

DURYEA BOROUGH WORK SESSION – OCTOBER 2025

Duryea Borough Council met for a work session on October 7, 2025, at 6:00 pm regarding the agenda for the October council meeting. Council members and mayor present: Gromelski, Brudzinski, Tonte, Marriggi, Zinkavich, Shupp and Bauman; McGlynn absent. After a pledge to the flag, the meeting was called to order.

OLD BUSINESS

- Yuhas building
 - Stephanie Shupp noted that two quotes were received for demolition of the Yuhas building; waiting on two more quotes.
 - Jef Bauman stated that Komensky's property will be up for sale; possibly sell both properties; Bill Watt noted that the borough's property will need to be put out for bid; Allison Brudzinski noted that there was talk regarding turning over to the Land Bank; a meeting will be set with Joe Chacke.

NEW BUSINESS

- Penn DOT project
 - Gregory Leonard from Penn DOT discussed the upcoming project (summer 2027) for the bridge in Lackawanna County, leading from Main Street in Avoca to Birney Ave in Moosic; timeline – possibly 4 weeks for the top side of the project; Chuck Davis will forward onsite staff information to the borough.
- Sidewalk Ordinance
 - Stephanie Shupp questioned the ownership of sidewalks in Blueberry Hills Estates; Bill Watt suggested creating an ordinance to address responsibilities; discussion was had regarding ownership and responsibility among residents according to ordinances/borough code
- Cintas presentation
 - Casey Maloney from Cintas presented a program for the use of AEDs in the borough; leasing program vs purchasing so that the update costs are on the company rather than the borough; \$135 per month. Options for safety kits for vehicles, along with a cabinet option for restocking.
- Keith Moss – questioned campers parked in Blueberry causing issues with turning corners; questioned if police could enforce the covenants that were initially put in place; suggested an ordinance to get campers off the streets in the borough; Chief Lohman stated that they are parked legally; Bert Welling suggested paid permits being required; Bill Watt stated that it would need to be borough-wide; will send over options to council; Jef Bauman discussed trailers that are used for work and would need to consider that as well; Bill Watt suggested a size requirement being listed; referenced a similar ordinance in Hazleton.

- Nick Radle expressed thanks to all who participated in the Fall Festival; a resident suggested using CodeRed to make residents aware.
- Karen Sobeski suggested all of council and mayor go back to sitting up at the council table.

Meeting ended at 6:45 pm.


Carolyn Santee, Borough Manager