

2024 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street, Duryea on May 14, 2024 at 6:44 p.m. with Council President, Stephanie Shupp 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 to discuss legal matters and personnel matters of the Street Department. Please be advised that this public meeting was advertised in the Times leader legal section. A copy of the legal ad is attached. All minutes, correspondence, bills, and reports were made available for inspection.

A discussion was had regarding the upcoming Local Share Account grants. Shupp stated that the borough should have a shovel ready project. Chief Lohman suggested applying for a remodel of the borough building again; Gromelski suggested council move forward with the request by the American Legion for a parking lot and heating system; Mayor Bauman suggested using the STMP grant vs LSA grants; also suggested putting out on social media to get input from residents.

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

Motion by Marriggi, second by Tonte that all correspondence be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Brudzinski that all bills, wages, salaries, and commissions be paid when funds are available. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Tonte, second by Gromelski 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 Zinkavich, second by Brudzinski that all reports be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Marriggi, second by Zinkavich to appoint following part-time police officers for the month of June 2024, as necessary for the general welfare, health, and safety to the public: Giles, Wall. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Gromelski to transfer ownership of the Civil Defense Truck to David Herron, per agreement. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Brudzinski, second by Marriggi to approve placement of a handicap sign in front of 220 Swetland Street. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Marrigi to approve placement of a handicap placard in front of 1221 Grove Street. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Tonte, second by McGlynn to table the Resolution 2024-5 regarding Tax Collector fees. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Brudzinski to enter into a co-op agreement with Germania Hose Company for the 2023 Local Share Account Grant for Germania Remodel. Roll call (7) yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Keith Moss questioned how long the borough will hold the check for Fire Escrow. Bill Watt explained ordinance and time frame. Notice of Violation if they are not moving forward using

code enforcement. Possibility of creating a deadline. David Herron stated there are rats and high grass and was told to contact Code Enforcement.

- Kathy Kamor addressed the odor around the Borough, has been a problem for 3 years, she requested investigation. Keith Moss spoke to DEP; there was an inspector sent out on 4/16/24, he had read the report. Carolyn Jenkes, A Blueberry resident, claims it is not sulfur, it is sewage; Kathy requests we contact Moosic sewer authority to see how they resolved their issue. Mike McGlynn stated that they closed.
- Carolyn Jenkes asked what the burning ordinance was because of a resident burning construction material; Robert Webb explained the ordinance and suggested for her to call 911.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

- Allison Brudzinski mentioned the Food Dignity Program is being held at the VFW on May 23, 5pm to 7pm, sponsored by the American Legion.
- Mike McGlynn stated that the rides and pavilion were purchased for Healey Playground. Park will be closed during Construction, will advertise. He explained the 3 phases of upgrade for Healey.
- Eugene Marriggi thanked the Street Department for moving the rides from Healey to Community Park.
- Mayor Bauman mentioned Smoke in the Valley on May 31st and June 1st at the Duryea VFW. He asked the finance committee if we will have a mid-year update. Mayor also asked if we can update pictures of the park and post on social media.

With no further business to discuss, Council entertained a motion to adjourn. First by McGlynn, second by Zinkavich. Meeting ended at 7:29 p.m.


Carolyn Santee
Borough Manager