

## 2025 REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Duryea Borough Council was held at 315 Main Street, Duryea on September 9th, 2025, at 6:41 p.m. with Council President, Stephanie Shupp presiding. After a pledge to the flag, a roll call was taken: (6) council members present, Marriggi was absent. Mayor Bauman was in attendance. With a quorum present, the meeting continued. Council met at an executive session on September 2nd and again this evening to discuss personnel matters of the street and police departments and legal matters regarding land acquisition. All minutes, correspondence, bills, and reports were made available for inspection.

### **Department Head Reports/Council Comments**

- Nick Lohman discussed that vehicle 26-2 was back in service. The new full-time officer was trained. Speed lines were painted – training needed for newer officers. Streetlight on the corner of Stephenson and Foote Ave consistently going out. Complaints about ATV's and dirt bikes – 5 arrests recently. Coxton Road near Swamp Road – guard rail coming off.
- Allison Brudzinski – LSA's – questioned if the costs accurate?
- Jim Gromelski – attended the compost meeting - personnel issues, need a co-signer for LSA - Avoca, reviewed treasury report.

### **Old Business**

- Discussed the green slide – should it be sold for market value?
- Comcast negotiations – Bill Watt discussed the agreement for council to consider, read the talking points. Keith Moss – questioned if there will be free service to the borough, Bill Watt – stated that the law prohibits this. Franchise fee will go from 4% to 5%. Joe Neutts questioned if this limit residents to use Comcast only . Bill Watt - no. Mike McGlynn – is the new franchise fee equal to Astound. Bill Watt – yes.
- Art Coolbaugh spoke to O & M

### **New Business**

- Comcast – look at moving back to Comcast. Jeff Bauman explains franchise, as formed on Google – fees passed on to consumers for borough internet.
- Career Link – looking to hire Joe Berti as a part time street department employee through the Career Link Youth Program.

### **Meeting**

Motion by Brudzinski, second by Zinkavich stating that there is no fair market value to the old green slide removed from Community Park. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Brudzinski to amend the agenda to add a motion to sell the old green slide from Community Park with an offer from Mark Margavage. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Brudzinski to sell the old green slide from Community Park to Mark Margavage in the amount of \$50. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Zinkavich to accept the minutes as posted. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Tonte, second by McGlynn that all correspondence be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich second by Tonte that all bills, wages, salaries, and commissions be paid when funds are available. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Brudzinski, second by Gromelski to approve payment of bills that were paid after the last meeting, but before the approval of bills for this meeting. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Tonte that all reports be accepted, action be taken where necessary and placed on file. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Tonte, second by Zinkavich to appoint following part-time police officers for the month of September 2025, as necessary for the general welfare, health, and safety to the public: Giles, Wall. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Gromelski to approve the O&M agreement with the P.T. Wildcats. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Zinkavich to accept the verbal resignation of employee #93 from the Street Department as of 8/15/25. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Brudzinski to advertise for snowplow bids, with current specs in place . Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Gromelski to adopt Ordinance 2025-1 to form a Rental Registration and Inspection Ordinance. Roll call (6) yes.

Motion by Brudzinski, second by Zinkavich to authorize the Borough Manager's attendance at the annual PSAB Fall Leadership Conference, October 3-5 at State College, PA. Roll Call (6) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Zinkavich, to approve resolution 2025-8 to adopt the Luzerne County 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan for Duryea Borough. Roll Call (6) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Tonte to approve Resolution 2025-9 Comcast Agreement executing a Cable Franchise Agreement between the Borough of Duryea and Comcast of Colorado-Pennsylvania/West Virginia, LLC. Roll Call (5) yes (1) no – Brudzinski.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Tonte to accept the written resignation of Robert Webb from the North East Pennsylvania Land Bank Authority as of August 14, 2025. Roll CALL (6) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Gromelski to appoint Mike McGlynn to the North East Pennsylvania Land Bank Authority as the representative for Duryea Borough as of this date.

Roll Call (5) yes (1) abstain – McGlynn. (Mayor Bauman stated that this should be advertised for the new year since McGlynn was hesitant about accepting the position.)

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Tonte to approve the letter of acceptance from Trust for Public Land (TPL) for Duryea Borough to accept ownership of Campbell's Ledge once purchased by TPL. Roll Call (6) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Tonte to approve the donation letter to Trust for Public Land as a donation for the Campbell's Ledge property to be purchased by TPL later this year. Roll Call (6) yes.

Motion by Zinkavich, second by Gromelski to hire Chris Klein as a part time Street Department Laborer at the rate of \$20 per hour to start, as per the current Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll Call (6) yes.

Motion by McGlynn, second by Shupp to approve Resolution 2025-10 to apply for a Local Share Account Grant for Excelsior Hose Company Addition Phase III in the amount of \$498,226.26. Roll Call (3) yes – McGlynn, Zinkavich, Shupp; (3) no – Gromelski, Brudinski, Tonte; Jeff Bauman – yes.

Motion by McGlynn, Second by Brudzinski to approve Resolution 2025-11 to apply for a Local Share Account Grant for the Main Street Parking Lot and Building Roof Replacement Project (\$284, 081) Roll Call (6) yes.

Motion by Gromelski, second by Brudzinski to approve Resolution 2025-12 to apply for a Local Share Account Grant for the Marcy Street Building Update (\$146,281) Roll Call (6) yes.

Motion by Tonte, second by Zinkavich to authorize the proper officers of Duryea Borough Council to execute and deliver a Memorandum of Understanding between Duryea Borough and the Police Association to modify Article 9 of the collective bargaining agreement covering the period of January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2028. Roll Call (6) yes

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**


- Diane Vilvada – questioned if code enforcement has moved for with New St/Dickson Street issues. Bobby Webb – New St, Letter was sent to owner, she is working on the tree cutting and yard waste; working to secure garage and remove animals that are nesting there. Diane Vivalda asked the timeline – Bobby Webb - 10 days from date of notice. Bobby Webb – Dickson Street - agrees with Diane. Entered house and came right back out. Issued a \$100 Quality of Life Citation for both sides. Bobby Webb to call Vickie at SPCA. Jeff Bauman questions continued citations/magistrate hearing, and where to go next. Bill Watt – code enforcement by Jeff Pinsanchyn could go further with property maintenance code, he could post unfit if needed. Robert Webb - could she possibly get into the high rise (someone on council is helping with this) . Diane – the house was condemned in the past and didn't go anywhere. Not a healthy environment for residents.

- Keith Moss – Keys for a gate to go to Campbells Ledge were obtained and distributed. Questioned of the borough is moving forward with code enforcement at the 800 Block of Main St; he supplied an unpaid invoice from a plumber to fix the broken sewer line but was not completed. Bill Watt stated that he would need a letter from the engineer that there is an actual issue with the property. Keith Moss will get it – he was not able to get the camera into the sewer line to check it out. Bill Watt states that we need the engineer letter that it is not done, without camera footage might not hold up in court.

**CLOSING COMMENTS:**

- Jeanne Zinkavich - Fall Festival at the Healy (Germania in case of rain) October 5<sup>th</sup> at 12 pm. Food Dignity Distribution Thursday at the VFW.
- Jef Bauman – news in Lackawanna County of Data Centers, trying to get under control; concerned with one going to Boylan Drive. COG – thinks borough should move forward with cost savings; refers to rates for waste. Congratulations to the Duryea Lions on their work in town.

With no further business to discuss, council entertained a motion to adjourn. First by McGlynn, second by Tonte. The meeting ended at 7:58 p.m.

  
Carolyn Santee  
Borough Manager