

DURYEA BOROUGH WORK SESSION – SEPTEMBER 2025

Duryea Borough Council met for a work session on September 2, 2025, at 6:00 pm regarding items for an agenda for the September 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

- LSA Grant applications – Excelsior Hose Company is ready to be submitted; others will be submitted as information is available; resolutions will be voted on 9/9
- Façade Grant - to be submitted for the Statewide LSA.
 - Bauman – suggested submitting for a statewide grant for the roof and police vehicle
 - Zinkavich - suggested a grant to get the parking lot next door paved but questioned the issues with the building next door; to be discussed in the Executive session on 9/9.

- Comcast negotiations
 - Schedule to discuss during September council meeting

- Green Slide from Community Park
 - Mark Margavage wants to buy it; cost was discussed

- Rental registration fees/draft ordinance – proposed fees
 - Ordinance was updated and advertised

- Yuhas building plans –
 - Building was inspected by the engineer; obtain a cost to demo the building and more inspection may be needed for air quality; ground sinking on the Stephenson Street side; Nick Radle suggested using the property for a parking lot until a plan is decided.

- T Mobile grant
 - upgrade the bathrooms at Healy Park

- Stephenson St Bridge – update

- Rats – Main /Marcy
 - A sewer report is needed; Keith Moss to obtain a report from the engineer.
 - Look into the process of getting a warrant to enter the home

NEW BUSINESS

- Jonas Crass – DCED - gave a presentation on the advantages of joining a Council of Government (COG) and discussed grants
- Acceptance of Campbell's Ledge from TPL – to be discussed at executive session on 9/9; keys are needed to open gates to gain access to the property in case of an emergency; It was suggested to have a letter sent to Luzerne County 911 to have the road repaired - can't get to the towers.
 - PT Wildcats O & M Agreement – sent to engineer for review; Art Coolbaugh from Design Build presented an overview of the project
 - Girl Scouts - use of conference room; It was discussed that they change their meeting date on a day taxes are not collected; provide them cleaning supplies so they can clean up after the meeting; provide them with a contract – that if carpets need to be cleaned they would be charged a nominal fee.
- Trina Moss noted that her Civil Service term will be up in December - council will need to appoint a new member
- Land Bank Representative – Robert Webb resigned his position; council will need to appoint a new representative/ Duryea has no vote without a representative.
- Keith Moss questioned who will be attending the Lion's Club Dinner. Questioned what was found about the storage unit on Brown Street having sales.

Carolyn Santee