

2023 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street on May 9th, 2023, at 6:47 p.m. with Council President, Justin Tonte, presiding.

After a pledge to the flag, a roll call was taken: (6) council members present. Ed Ameika was absent. Mayor Bauman was in attendance. With a quorum present, the meeting continued. Council met in executive session to discuss legal and personal 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.

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

Motion by Rowlands, second by Gromelski to accept the corrected minutes from the special meeting in November regarding the Operations and Management Agreement with Copart, as posted. Roll Call (6) yes.

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

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

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

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Shupp to accept the resignation of full-time Patrolman First Class Randy Schlatter from the Duryea Police Department, to stay as a part-time officer. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Brudzinski, second by Shupp to appoint the following part-time police officers for the month of June 2023, as necessary for the general welfare, health, and safety of the public: Giles, Wall, Schlatter. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Rowlands to ratify the hiring of Mark Berrios as a part-time Street Department Laborer as of April 26, 2023, at the rate of \$16.00 per hour to start. Roll call (6) yes.


Motion by Rowlands, second by Shupp to hire Eric Knox as a part-time Street Department Laborer as of May 15, 2023 at the rate of \$16.00 per hour to start. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Rowlands to promote Brian Stepanovich to full-time Street Department Laborer, at his current rate. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Brudzinski, to promote Isaiah Terry to full-time Street Department CDL Driver/Laborer, with respective increase according to the current collective bargaining agreement. Roll call (6) yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Chester Klobakuski explained issue with neighbor over a block wall and his fence questioning the boundaries from borough property. Pole in the middle of sidewalk wants UGI to remove it.
- Louise Lopresto questioned tree ordinance and parameters in Blueberry Hills. Bill Watt replied that professionals will be contacted to check out the trees and council is working on fixing the issue.
- Tony Greico asked what the time frame is on rectifying the issue with the trees in Blueberry Hills. Bill Watt replied that the issue will be looked into and explained the right of way to clean and maintain the ability to clear trees past curb.
- Mary Margavage asked about the civil defense truck if it is being used or to sell it, what are the plans with the Yuhas building and Street Department building, Bill Watt replied we are waiting on owner to proceed. Looking at new property for Street Department building.
- Robert Webb mentioned he is working with Chief Lohman on landlord/tenant ordinance and requested to meet with Bill Watt.
- Stephanie Shupp sent a special Thank you out to Brian Ratchford's group, Sons of American Legion and the Duryea Police Association for their efforts in the Community clean up.
- Mayor Bauman announced the Holy Rosary Race for Education and sent a Special thank you out to the Civil Service Commission on their recent testing for new Police Officers.



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