

## 2021 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street on November 9, 2021, at 6:50 p.m. with Council President Jeffrey Bauman, presiding.

After a pledge to the flag, a roll call was taken: (7) council members present. Mayor Moss was in attendance. With a quorum present, the meeting continued.

Council met in executive session this evening to discuss personnel matters in the Street Department and legal matters regarding real estate property.

This public meeting was advertised in the Times Leader legal section.

Discussion regarding a request to snowplow at Forest Heights in the 2022 season. Robert Webb made all aware that the manhole covers and storm drains stick up above the pavement quite a bit and this will cause damage to plows. Mr. Shotto, representative for Forest Heights, stated that the paving will be done by then and this should not pose a problem. Jef Bauman stated that this could be discussed in the future, after paving has been completed; that plowing is costly to the borough and not permitted to make a profit. Questioned if there is a possibility of turning the roads over to the borough. Solicitor Armezzani stated that it would not continue to be a gated community if the roads were adopted by Duryea Borough.

Discussion regarding splitting the Civil Defense Funds between two hose companies in the borough. Council stated that there should be a motion on December's agenda to decide.

Discussion regarding making Green Street a one way, as suggested by residents Robert Webb stated that an accident caused traffic to use that road excessively recently. A traffic study was suggested before making any decisions. Chief Lohman stated that there were not many complaints or issues reported on Green Street lately. Jim Gromelski questioned which way would be best if it were made a one way, especially during winter months with snow covered roads. Jef Bauman stated that there is not normally that much traffic on that road.

Discussion regarding a resident's robotic mower that was taken with the trash. A motion must be added to December's agenda.

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

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

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

Motion by Gromelski, 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 (7) yes.

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

Motion by Ameika, second by McGlynn to appoint the following part-time police officers for the month of December 2021, as necessary for the general welfare, health, and safety of the public:

Malvizzi, Wall. Roll Call (7) yes.

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

Motion by Gromelski, second by Ameika to approve Resolution 2021-6 to apply for funding through PEMA for damages incurred during Hurricane Ida. Roll call (7) yes.

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Motion by Rowlands, second by Ameika to appoint Keith Moss to the Duryea Borough Sewer Authority, term to expire December 31, 2026. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Ameika, second by Bauman to advertise a Request for Proposal regarding the alleviation of storm water on Mitchell and Grove Streets. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Ameika to pay Street Department Laborers the CDL rate, currently \$18.75 per hour, when driving as a CDL driver. Roll call (7) yes. Motion to rescind by McGlynn, second by Brudzinski. Roll call (7) yes. Motion by Rowlands, second by McGlynn to pay Street Department Laborers the CDL rate, currently \$18.75 per hour, when operating a borough vehicle that requires a CDL. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Tonte to divide the Civil Defense Funds into two parts to share among Excelsior and Germania Hose Companies. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Gromelski to approve Resolution 2021-7 to enter into an agreement with the Pittston City Redevelopment Authority to apply for CDBG funds for housing rehabilitation for residents meeting certain criteria from COVID Relief/CARES Act allocation two and three. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Gromelski to support a project through LLVSA for an Interceptor and CSO 021 replacement project. Roll call (7) yes.

### Public Comment:

- Ed Ameika compared the Resolution 2021-7 to the land bank and questioned who would be eligible for funding. Jef Bauman compared to other funding sources, (LIHEAP etc...) that would be applied for. Michelle Denicola questioned if this funding was need based or first come, first served. Also questioned if seniors could be assisted at the borough in filing applications. Duryea is willing to help residents do so.
- Darlene Jamieson submitted information and requested that it get posted on the website regarding feral cats spay/neuter options.
- Mary Margavage questioned if council is moving forward on the Street Department building.
- Ed Ameika informed all that the VFW is holding a service for Veterans' Day on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 am.
- Mayor Keith Moss added the following items to the Community Calendar:
  - Wednesday Betterment Committee 6:30 pm
  - Wednesday Crime Watch 5:30 pm
  - Sunday Legion having a polish platter sale. \$15 order by Saturday
  - November 20<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving dinner at Germania hosted by Crime Watch 4 p-6 pm. To go orders only.
  - November 23<sup>rd</sup> Thanksgiving service at 7pm at four churches.

With no further business to transact, the chair entertained a motion to adjourn. First by McGlynn, second by Tonte to adjourn at 7:48 P.M.



Carolyn Santee  
Borough Manager