The Regular Monthly meeting of Dupont Borough Council was called to order at 6:00pm on Tuesday evening, September 2, 2025 by President of Council Stanley Knick Jr.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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| Mr. Knick – Present | Mr. Kowalczyk – Present |
| Mr. Karkut – Present | Mr. Price – Present |
| Mr. Jones – Present | Mayor Elaine Lello – Present |

Mr. Knick called for an executive session to discuss personnel.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 8, 2025 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL AND PLACE ON FILE.**
Motion: Mr. Kowalczyk
Second: Mr. Karkut
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 5/0.

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

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

**MOTION TO APPOINT THE PART TIME POLICE OFFICERS FROM SEPTEMBER 2, 2025 TO THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL WITH NO GUARANTEE OF WORK:** Bryan Besecker, Duane Saunders, Jennifer Polemitis, Christiopher Fargione, Michael Sniscak, Brian Morris, Brian Jacobosky, Eric Danaher and Jospeh Delaney.
Motion: Mr. Kowalczyk
Second: Mr. Jones
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 5/0.

REPORTS:
Treasurer's Report: Computer Balances as of 9-2-25
General Fund - $48,781.30
Payroll Fund - $33,918.67
Refuse Fund - $165,436.54
Sewer Maintenance Fund - $278,029.60
Liquid Fuels Fund - $139,344.62
Special Fund - $55,119.80

Police Debit Card - $5,025.44 ($5000 from special fund to be used as deposit on municibid auction for used police vehicle)
Office Debit Card - $156.46
ARPA Fund - $.38
Fire Fund - $60.08
Clock Fund - $3,246.83 (invoices pending for benches)

Tax Collector's Report: No Report

Mayor's Report: Mayor Lello was at the building today when a call came in complaining about the condition of Spruce Street and how many cars had to get fixed and alignments. Elaine drove there today and without driving on the sidewalk you can't get through. She addressed council on how to rectify it. Stanley noted the DPW workers have to patch the holes as much as possible. There is a grant in for streets. We have to check the balance in liquid fuels. Joey talked about 10 x 20 section, renting a milling. Elaine noted it goes from Everhart to Lackawanna. Mark talked about a bobcat and track loader to do that section until we can get road paved. We did patch work in the past on Simpson and Curtain where we milled out the center so did not have to do ada ramps. Elaine talked about the past with the ashes and the guy in the back of the truck. Joey stated he can ask Jason to let us use the one in Pittston, buy a set of teeth for it. Stan agreed to look into that.

Police Report - Officer Tamburello read the August report as follows: criminal arrests-1, traffic citations issued-69, non traffic citations issued-4, appearances in county court-4, appearances in magisterial court-35, motor vehicle accidents-4, assist to ems/fire-4, assist to other police dept.-9, alarms-4, burglaries-1, thefts-5, vandalism-1, disorderly conduct-6, domestic reports-8, suspicious activity-7, DUI arrest-1, assault/harassment-9, drug offense-2, miscellaneous calls-53, building checks-34, code enforcement/rental inspection-30, vehicle mileage: F150 – 70,267; Explorer – 34,828. Magistrate Fines: unknown.

Solicitor's Report: Ordinance concerns door to door salesmen. We need to have something in place. This is a minimal ordinance to tell us what you are doing, who you are. The fee is $50.00. Erik talked about an incident at his property. Mayor Lello remembers in the past people being asked if they had a borough permit. Stan said it was on the honor system. Mark stated we do have to charge because of the office hours involved in taking the information. Some towns charge $500. That is too much. The biggest thing is who it is and what they are doing so we protect the residents. Joey asked if the police can be added. Erik stated yes. He put the borough manager but it could be police, code enforcement or manager. Erik will make the change and Patty will advertise for next meeting. Instead of manager just put borough office instead. All agreed.

Engineer's Report: Written report. Stan talked about the creek inspection that took place today. It was about vegetation and some concrete spalling under the bridges. They met at the basketball courts and that project is closed out for the most part.

Fire Dept. – Total incidents-19, Paid staff responses-7, Volunteer Responses-12, Incident type: fire alarm-1, FD investigation-1, Motor Vehicle Accident-6, Flooding-1, EMS Assist-4, Vehicle Fire-1, Rental Inspection-2, Aircraft Incident-3. Jurisdiction: Dupont-10, Hughestown-4, Avoca-1, Pittston Township-3, PA Turnpike-1. Submitted by Donald Hudzinski Jr., Fire Chief.

EMS Report – Hughestown responded to Dupont Borough 26 times for month of August.

EMA Report – About nine people attended the training session including Bob, Ellen, Mayor Lello, people from Duryea and Hughestown. It was about one and a half hours. On tonight's agenda is the 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for adoption.

Code Enforcement Report – 10 notice of Violations issued, 5 rental inspections, 5 cases closed due to compliance, and 3 work permits issued.

Crime Watch Report – Vacation season got us for this month, everyone was doing something else, so we had to cancel the meeting. We do have our window signs and will be handing them out next meeting. The next meeting is September 30th at 7 o'clock. Stan asked that next time a meeting is cancelled please put something on the door. Bob said everyone called him fifteen minutes before the meeting, Elaine and Alberta were here. Elaine spoke that she came her at 6:45 pm and the building was black. Now I am a new person that wants to join crime watch and I leave my house 15 minutes early for the meeting and the doors are locked. Don't you think you should come early, open the door and turn the lights make it inviting for people to come in. I then drove around town, came back called Bob and he pulled in. I think you should come early.

Council President Report – Trash – 64.63 tons, 5.31 comingle, 5.39 tons paper. Packer – 9,493; Recycler; 3500- 47,329; -3500- 21,311; 6500-2,332; Green pickup, 10,759. Bucket truck in for service, Mack in for recall, recycler – steer tires and rear tires, 550 bid out and sold 16,627.77. The gentleman that bought the 550 called me again today that the spinner wasn't on the spreader. Stan told him we were looking for it. It was sold as is. He said he would stop by and pick it up. Mark stated we have it because it was used last winter. We will call him if we find it. The creek inspection was held this morning. Stell quarry hearing (why we moved the meeting) has been rescheduled to November 3rd.

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

**MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 9 OF 2025 LUZERNE COUNTY 2025 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE**
Motion: Mr. Kowalczyk
Second: Mr. Jones
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 5/0.

Matters from Council and Mayor:

Joseph Jones – The new walk track is being used by a lot of people. The new lights at the courts are on and are bright. It looks good over there.

Mark Kowalczyk – Nothing at this time.

Joseph Karkut - I had the opportunity to work with Dave Bojnowski in the alley cutting trees and he is doing an excellent job with cutting trees and using the bucket truck. He did an excellent job. He was

way up in the air and we did a lot of tree trimming. He is doing an excellent job cleaning up these alleys. The trees grow fast. Stan stated it is good to have him as a part timer. He is certified with the bucket truck. He was up 40 feet by the hose company. Excellent job.

Bob Price – Nothing at this time.

Matters from Audience:

Alberta Warunek comment with regard to Mayor's comments on the Crime Watch. I have been coming to these meetings every single time. The people that are President, etc. are employed. Bob Price has to drive from his distant job to get here. Whether there is a line out or not, people stopped coming ever since that robbery on McLean Street years ago. People don't come because they are on the internet which I hate. There is no criticism with the crime watch. I sit out here every single time at 6:45. Eventually, Jess might show up five to seven, Bob will come in, which I understand with his work. There is no body else. You might get one or two stragglers. People do not come and have not been coming to the crime watch for a long time. This is your council meeting but this was changed so maybe.

Elaine noted that the officers of the crime watch that come. Is it worth keeping the crime watch, how can we keep it open. It is hard to say we want to lose it. Alberta said many of the towns have already lost it. Alberta said it was filled when there was a major incident in town. Elaine brought up the Halloween and Christmas events. Also she noted it is hard to get people to join. Same with the Lions Club.

Bob stated honestly with the way things have gone in the last year with crime watch, it may not survive. Elaine stated she would hate to see that happen. There is only so much _ people can take. Elaine added if we can get more people active in it, that would help.

Mark Kowalczyk noted the Polish Club Clambake is this Saturday. The first block of Elm Street will be blocked off for safety reasons. They sold 225 tickets. It will be busy. It will only be the first block from Chestnut to Elm.

Elaine mentioned the food drive the fourth Thursday of the month. We are just not getting the goods. The help is great, but what we get you cannot make a meal out of.

Motion to Adjourn. Unanimous. Adjourned at 6:37pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Price, Clerk
Patricia McDonald, Secretary, transcribed from tape

Adopted and Approved,

Stanley Knick Jr., Council President