

2025 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street, Duryea on May 13, 2025, at 6:45 p.m. with Council President, Stephanie Shupp presiding. After a pledge to the flag, a roll call was taken: (5) council members present; McGlynn and Marriggi were absent. Mayor Bauman was in attendance. With a quorum present, the meeting continued. Council met in an executive session this evening to discuss legal matters of land acquisition and personnel matters of the street and police departments. All minutes, correspondence, bills, and reports were made available for inspection.

Department Head Reports/Council Comments

- Nick Lohman discussed the amount and type of arrests; announced drug takeback; requested that Code Enforcement contact Weis to trim tree branches along their property; requested council apply for and LSA for funding for an ATV; announced a grant program to help grow the police department.
- Robert Webb announced that the Safety Committee will meet in the coming week; informed council that a charcoal grill was found under the pavilion in the park after being used on a weekend and requested authorization to place no grilling signs.
- Danny Nicheporchek stated that the Blueberry Hills entrance was patched until the restoration begins; intends to power wash sidewalks in the park and fill alleys in the coming weeks; garage door needs repair.
- Carolyn Santee stated that the audit is in process; stated that extra funding was awarded from CDBG for the upcoming paving project.
- Allison Brudzinski stated that the swings at Healey will be completed this weekend, weather permitting; needs to hear from all of council for LSA ideas.
- Jim Gromelski gave an update on the recent compost meeting; announced that they are still hiring.
- Jeanne Zinkavich reported that the Guarilia sign will be placed this week, pending weather; pavilion at Healey being removed.
- Stephanie Shupp announced the Food Dignity Program @ VFW 5/13 @ 5pm - 7pm, Food/Fun in the Park 6/23-8/15 Monday-Friday 10am - 12pm.
- Jef Bauman noted that a garage was damaged in an alley and resident requested a no truck sign; questioned if the borough was still part of the Land Bank; stated that the fire department is requesting that council reconsider having the light bar installed on the fire police car and they will fund if needed.

Old Business

- York Ave paving – council discussed working with the water company on paving but needs to know the percentage they are willing to pay for paving.

New Business

- Resident Angela Clark requested stop signs at intersections of Clark Road, Joshua Lane and Huckleberry Lane for the safety of children in the neighborhood; also stated that tractor trailers are using the roads as a pass through; Chief Lohman to check the area; developer needs to be contacted.
- Local Share Account grants topic tabled until the June meeting.

Meeting

Motion by Gromelski, second by Zinkavich to accept the minutes as posted. Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by Tonte, second by Zinkavich that all correspondence be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by Brudzinski, second by Gromelski that all bills, wages, salaries, and commissions be paid when funds are available. Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by Tonte, second by Zinkavich to approve payment of bills that were paid after the March meeting, but before the approval of bills for the April meeting. Roll call (5) yes.

Motion Gromelski, second by Zinkavich to approve payment of bills that were paid after the April meeting, but before approval of bills for the May meeting. Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Tonte that all reports be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by Brudzinski, second by Zinkavich to appoint following part-time police officers for the month of June 2025, as necessary for the general welfare, health, and safety to the public: Giles, Wall, Harris. Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by Brudzinski, second by Zinkavich to approve the amendment to Resolution 2024-11 for the statewide grant for the borough roof replacement. Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Tonte to approve the amendment to Resolution 2024-13 for the statewide grant for the Police Department vehicle. Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Gromelski to approve the amendment to Resolution 2024-14 for the statewide grant for the Mitchell Street drainage project. Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second Brudzinski to approve payment to Multiscape Inc. for the Excelsior Building Update Local Share Account grant in the amount of \$47,038.50 once reimbursement is received. Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Gromelski to amend the agenda by adding a motion to hire Don E. Bower to replace sidewalks from the borough building to the main sidewalk in the amount of \$7,043. Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by Brudzinski, second by Zinkavich to hire Don E. Bower to replace sidewalks from the borough building to the main sidewalk in the amount of \$7,043. Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second Tonte for Duryea Borough to be the takeout partner for Campbell's Ledge after the Trust for Public Land purchases the property in November 2025. Roll Call (5) yes.

Motion by Brudzinski, second by Zinkavich to hire Fortini Blacktopping Inc. in the amount of \$12,859 to make repairs to the blacktop at the entrance to Blueberry Hills. Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Zinkavich to work with PA American Water to pave the road on Holiday Drive (side street between York and Holiday) after a pave cut so that the entire road is paved correctly. Roll call (5) yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

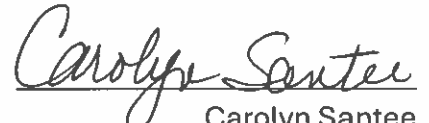
- Ed Amieka presented a flag on behalf of the American Legion; thanked council members for voting in favor of the Campbell's Ledge partnership; questioned cars parking on new sidewalks at the Legion and noted that handicap members having issues with parking; requested that cars not be allowed to park on sidewalks.
- Keith Moss gave an update on the pump on Clark Road; requested that grease not be dumped in drains by residents – causing blockages; questioned the purchase of the Yuhas building - closing 5/20/25; congratulations on the new sidewalks.
- Solicitor Watt noted that a traffic study is needed to place new stop signs and that there must be specs available for their placement; Shupp suggested speed control signs; Lohman to have a cop in the area for traffic; children at play signs were suggested in the Clark Road/Joshua Lane area.
- Mary Margavage questioned if the Yuhas building will be demolished once purchased; will the new sidewalks be installed if it is going to be demolished; questioned the empty lot next to the borough building being paved, along with the plan with the building at 301 Main Street – it was noted that it is a complicated situation, but we could now be using the quality of life ordinance with the appeals board in place, the LCB could be contacted regarding the bar opening once per year, condemn it, and possibly make Lackawanna Ave one sided parking.
- Nick Radle noted the correspondence regarding standing stormwater; questioned the possibility of Duryea Borough being the takeout partner for Campbell's Ledge considering the amount of maintenance and patrolling it will need; questioned if there is an alternate takeout partner.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

- Allison Brudzinski announced that she will host a meeting the next day regarding grants; condolences to the McGlynn family for their loss; good luck to all with the upcoming election.

- Justin Tonte/Jeanne Zinkavich thanked Ellen Lott for her work on the Campbell's Ledge property.
- Jef Bauman thanked the American Legion group for the cleanup along Phoenix and McAlpine Streets, along with the street department for picking up the trash collected.

With no further business to discuss, council entertained a motion to adjourn. First by Gromelski, second by Tonte. The meeting ended at 7:59 p.m.


Carolyn Santee
Borough Manager