchek noted stated that he is waiting on costs to build the salt shed; O'Hara will be in town to quote parging of dike walls.
- Carolyn Santee stated that the survey is being done for the trail easement and sub-division ; C2P2 grant has been submitted by LHVA for the green loop trail connector; liquid fuels paving project – requested that Webb/Nicheporchek, and engineer review the drains and any underlying conditions on New Street in case it is scheduled to be paved; another Wetland Trail cleanup will take place from residents in the upcoming week.
- Allison Brudzinski announced that the borough received the Fish and Boat Commission grant in the amount of $170,000 to create two boat launches and a parking area on the Wetland Trail; discussed a meeting with Hailstone Economics regarding upcoming grants.
- Gino Marriggi thanked all departments for their reports; announced that the regional compost meeting was cancelled due to poor attendance; yard waste is currently being collected on Fridays.

Old Business

- Gaming ordinance - Justin Tonte noted that the ordinance had not been advertised so it will not be voted on at this time.

New Business

- Grants – Allison Brudzinski stated that the multi modal grant was discussed with Hailstone Economics recently, discussed the need for a cohesive plan and that the focus needs to be on the vision in the borough, could possibly connect the Blueberry paving to Healey Playground with sidewalks; Marriggi asked if the façade grant is different than multi modal (could be included in the streetscape plan but apply for an

assortment of grants); Trina Moss noted that the grants committee will be meeting every two weeks to discuss grants in the future.

- OVR Program – borough manager discussed the program, now running through Next Step Supports; the program continues with no cost to the borough.

Meeting

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

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

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

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

Motion by McGlynn, second by Tonte to appoint following part-time police officers for the month of June 2026, as necessary for the general welfare, health, and safety to the public: Giles, Wall, Anderson. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-1 regarding Gamin Permit Fees has been held over until June 2026.

Review of bids for the Borough Roof Replacement Project utilizing LSA funds.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Brudzinski to award the Borough Roof Replacement Project utilizing LSA funds to Blair Contracting in the amount of $166,250. Roll call (6) yes. Carolyn Santee noted that there should be funds left from the LSA grant and a change of scope could be submitted to add to the project.

Motion by Gromelski second by Marriggi to approve a handicap sign at 208 Foote Ave. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Brudzinski approve payment for reimbursement #4 to All Service Rite for the Excelsior Building Update Phase II Local Share Account grant in the amount of $19,506.08, once reimbursement from DCED has been received. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Marriggi, second by Gromelski to enter into an agreement to acquire school students as seasonal employees through the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and Next Step Supports. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Marriggi, second by McGlynn to sell a dump truck box to Mark Margavage in the amount of $400. Roll call (6) yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Kevin Chromey – questioned if Shaft Street will be renamed to Winn Way. Gromelski stated that a discussion needed to go back to Shupp, the only issue at hand is the

addresses that would need to be changed for existing residents on that street; commended the fire department and police department for the work done at the fire on Main Street, noted that the racial slurs going around about the fire are offensive.

- Walter and Joseph Friedman – questioned council on a decision for the stormwater drainage off Lincoln Street, near their property at 268 Main Street, Bill Watt noted that he would need to discuss with the borough engineer.
- Keith Moss – questioned the timeline of the cleanup of the fire at 404-406 Main Street.
- Tricia Pesotine – made a complaint about 442 Foote Ave being deplorable, high grass, dead rodents, appliances and trash in the yard.
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CLOSING COMMENTS:

- Brudzinski, Marriggi, Hoover, Moss, and Tonte thanked everyone involved in fighting the Main Street fire at the Yuhas building.

With no further business to discuss, council entertained a motion to adjourn. First by McGlynn, second by Marriggi. The meeting ended at 7:03 p.m.

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Borough Manager