

## 2024 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street, Duryea on October 8th, 2024, at 6:40 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 in executive session this evening to discuss matters of the street department. 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.

### **Department Head reports**

- Chief Lohman announced that the PCCD Grant was awarded to the police department.
- Facilities Supervisor, Robert Webb questioned the Rental Registration Ordinance, Bill Watt suggested forming a committee to find costs. He also suggested updating ordinances. Mayor Bauman updated the codification process for the ordinances.
- Building Inspector, Jeff Pisanchyn reported that he set up a meeting with the new owner of 267 Main Street with prospect of remodeling; he discussed rental inspections in Larksville -half of inspections are done beginning of the year and the other half in middle of the year - Stephanie Shupp responded to include him in all meetings for rental Registration.
- Street Supervisor, Danny Nicheporchek announced that the leaf truck is ready for leaf pick up.

### **Council Comments**

- Allison Brudzinski reported that there were 3 projects submitted for LSA; Thanks council for opening discussion about hiring a grant writer, possibly Sarah Hailstone.
- Jim Gromelski gave an update on the compost meeting: discussed ongoing transition from Dupont to Pittston by the first of the year.
- Mike McGlynn submitted a quote for Street Department Building repair; Discussed with vo-tech about the Gene Guarilia sign, awaiting meeting; questioned if Shaft Street was being restored, water company is to complete; Installing Healey pavilion Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>; He spoke with Romilda Crocamo about Stephenson street bridge for numbers for repairs or replacement; he gave an update that the Community park slide is unable to be repaired so far.
- Eugene Marriggi sent a Thank you out to Department heads; stated that the HR committee met this week for reviews; Prisoners helped with Street Department this week.
- Mayor Bauman questioned if the gate at Community Park that is chained open can be unlocked in the toddler area-Eugene Marriggi responded that it was chained because kids were hanging on it; Thank You to the Police Department for Movie in the park; A resident requested a hidden driveway sign, he questioned a brake retarder ordinance and sign; He announced that PA Rubber would like to look into tire recycling programs for the borough; He asked Council if it is ok to reach out to Pittston Area and local colleges for Swamp Road cleanup-Mike McGlynn requested volunteers and to bring Street Department in on October 26<sup>th</sup> for cleanup to clear out debris.

## **Old Business**

- October 26<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. Is the Swamp Road cleanup.
- Small water/Sewer Grant is not open yet
- State wide LSA:
  - Stephanie Shupp requested Mitchell Street drainage.
  - Allison Brudzinski suggested the borough building roof.
  - Mike McGlynn requested a splash pad and pumps for Phase 3 of the Healey playground remodel - Mr. Neutts questioned how it would be drained and winterized-Mayor Bauman suggested an infrastructure to go with it, a bathroom and changing area, correct current building first before splash pad, maintenance cost will be high.
  - Jim Gromelski requested Millenium Strategies Grant (Penn Dot) to install sensor light for emergency vehicles, two on Main St. and two on Foote Ave.
  - Chief Nicholas Lohman requested Police Cars.
  - Nick Radle announced that the Mitchell Street project he was working on is finished; he discussed safety issues with water, ice and mosquitoes; suggested it can also solve the Lambert property and Foote Ave flooding; no match for LSA; small water/sewer -15% match; he could possibly get WWSA involved to cover extra costs; Mike McGlynn requested a copy to review.

## **New Business –**

- Resident request for quiet zone near railroad; Eugene Marriggi stated concern with being unable to use horns during certain hours in case of an emergency; Mayor Jeff Bauman suggested a discussion with a Railroad Representative; Solicitor Watt stated that costs could be upwards of \$30k.
- The next budget meeting will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm.

## **Meeting**

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

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

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

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

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Tonte to appoint following part-time police officers for the month of November 2024, as necessary for the general welfare, health, and safety to the public: Giles, Wall. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Gromelski to authorize the borough manager to prepare an application to the Local Share Account Statewide Grant for the borough building roof. Roll call (7) yes.

No Motion to authorize the borough manager to prepare an application to the Local Share Account Statewide Grant for a Healey Park Splash pad.

Motion by Marriggi, second by Zinkavich to authorize the borough manager to prepare an application to the Local Share Account Statewide Grant for Mitchell and Grove Street Storm Water & Mosquito Remediation. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Tonte to authorize the borough manager to prepare an application to the Local Share Account Statewide Grant for Police Department truck and SUV. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Marriggi, second by Zinkavich to authorize the borough manager to advertise snowplow bids with current specs in place. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Marriggi, second by Gromelski to approve payments for the Germania PPE Local Share Account grant in the amount of \$51,119.43 once reimbursed from DCED is received (Germania to reimburse the borough the amount over the award - \$1,119.43). Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Zinkavich to engage The Cohen Law Firm for purposes of negotiating the telecommunications contract with Comcast. Roll call (7) yes.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

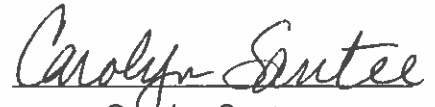
- Keith Moss recommended hiring grant writer Sarah Hailstone to move forward with the application for a multi-modal and Main Street; he questioned if it's possible to take the 1220 Main Street property by eminent domain since code enforcement has been working on it for years – Bill Watt responded that it would need to be intended for public use unless it was an immediate danger; there are laws regarding unoccupied properties that could be utilized; Robert Webb suggested our crew be sent out to clean it. Keith thanked council for demo of 539 Foote Ave. Questioned if PA Rubber is authorized to take tires for recycling. He suggested calling for trailer of mulch and opening Healey Playground. Germania roof is starting October 21<sup>st</sup> with LSA grant funds.
- Mary Margavage asked Where we are with the Street Department building and if the grant is still available, Mike McGlynn requested Mary's help and ideas. Jeff Hoover mentioned hearing about purchasing the York Ave property-Bill Watt replied that the borough must purchase at a public meeting.

### **CLOSING COMMENTS:**

- Miranda Romanofski obtained boxes from Santa Squad for Christmas toys. She will pick up December 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Danny Nicheporchek asked if the topsoil dumped at Healey needs to be moved yet –not yet per Mike McGlynn.
- Allison Brudzinski stated that the Food Dignity produce stand will be at the Duryea VFW Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> and will return in spring. Another bench has been ordered from the plastic recycling program. December 7<sup>th</sup> will be the Christmas Stroll which will be the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- Jeanne Zinkavich announced that the Jimmy Balchune Memorial Fund is doing work on the Little League field, thanks to Mitchells Lumber for donating the supplies, may possibly add carport covers for shade in the future. Support Fork over Love this week at your local restaurants Town Tavern and Marie's Diner are participating and donating proceeds, the winner will receive 52 gift cards to different restaurants.
- Keith Moss announced the Trunk or Treat at Germania on October 19<sup>th</sup> 2 to 5 p.m.
- Miranda Romanofski announced The Trunk or Treat at Weis on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

- Mayor Bauman thanked all involved in the Donnelly Street violation notice, he suggested to check Sub Division on Luzerne St. shown in the packet. Questioned if there are any worries about People's Security merger. Regarding the GPI presentation, he suggested keeping Stephenson Street Bridge.

With no further business to discuss, council entertained a motion to adjourn. First by McGlynn, second by Marriggi. Meeting ended at 7:57 p.m.



Carolyn Santee  
Borough Manager