

## 2025 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street, Duryea on October 14th, 2025, at 6:38 p.m. with Council President, Stephanie Shupp 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 at an executive session this evening to discuss personnel matters of the street and fire departments. All minutes, correspondence, bills, and reports were made available for inspection.

### **Department Head Reports/Council Comments**

- Robert Webb gave an update on a Dickson Street property follow-up - his violations have been cleared; he is turning this over to the Building Code Enforcement Officer. Requested supplying help to the resident while helping neighbors as well. Suggested getting help to get resident in the high-rise. SPCA cannot take any of the cats until at least January 2026. Gino Marriggi asked what can the borough do? Robert Webb said contact the Bureau of Aging - Mary Roselle – Contact Pittston for openings in their high-rise.
- Nick Lohman explained the new reporting system for the police department; Officer Taylor has been undergoing training; The ATV grant was submitted; No Crime Watch meeting this month. Axon – new updated body cams – (Free)
- Dan Nicheporchek – Peterbilt Packer – Mark finished work & should pass inspection; still needs back end fixed; \$3,000 put into it recently.
- Carolyn Santee – Budget meeting date needed – set for 10/29/25 @ 6 pm; no snowplow bids were received; noted that two quotes were requested from local contractors for the Yuhas demo project.
- Allison Brudzinski stated that a decision is needed tonight for the statewide LSA grant; suggested putting all efforts into the bridge project.
- Jim Gromelski – Regional Compost Meeting - no quorum - nothing was transacted.
- Michael McGlynn – requested the bridge quote be forwarded to council.
- Gino Marriggi - thanked all department heads for their work & reports.
- Jef Bauman – impressed that the delinquent garbage list was down to 4 properties.

### **Old Business**

- Statewide LSA – to be placed on November’s agenda
- Kokinda Drive adoption – is possible but does not meet specs to be added to the liquid fuels map; McGlynn requested getting a cost on bringing it up to par.

### **New Business**

## **Meeting**

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

Motion by Marriggi, second by Brudzinski that all correspondence be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll call (7) yes.

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

Motion by Zinkavich , second by Gromelski to approve payment of bills that were paid after the last meeting, but before the approval of bills for this meeting. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Marriggi, second by Tonte that all reports be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Brudzinski to appoint following part-time police officers for the month of November 2025, as necessary for the general welfare, health, and safety to the public: Giles, Wall. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Marriggi, second by Zinkavich to table the opening and acceptance of snowplow bids since none have been received. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Brudzinski to authorize the Borough Manager to prepare a project for the Stephenson Street Bridge for an application to the Local Share Account Statewide Grant. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Gromelski to approve payment to Done E Bower for the Main Street Sidewalk Local Share Account grant in the amount of \$181,285.42 Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Marriggi, second by Brudzinski to approve payment to Don E. Bower for the Main Street Sidewalk Local Share Account grant in the amount of \$30,444.94 once reimbursement from DCED is received. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Tonte to advertise for a member of the Civil Service Commission as of January 1, 2026. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion to enter into an agreement with Career Link to participate in the Youth Program and take on their employee, Joseph Berti. Roll call (7) yes.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Barbara Shock suggested the possibility of helping the Dickson Street resident through church or school groups; questioned the need for a new Civil Service Commission member; requested help with a project that was never completed by contractors Bejeski and Cremard and past council member Audrey Marcinko in 2008; there was a verbal agreement at the time and the project stopped and left their land a mess.
- Stanley Kapish of 301 Main Street announced that he is putting the borough on notice that he will begin prepping the property to repair/replace the missing foundation on his building; requested a copy of the borough's survey and stormwater management

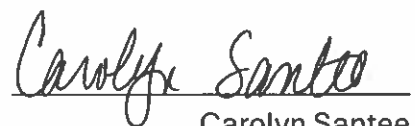
plan for 303 Main Street, owned by the borough; requested authorization to place contractor fence on the borough property to begin work; Bill Watt noted that Mr. Kapish must contact the borough engineer for everything; Mr. Marriggi asked what the timeline will be (next couple weeks, per SK).

- Nick Radle discussed the possibility of the Yuhas property becoming a parking lot until the borough decides what will be done with it; questioned Mr. Gromelski as to why the Germania siren went off on a certain morning but no one left the hose company – Gromelski explained that the call may have called out members of Excelsior or a mutual aid call.
- Keith Moss questioned if there is a sample ordinance for parking; noted that the storage units' company is having another sale at the facility on Brown Street without following regulations.

**CLOSING COMMENTS:**

- Jeanne Zinkavich thanked those who were called out to clean Healey Playground when it was vandalized; thanked Nick Radle for his help with the Fall Festival.
- Jef Bauman questioned the ownership of the new streets in Blueberry Hills (Joshua/upper Clark/new Huckleberry); questioned if they should be policed and if the borough should move forward with street lights and signs; questioned if the funds allocated for the sidewalks in front of the Yuhas property could be used for something else in the area.

With no further business to discuss, council entertained a motion to adjourn. First by Zinkavich, second by Marriggi. The meeting ended at 7:41 p.m.



Carolyn Santee  
Borough Manager