

2024 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street, Duryea on September 10th, 2024, at 7:20 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

- Facilities Supervisor, Robert Webb reported that 539 Foote Ave is waiting on PPL to cut the electrical service in order to be demolished.
- Building Inspector, Jeff Pisanchyn reported that the Moritz at 267 Main Street has been sold again with the owner contacting zoning to turn into apartments; has a meeting set with the owner of a property on the 800 block of Main Street to have it cleaned up.
- Street Supervisor, Danny Nicheporchek gave an update on the dike: flap gate repairs and erosion project are underway; dike inspection September 17th; update on the frame of the Fire Police car: mechanic stated that it is possible to weld/repair.

Council Comments

- Allison Brudzinski reported that the grants committee met last week and will need a special meeting at the end of the month for grant resolutions; looking for clarification on the grant process for prevailing wage; two grants being submitted – Healey Playground Phase II and a grant for Swamp Rd by the Heritage Trail group; possibly move the roof grant to the Statewide LSA in November; add American Legion to the county LSA; mayor Bauman supports the Legion grant and requests protocol for grants; special meeting to be held September 24th at 5pm for grant resolutions; requests prevailing wage quotes from engineer for Legion grant – Bill Watt to advertise that meeting; requests protocol to be set up for grants.
- Jim Gromelski gave an update on the regional compost meeting: Pittston City taking over.
- Mike McGlynn requested to add motions to the agenda for Healey Playground LSA; requested a thank you be sent to John Soy for making repairs to the clock tower; requested a motion be added to the October agenda to have the Gene Guarilia sign replaced – Ed Ameika suggested having the Pittston Area arts program create the sign.
- Gino Marriggi reported that the HR Committee met to discuss personnel issues.
- Stephanie Shupp thanked Ed Ameika for comments and patience regarding the Legion LSA Grant.

Old Business

- Council gave an update on the Stephenson Street Bridge meeting; county manager to get figures for repair vs replacement; working with Mike Carroll and Josh Shapiro for funds.
- Swamp Road – borough manager supplied update on NPDES permit/ a motion will be added to October to authorize the engineer to work on the permit paperwork.

- CDBG paving – current award \$183k; upcoming application – will need to be decided on what streets to apply for; mayor Bauman questioned old estimates for the current paving project.

New Business –

- A discussion was held regarding a resident's request for a quiet zone along the railroad tracks during the night hours; mayor Bauman explained the requirements for the zone and requested council look further into it.
- Budget meeting date will be October 2, 2024 at 6pm.

Meeting

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

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

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

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

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

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Brudzinski to enter into co-op agreement with Germania Hose Company for the awarded 2023 Local Share Account Grant for Personal Protective Equipment. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Zinkavich to amend the agenda by adding a motion to choose streets for the engineer to put out to bid using 2023/2024 CDBG Funds. Roll call (7) yes

Motion by McGlynn, second by Marriggi to choose the following streets for the engineer to put out to bid using 2023/2024 CDBG funds: **Bennett Street, Lincoln Street, Meyer Street and Grove Street.** Roll Call (7) yes.

Motion by Marriggi, second by Zinkavich to approve Resolution 2024-7 to apply for the 2024 Community Development Block Grant for street paving. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Zinkavich to amend the agenda by adding motion to choose streets to submit for the 2024/2025 CDBG paving application. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Marriggi, second by McGlynn to choose the following streets to include in the application for 2024/2025 CDBG Paving: **White Street, Washington Ave, Mitchell Street and Walnut Street.** Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Marriggi to amend the agenda by adding a motion to decide on projects to move forward with County LSA grants. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Zinkavich to decide on the following projects to move forward with County LSA grants: Healey Playground Phase II, American Legion Upgrade, borough building roof. Roll call (7) yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Joe Neutts questioned the PEC correspondence from the August meeting.
- Justine Cantafio, insurance broker from UEB, requested to give quote for healthcare; questioned why she wasn't given the opportunity earlier; Stephanie Shupp explained the conflict with the form that was submitted; Justine to send the form to the solicitor to look over.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

- Mayor Bauman thankful for insurance company request and suggests looking at other insurance companies and engineer; noted the action by Luzerne Conservation District regarding Coparts and questioned when they'll be cited; noted the Waste Management correspondence and questioned the amount it will increase; should the borough sure up the leaking roof; questioned placing weed barrier under mulch at Healey; Mr. McGlynn suggested cutting the parks with a bag mower; questioned pavilion installation schedule; recommended packet be uploaded to the website for residents to see; requested that the email for the quiet zone to be share with him; offered help with items that are falling behind; suggested a work session days prior to the meeting; questioned putting a summary of grants out to the public.
- Nicholas Lohman questioned options for the PD that were sent over for the upcoming budget.

With no further business to discuss, council entertained a motion to adjourn. First by McGlynn, second by Zinkavich. Meeting ended at 9:20 p.m.



Carolyn Santee
Borough Manager