

2022 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street on November 15, 2022, at 6:54 p.m. with Council President, Justin Tonte, 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 this evening to discuss legal and personnel matters of the Street and Police Departments.

This public meeting was advertised in the Times Leader legal section. All minutes, correspondence, bills, and reports were made available for inspection.

A discussion was had regarding the purchase of Duryea Realty's 171 Acres across the Stephenson Street bridge.

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

Motion by Rowlands, second by Shupp that all correspondence be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll Call (7) yes.

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

Motion by Ameika, second by Shupp 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 Rowlands, second by Ameika that all reports be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Brudzinski to appoint the following part-time police officers for the month of December 2022, as necessary for the general welfare, health, and safety of the public:

Giles, Wall. Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Ameika, second by Zinkavich to enter into an agreement with Duryea Realty to purchase 171 acres located at the west side of the Stephenson Street bridge, pending the receipt of the DCNR grant submitted recently, and upon approval of the Borough Solicitor. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Ameika, second by Zinkavich to re-appoint Joan Orloski to the Duryea Borough Sewer Authority, term to expire December 31, 2027. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Zinkavich to pass Resolution 2022-15 to update the amount of the LSA grant in Resolution 2022-11 to \$114,045.56. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Rowlands to hire Matthew Cianfichi as a part-time officer, to be called as needed, provided he successfully pass the full background check process and all other Borough and M.P.O.E.T.C. requirements for newly hired police officers. Officer will be subject to the six-month probationary period for part-time officers. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Ameika, second by Rowlands to advertise for snowplow bids, with current specs in place. Roll call (7) yes.

Public Comment:

- Nick Radle explained how to fix Stephenson Street sidewalk properly with a model, showing the ADA grade. Stated that it is possible, with approximately \$20,000 worth of work (from JHA Engineering).

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- Keith Moss stated that he and Mrs. Shupp completed the NIMS course last week and will continue with updates.
- Jim Gromelski stated that the fire department will be switching to digital for all radios tomorrow at 10 am.
- Stephanie Shupp thanked the Street Department and all involved for the tree planting event.
- Ed Ameika thanked council for a smooth meeting and thanked Mr. Radle for his hard work on the Stephenson Street sidewalk project.
- Mayor Bauman – list of events:
 - Thanksgiving dinner – Saturday 4-5:30 drive through @ Germania
 - Shop Small – 11/26 vendors and specials at businesses
 - Christmas Stroll = 12/10 4:30-8:30

Noted that the Betterment Committee is buying a larger tree this year and needs donations for lights. Thanked council for hazard pay for employees. Discussed complaints regarding RCN/Astound. Stated that Blueberry residents requested roads to be paved.

Jeanne Zinkavich questioned why the handicap corners are being done...due to upcoming paving in 2023.

- Ed Ameika gave a shout out to Fork Over Love for feeding local Veterans at the Legion for Veteran's Day. Stephanie Shupp stated that it was a very successful Betterment Committee project.
- Justin Tonte announced that there will be a budget meeting on Thursday, November 17th @ 5:30 pm at the borough building.

With no further business to transact, the council entertained a motion to adjourn. First by Ameika, second by Rowlands to adjourn at 7:25 P.M.



Carolyn Santee
Borough Manager