The Regular Monthly Meeting of Dupont Borough Council was called to order at 6:06pm on Tuesday evening, May 12, 2026 by President of Council Mark Kowalczyk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Kowalczyk - Present	Mr. Jones - Present
Mr. Karkut - Present	Mr. Price - Present
Mr. Knick - Present	Mayor Lello – Present

Mr. Kowalczyk stated an executive session was held prior to the regular meeting at 5:30 for personnel issues.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 14, 2026 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL AND PLACE ON FILE.
Motion: Mr. Jones
Second: Mr. Karkut
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Jones, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Knick, yes.
Motion Carried 5/0.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CORRESPONDENCE.
Motion: Mr. Jones
Second: Mr. Price
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Jones, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Knick, yes.
Motion Carried 5/0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE BILLS FOR PAYMENT.
Motion: Mr. Jones
Second: Mr. Karkut
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Jones, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Knick, yes.
Motion Carried 5/0.

MOTION TO APPOINT THE PART TIME POLICE OFFICERS FROM MAY 12, 2026 TO THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL WITH NO GUARANTEE OF WORK: Bryan Besecker, Jennifer Kumpas, Michael Sniscak, Eric Danaher, Joseph Delaney, Mitchell Rennick.
Motion: Mr. Price
Second: Mr. Jones
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Jones, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Knick, yes.
Motion Carried 5/0.

REPORTS:
Treasurer's Report: Mr. Jones read the report.
April 30th Balances Report submitted by Albert B. Melone Co.
General Fund – 155,214.38 (5-6-26)

Payroll Fund – 540.02 (5-6-26)
ARPA FNCB Cash - .38
Admin 4249 Debit Card – 171.34
Police Debit Card – 916.66
Refuse Fund – 154,298.34
Sewer Maintenance Fund – 401,803.14
Liquid Fuels – 150,716.64
Police Pension Fund - 1,180,257.90
Special Fund – 25,316.14
Clock Memorial Fund – 102.12
Fire Victims Fund – 6.12

Tax Collector's Report: Mr. Jones read the report for April 2026 submitted by Susan Gregory, Tax Collector
Balance Collectable Beginning of Month – 203,627.24
Less Face Collections for the Month – 138,743.78
Balance Collectable End of Month – 64,883.46
Discounts – 2,762.19
Check deposited in General Fund - $135,981.59

Mayor's Report: None

Police Report: Chief Doran reported the following for April:
Criminal arrests-2; traffic citations issued-32; non traffic citations issued-3; appearances in county court-5; appearances in magisterial court-16; motor vehicle accidents-7; assist to EMS/Fire-6; assist to other police dept.-13; alarms-4; thefts-2; vandalism-1; disorderly conduct-4; pfa violations/service-1; domestic reports-7; suspicious activity-8; dui aarrest-1; assault/harassment-4; drug offense-1; miscellaneous calls-31; building checks-28. Mileage: Car#1 F150 – 76,116; Car #2 Charger – 61,393; Car # 3 – Explorer – 39,351. Magistrate Fines Collected - $1,592.53.

Solicitor's Report: None

Engineer's Report: Bob Naegele updated on the following: (1) Astound – Reached out to the insurance provider requesting information. Also Bob asked Patty to forward any pictures in the files that were taken of the issues. (2) Quail Hill Pump Station – We did receive a grant and are discussed three phase power to the station. Bob will discuss this with the contractor whether that would solve some of the power problems. He is still investigating that. (3) DEP Growing Greener - Still did not hear from DEP after the site meeting. (4) Watershed Restoration and Protection Grant – Surveys are done. We are working on some sketches. Once we have a template put together we would like to sit down with council and whoever else whants to be involved to go over the project. Then it would go to DEP for permitting. After that it can go out to bid. (5) The police entrance and garage project are slated to start Monday May 18th. Police entrance first. The contractor will meet with the chief to coordinate the work because of the

impact with the entrance. The garage is probably two weeks to a month behind that. They will be here working and once they get to the point, the will saw cut the blacktop out and do the utility connections and start construction. Mark questioned completion by the grant due date. Bob stated we did receive an extension on the grant and he anticipates them being done by end of July or August. (6) Liquid Fuels Paving – Wayco was awarded the bid. Their tentative start date is June. They are finishing something up and then will start here. There was at the request of council a price for some inlet repairs that council will discuss tonight. Bob also went back to the garage, he circulated a color chart from the contractor for the metal and door. The sooner the better so we can stay on schedule.

Mr. Jones asked if there was any update on the EAP. Bob said Mike has worked on it and Bob needs to look at it which he will do soon.

Fire Department Report: Don Hudzinski Jr. presented the April 2026 report as follows: Total incidents-21. Paid responses-10. Volunteer Responses-11. Incident Type: motor vehicle accident-7, fire alarm-1, wires down-2, brush fire-1, FC investigation-1, Aircraft incident-1, EMS Assist-5, Rental Inspection-3. Jurisdiction: Dupont-15, Hughestown-3, Avoca-2, Pittston Township-3.

EMS Report: Hughestown responded into Dupont Borough 28 times during April. In addition, Hughestown launched an electronic payment option for this year's EMS subscription, now available through the facebook page; Staffed two ambulances three days per week; Attended opening day for the Dupont Little League.

EMA Report: Mr. Jones attended the quarterly training last Monday. He will also be participating in the town energy drill that they do every year that gets evaluated by FEMA.

Code Enforcement Report: Mr. Jones reported that Chris Yacovelli did 5 hours today. He is keeping up with the rental inspections. Mr. Jones is considering sending out delinquent notices to those who have not registered and paid for the inspections and possibly issue citations.

Crime Watch Report: Bob Price discussed the meeting last month with the topic being the summer event to be held July 25th . They have food vendors lined up, some craft vendors and are working on music. It is going to be a good day for the town to celebrate the 250th . The next meeting is May 25th at 7:00pm.

Compost Report: Stan Knick updated council on a problem with the tether. The cost for a new remote would be $6000. There is a grant in for a new grinder so rather than put $6000 into this one we went with the tether. Cleveland Bros. was there to service it. All is running good. The next meeting is the first Thursday in June.

Landbank Authority Report: Stan Knick noted there was no meeting last month. He will be out of town for June's meeting, but Bob Price will be attending. Mark asked the date of the Landbank meeting. Stan stated Pittston City will email the date.

Council President's Report: 68.28 tons of trash; 4.72 tons of comingle recycling and 7.61 tons of paper collected and disposed in April. Mileage: packer – 12,04 and there was an issue with the transmission light, called mack and they referred us to penn power in Wilkes-Barre; Recycler – 49,967; 3500 Dump Truck – 25,926 and DPW Macrae installed the correct power steering pump; 6500 Dump Truck – 7,226; Mack – 6,175 and is parked for now and only used in the winter months for plowing; Bucket Truck – down at Altech for inspection and routine service. While there, the truck was damaged where the boom came down on the roof of the truck. Altech sent the truck to Falzones to be repaired; Roller – 49 hours; ventrac – 72.1 hours; backhoe – 881.6 hours. In addition, Mark reported the following: We awarded the bid to Wayco for street paving. Since that was awarded , there are drains within the work area that need to be fixed.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORTS
Motion: Mr. Knick
Second: Mr. Jones
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Jones, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Knick, yes.
Motion Carried 5/0.

MOTION APPROVING STORM DRAIN REPLACEMENT PER WAYCO QUOTE TO BE PAID FROM SEWER MAINTENANCE FUND FOR HILLSIDE AND CENTER $20,100. Prior to the motion, council members and engineer discussed the quote which included four prices as follows: Hillside both inlets, not the pipe - $7,950; Hillside inlets and 50' of 24" cross pipe between them - $10,400; Center Street inlet with C top and 70' of outlet pipe + 2 trees taken out - $9,700; and Smith/Grant just the 1 box - $4,600. Bob noted that with the Center Street drain he recommends the property owner be notified and get their authorization to do the work. Grant Street possibly can be held back and done at another time either with grant money or other drains. Mark explained the location and asked council to look at that. There are also two on the left in that area that our DPW guys can repair. It is basically requiring some patch work on the side walls and pouring concrete. Bob also noted the two on Hillside – one is out on the road and the other In the road. They are all falling in and in bad shape. Bob recommends the two on Hillside be done.
Motion: Mr. Knick to do Hillside with cross pipe and Center Street, hold on other
Second: Mr. Jones
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Jones, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Knick, yes.
Motion Carried 5/0.

Patty asked if that is through Wayco and if it has to be bid. Bob noted Wayco is under contract so it can be done as a change order within their scope of work area.

MOTION APPROVING AIR CONDITIONING UNIT FOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KEVIN KRAWCZYK FOR OPTION 1 $4810 AFTER DISCUSSION WITH KEVIN KRAWCZYK (Mark followed up with Kevin on Thursday morning)
Mark asked Patty to explain. Patty stated she believes the first one is for air only to replace the current unit. The second and third include heat pumps. Council looking at the quote had

questions since all three listed heat pumps. Mr. Karkut looked up the brands on the internet, Comfort Aire and GE and Mr. Knick and Mr. Jendrey offered comments on the options listed. Mark will discuss the three options with Kevin and what he recommends for the Chambers. Mark will keep council posted.
Motion: Mr. Price
Second: Mr. Jones
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Jones, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Knick, yes. Motion Carried 5/0.

MOTION TO TABLE THE QUOTE FOR LINE PAINTING COMMERCE/FREEPORT INTERSECTION UNTIL COUNCIL HAS A CHANGE TO LOOK AT THE AREA TO DETERMINE THE AREAS NEEDING REPAINTING
The quote was $2500.00 to restrip 4" double yellow @505'+/-; 6" White @260'+/-; 24" White @25' +/-; 24" Yellow @ 113'+/-; (2) 12' Straight Arrow; (1) 12'Left Turn Arrow; (1) 8' ONLY; (1) Mobilization.
Motion: Mr. Jones
Second: Mr. Price
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Jones, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Knick, yes. Motion Carried 5/0.

MOTION ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF STANLEY KNICK FROM COMPOST COMMISSION AND LANDBANK AUTHORITY AND APPOINTING THE NEW MEMBERS AT THE JUNE MEETING. Mark stated he is the alternate for the Compost and Mr. Price is the alternate for the Landbank. Stan Knick addressed the Chair that he will stay on until next meeting because they will have to put a Chairman in place next month. Mark asked if it should be tabled. Stan stated no, take the resignation, but whoever is going to be appointed for Dupont should be at the next compost meeting. Stan added he is on the books to sign the checks so he will stay on to do that until next meeting. Kyle from Township can sign also. Mark will be at the next meeting and will discuss with council who will step up to represent the compost. Bob Price also noted he is on the Landbank and will attend that meeting in June.
Motion: Mr. Jones
Second: Mr. Price
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Jones, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Knick, no. Motion Carried 4/1.

MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR FULL TIME BOROUGH MANAGER POSITION
Motion: Mr. Jones
Second: Mr. Karkut
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Jones, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Knick, yes. Motion Carried 5/0.

MOTION TO HIRE AMERICAN DRUG AND ALCOHOL DIAGNOSTICS LLC.
Motion: Mr. Jones
Second: Mr. Price
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Jones, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Knick, yes.
Motion Carried 5/0.

Matters from Residents:

1. George Jendrey (1) America 250PA – Crime Watch sponsored event for July 25th – we need volunteers to help make the kids event successful. We only have five people showing up at the meetings. (2) George asked the engineer about the three phase. Bob stated we have a power converter up there, not three phase. George suggested asking the contractor about a VFD.
2. Don Hudzinski Sr., representing Sacred Heart Church – Address council on a line item on the agenda pertaining to petition from Sacred Heart for line painting. Mark asked the engineer to look into it. They requested some handicap parking with limited time. We did it for Holy Mother of Sorrows several years ago. Bob asked what street. The response was Lackawanna and Walnut. Don stated the whole concept is for safety and security matter. Don explained the submission in detail. Bob will take a look at the area and do some measurements. Don also noted the parish is willing to cover the costs.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST SUBMITTED BY SACRED HEART CHURCH PENDING REVIEW BY THE ENGINEER
Motion: Mr. Jones
Second: Mr. Price
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Jones, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Knick, yes.
Motion Carried 5/0.

Mark noted that there is a grant to PennDOT Multimodal for paving the 100 and 200 blocks of Lackawanna Avenue which we should hear back on in July. As far as Walnut, we can work on that. Don is aware of that and they are willing to wait til the paving is done.

Second, Don also brought up the request that was made to the Police Chief for the police officer if available can park out randomly in front of the church during mass. This past Saturday the car was parked out front and he thanks the town for that. Mark commented we have a very active police department in the town and not only in front of the church but other areas. They will follow up with a request like that.

Matters from Council and Mayor:

Mr. Knick – Nothing

Mr. Jones – Myself and Mr. Kowalczyk went out this past Sunday and put the flags up for Memorial Day and the Hometown Banners are up. The Memorial Day parade will take place at 10:30 kicking off at the VFW. The town looks beautiful for the services.

Mr. Karkut – See you at the Memorial Day parade.

Mr. Price - Would like to see more people like George said at the Crime Watch and the 250th celebration.

Mayor Lello – Its National Police Week from May 10 to the 16th. We have a great Chief and police department, always here to serve us. Food Drive is the fourth Thursday of the month, truck comes about 8:30. We would love to have volunteers help out.

Mark Kowalczyk – Election Day is May 19th here at the Chambers. Memorial Day parade starts at 10:30 on the 25th and the services will be held following the parade at the VFW parking lot. The next meeting is June 9, 2026 at 6:00pm.

MOTION TO ADJOURN. Meeting Adjourned unanimously at 6:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia McDonald
Borough Secretary

Adopted and Approved

Mark Kowalczyk
Council President