

## 2022 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street on October 11, 2022, at 6:55 p.m. with Council President, Justin Tonte, presiding.

After a pledge to the flag, a roll call was taken: (5) council members present; Brudzinski/Rowlands absent. Mayor Bauman was in attendance. With a quorum present, the meeting continued.

Council met in executive session this evening to discuss legal matters 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 an appeals board for code enforcement. Solicitor Watt explained that a board would be necessary to move further into code enforcement for continual blighted properties in the borough. He suggested joining in with other boroughs to form a board.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Zinkavich to accept the minutes as posted. Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Shupp that all correspondence be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll Call (5) yes.

Motion by Ameika, second by Gromelski that all bills, wages, salaries, and commissions be paid when funds are available. Roll Call (5) yes.

Motion by Shupp, second by Ameika to approve payment of bills that were paid after the previous meeting, but before approval of bills for the current meeting. Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by Ameika, second by Gromelski that all reports be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll Call (5) yes.

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

Giles, Wall. Roll Call (5) yes; removed Taylor from agenda.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Gromelski to accept the resignation of Bruce Moluski from the Tax Collector position as of December 31, 2022. Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by Ameika, second by Zinkavich to pass Resolution 2022-14 to apply for a DCNR grant to purchase the 171 acres known as Duryea Realty in the amount of \$965,000. Roll call (5) yes.

Motion by Ameika, second by Zinkavich to amend the agenda by adding a motion to provide Hazard Pay to borough employees that were employed during the peak of the COVID Pandemic through the use of ARPA funds. Hazard Pay will be provided to borough employees who meet the following criteria:

1. Employed by borough for all or part of 2020 and 2021

**AND**

2. Who are currently still employed by the borough.

Payments will be made as follows:

- \$5,000 for full-time employees
- \$3,000 for parttime employees

Each employees' employment status for Hazard Pay will be determined on an individual basis. Roll call (5) yes.

## 2022 SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. with Council President Justin Tonte, presiding.

This meeting was advertised in the Times Leader.

After a pledge to the flag, a roll call was taken: all council members present. With a quorum present, the meeting continued.

Motion by Ameika, second by Zinkavich to approve the Operation and Maintenance Agreement with Copart of Connecticut, Inc.

No public comment.

With no further business to discuss, Council entertains a motion to adjourn. First by Ameika, second by Gromelski. Meeting ended at 5:34 p.m.



Carolyn Santee  
Borough Manager