

2022 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street on September 13, 2022, at 6:49 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 this evening to discuss legal matters and personnel matters of the Street and Police Departments.

This public meeting was advertised in the Times Leader legal section. All minutes, correspondence, bills, and reports were made available for inspection.

A discussion was had regarding the fireworks ordinance. Chief Lohman suggested having the solicitor compare the new laws to our current ordinance. Mr. Gromelski had questions regarding Germania's use of fireworks on dates not listed in the current laws. Mayor Bauman questioned how this will be enforced without enough police staffing. Solicitor Watt said we should utilize the state law for enforcement.

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

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

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

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

Motion by Shupp, second by Zinkavich to appoint the following part-time police officers for the month of October 2022, as necessary for the general welfare, health, and safety of the public:

Giles, Wall. Roll Call (7) yes; removed Taylor from agenda.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Zinkavich to award the CDBG paving project to Pennsy Supply, in the amount of \$859,240, minus Bennett Street. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Ameika, second by Gromelski to award the 2022 Liquid Fuels paving project to Pennsy Supply, in the amount of \$98,755 for Meade and Marcy Streets. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Ameika to enter into an agreement with Waste Management for accepting municipal waste at \$65.74 per ton. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Tonte, second by Zinkavich pass Resolution 2022-11 to apply for LSA funding for the Germania Remodel Project, in the amount of \$111,288.99. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Ameika, second by Shupp to pass Resolution 2022-12 to apply for LSA funding for the Borough Building Remodel, in the amount of \$1,020,000. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Ameika to pass Resolution 2022-13 to apply for LSA funding for the Sidewalk Project – Phase 2, in the amount of \$1,108,890. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Tonte, second by Rowlands to enter into an agreement for the remainder of 2022, with No Nonsense Neutering for residents to utilize for stray cats in Duryea. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Rowlands to accept the resignation of Dylan Winburn from the Duryea Street Department. Roll call (7) yes.

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Motion by Ameika, second by Zinkavich to accept the resignation of Amanda Zabrowski as Duryea Borough Secretary. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Rowlands, second by Gromelski to adopt Ordinance 2022-6 amending Ordinance 2011-4 which makes necessary changes to the Stormwater Ordinance. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Rowlands to appoint Prociak and Associates as the independent auditor for the annual DCED audit for 2023. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Shupp, second by Rowlands terminate employee #98. Roll call (7) yes.

Motion by Ameika, second by Tonte to hire Danny Nicheporchek as the Duryea Borough Street Supervisor, at a rate of \$22/hour. Roll call (7) yes.

Public Comment:

- Mary Margavage questioned when the budget meeting will be held (September 26th); the new LED sign is not working-KC Signs working on the connection; has land been found for the new Street Department building – Mr. Rowlands reached out to a few property owners, without response; is the ambulance building empty – pumps are stored inside.
- Nick Radle asked council/Solicitor to elaborate on the changes in the stormwater ordinance. Solicitor Watt stated that they changes are for new construction, adding a riparian buffer; changes accepted after discussing with engineer.
- Stephanie Shupp announced the Betterment Committee meeting to be held on 9/14 at 6pm at the borough building to discuss the Fall Festival on 9/25; also discussing the Christmas Stroll and Shop Small.
- John Rowlands requested cushions for the benches in council chambers; thanked the Street Department for keeping things running smoothly while lacking a supervisor.
- Justin Tonte thanked the Street Department all applicants for the supervisor position; stated that ARPA premium pay has been discussed and figuring out the ins and outs for payment.
- Mayor Bauman requested that reports be given from boards and authorities; Mr. Gromelski stated that the Compost Facility has not had a meeting recently but in need of repair for the grinder; Mr. Webb stated that the Land Bank recently purchased two properties during their last meeting.
- Ed Ameika stated that the work around the flap gates to remove debris will soon be started, project awarded to O'Hara.
- Keith Moss - 10/8 Germania will host a rally for Cartwright and the Democratic party 4-6pm.

With no further business to transact, the council entertained a motion to adjourn. First by Rowlands, second by Ameika to adjourn at 7:23 P.M.



Carolyn Santee
Borough Manager