

DURYEA BOROUGH WORK SESSION – May 2025

Duryea Borough Council met for a work session on May 6, 2025, at 6:11 pm regarding items for an agenda for the May monthly council meeting. Council members and mayor present: Jeanne Zinkavich, Jim Gromelski, Justin Tonte, Gino Marriggi, Jef Bauman. After a pledge to the flag, Solicitor Bill Watt called the meeting to order. Marriggi and Zinkavich made the motions to appoint Tonte as acting President until Shupp arrived shortly after.

OLD BUSINESS

- Rental Registration/Inspection Ordinance – Bill Watt suggested starting with the registration portion of the ordinance with the inspections to begin at a later date; \$25 fee suggested; a digital form and online payment suggested.
- LSA -Shupp noted that Brudzinski compiled a list of suggestions for the council meeting.
- Healey update – Shupp gave an update on the playground: sandblasting/painting scheduled; Fortini offered to donate time to place blacktop sidewalks with an approximate cost of \$1200 for materials; need adjustments to the gate; Trina Moss requests to have Food and Fun in the Park at Healey this year if open in time.
- Fire Department meeting – tentative for May 19th @ 6:30 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

- Community Park - to use the donation from Excelsior Hose Company autism fundraiser to buy a new ride for the toddler area; plan to purchase another ride for that area once the bikes have no parts left to make repair.
- Brown Street resident – continues to have a medical issue with the back up alarms on trucks/requested a sign stating those trucks are not permitted on the street; Watt to draft a letter to send to resident.
- Swamp Road taxes – Watt to appeal the taxes.
- Keith Moss reported on the mitigation meetings recently; borough will need to apply for funding; Shupp noted that there is a draft on the county website. Moss questioned if the entrance to Blueberry Hills will be repaired – waiting on another quote. Announced that another test will be done on the Germania siren. An emergency management meeting is needed to change the current plan.
- Nick Radle noted that there has been a lot of dumping on Boylan Drive which includes concrete and dead deer.
- Discussion regarding the light bar to the old fire police car ended in the bar being unnecessary for the new car; light bar to go to Tyler Szumski, purchaser of the 2008 Explorer.

- A discussion regarding a resident request to rent a parking spot at the ambulance building; council concerned about liability.
- Announcement regarding the possible acquisition of Campbell's Ledge by the Trust for Public Land, who would turn ownership over to the borough.

CLOSING REMARKS

- Bauman noted that the pavilion roof given to the Little League is still at the Healey Playground and that that Little League has given to the VFW; Watt stated that the borough turned it over to the Little League and they have the right to give away.
- Zinkavich questioned the purchase of the Yuhas property; Watt updated that his office is working on the closing.
- Gromelski questioned if anything can be done about neighbors parking vehicles on sidewalks during business hours near Colarusso's 2.0; Watt stated that this is a public parking area.
- Marriggi discussed the Moses West Foundation, noted that there is an existing water tank at PSA on Clark Road.
- Zinkavich announced that Old Forge will be dredging the river in the upcoming year, questioned if we could talk with legislators and create a similar project in Duryea; announced that the Guarilia sign parts were delivered and will be installed in the coming weeks.

Carolyn Santee