

2023 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street on October 10th, 2023, at 6:41 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 Absent. Mayor Bauman was in attendance. With a quorum present, the meeting continued. Council met in executive session to discuss personal matters of the Street and Police Departments. 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 Zinkavich to accept minutes as posted. Roll call (6) yes.

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

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

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

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

Motion by Gromelski, second by Shupp to table the 3 year agreement with Municipal Recovery, Inc. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Shupp to advertise for snowplow bids, with current specs in place. Roll call (6) yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT :

- Marty Walsh requested support with Wyoming Valley Stormwater fee. Bill Watt replied we cannot take action and suggested a written request to Borough Secretary and will explore options.
- Chuck Kearney gave information on the Hometown Hero Banner Program presented by the Sons of the American Legion Duryea Squadron 585 and is now accepting Orders.
- Nick Radle gave thanks to all volunteers that helped with the Fall Festival. He gave an update about the Mitchell Street water, explained how PADEP was willing to fund the project, but WVSA backed out due to litigation with Railroad. He thanked the Street Department for picking up garbage and yard waste after cleaning Germania's field and explained how PA Rubber is being reprimanded again. Robert Webb responded stating that Luzerne County Conservation District checked on where dirt was coming from, and all work is up to par.
- Jim Gromelski read a statement regarding recent amounts of rain and flood waters; the SCUBA water rescue was called out to aid in fatal incidents.

- Allison Brudzinski congratulated and said thanks to all involved for DCNR Grant, urges council to continue with funds. The take what you need pay what u can food dignity program is doing very successful, they will be at the VFW Trunk or Treat October 21st 1 to 3 p.m.
- Stephanie Shupp thanked all volunteers that helped with the fall festival and all who participated.
- Jeanne Zinkavich welcomed Danny Nicheporchek back. She explained about The Fork over love program to support local restaurants which gives back to feed the community, the Town Tavern and Marie's Diner will be participating and there will be a chance to win gift cards to local restaurants. She introduced Emily Donahue as the new owner of Bronzed Buns.
- Mayor Jeff Bauman announced the Trunk or Treats at the VFW on Saturday, October 21st at 3 p.m., Germania on Sunday, October 22nd at 1-3 p.m. and The Brick United Methodist Church on Saturday, October 28th at 1-3 p.m. He stated how he enjoyed seeing new faces at the Fall festival. Mayor Jeff Bauman asked to agree on a date for the next budget meeting which will be held on Monday, October 30th at 6 p.m.
- Justin Tonte suggests everyone to come out and vote on November 7th to make a difference.

With no further business to discuss, Council entertains a motion to adjourn. First by Rowlands, second by Zinkavich. Meeting ended at 7:18 p.m.



Carolyn Santee
Borough Manager