

2023 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street on September 12th, 2023, at 7:01 p.m. with Council President, Justin Tonte 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 to discuss personal matters of the Street and Police Departments. 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.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Shupp to accept minutes as posted. Roll call (7) yes.

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

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

Motion by Brudzinski, 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 (7) yes.

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

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Rowlands to appoint the following part-time police officers for the month of October 2023, as necessary for the general welfare, health, and safety of the public: Giles, Wall Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Ameika to table the civil defense truck put out to bid. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Rowlands to ratify the termination of employee # 108 from the Duryea Street Department as of September 6, 2023. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Ameika to add special needs signs at the front and side of 801 Blueberry Drive, on both sides of the street (corner property). Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Gromelski to add special needs signs on both sides of the street near 207 New Street. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Brudzinski, second by Zinkavich to ratify the authorization and direct the Borough Manager to execute and deliver the certification and request for payment on behalf of Duryea Borough for approved project costs through the 2022 Community Development Block Grant. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Shupp to authorize the Borough Manger's attendance at the annual PSAB Fall Leadership Conference, October 13-15, in Erie, PA. Roll call (yes).

Motion by Gromelski, second by Brudzinski to ratify the approval of Resolution 2023-7 to apply for the 2024 Community Development Block Grant for street paving (fourteen CDBG approved streets- some are partial streets. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Ameika, second by Rowlands to approve Resolution 2023-8 to apply for a Local Share Account Grant for Main Street Sidewalk Project-Phase 2 (500-600 block) in the amount of \$494,672. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Ameika, second by Rowlands to approve Resolution 2023-9 to apply for a Local Share Account Grant for 2024 Street Paving in Blueberry Hills Estates in the amount of \$872,127. Roll call (7) yes.


Motion by Ameika, second by Zinkavich to approve Resolution 2023-10 to apply for a Local Share Account Grant for Germania Personal Protective Equipment in the amount of \$183,011.20. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Ameika to approve Resolution 2023-11 to apply for a Local Share Account Grant for Excelsior Hose Company Addition-Phase 2 in the amount of \$300,000. Roll call (7) yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT :

- Keith Moss mentioned the guard rail near viaduct needs repair, building inspector needs to cite Yuhas and to call Barb Yuhas. Questioned the concrete patch on Stephenson Street.
- Mary Margavage explained how the Main street needs repairs and to be cleaned up and more street lights. Mayor Jeff Bauman replied that the building inspection system needs to be fixed . Bill Watt responded that the owner of the Yuhas building does not have the authority to sign off on the building because there are other parties involved.
Keith moss responded to work on Multi Modal grant for main street, Mayor Jeff Bauman said that not all on Main street have funds to kick in, we would need an engineer to design. Mr. Neutts replied to bring in more businesses.
- Allison Brudzinski mentioned that Paul Stevenson will attend next Council meeting with Nepa Downtown to present funds, also Duryea Betterment Committee is partnering with Food Dignity program Take what you need, Pay what you can on Saturday, September 16, 2023, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Duryea VFW and will continue one to two times a month.
- Stephanie Shupp mentioned the Fall festival is at Healey Playground on Oct. 1st, 12p.m to 5p.m. Rain Date will be the same day held inside of Germania Hose Company. Stephanie replied about small business grants to help.
- Jeanne Zinkavich responded about main street buildings have been around for a very long time and wished Ed Ameika a Happy Birthday.
- Ed Ameika thanked everyone for the Birthday wishes.

With no further business to discuss, Council entertains a motion to adjourn. First by Ameika, second by Shupp. Meeting ended at 7:53 p.m.


Carolyn Santee
Borough Manager