

Minutes of the Warrior Run Council Meeting of
April 10, 2017

The Warrior Run Council Meeting of 04/10/2017 was held at the Warrior Run Borough Building, Front and Hanover Streets, Warrior Run, PA.

The meeting was called to order by Luke Matthews, who also led The Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Rick Kratz, Larry Carbohn, and Matt Pilch. Sandra Wegrzynowicz was not present for Roll Call or The Pledge of Allegiance, but she was present for the rest of the Council Meeting.

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of 03/13/2017 were read by Thomas Kneidinger. The Treasurer's Report from 03/14/2017 to 04/10/2017 was given.

A motion to accept the Minutes of the previous Council Meeting and the current Treasurer's Report was made by Larry Carbohn, seconded by Rick Kratz, and passed by 5 yes.

COMMUNICATIONS: Luke Matthews read a memo from the PA Department of Environmental Protection to PennEastern Engineering dated 04/06/2017 concerning the Borough's MS4 Advanced Waiver Request. The memo stated that it appears that the Borough may be eligible for a Waiver from additional MS4 requirements, and need not submit a pollution reduction plan, which would have been due on 09/17/2017. The final Waiver Status for the Borough in this regard will be determined later in the year.

Luke Matthews read a letter from Attorney Mark J. Kozlowski of the Marshal, Dennehey Law firm, dated 04/10/2017. The letter referred to the status of the Shannon project. The issue is awaiting a ruling by Judge Burke, which should occur in the next week or two. Attorney Kozlowski will provide an update to the Borough once a ruling is received.

OLD BUSINESS: There was a brief discussion of the hit-and-run truck incident that damaged several Borough trees, which had to be removed. No further progress has been made in trying to determine the truck number of the tractor-trailer, which did the damage.

Larry Carbohn commended John Quinn, Ted Linkiewicz and Ed Pegarella for their hard work during the snowstorm "Stella."

NEW BUSINESS: Mary Ann Brodginski, the Borough Tax collector, stated that Sears Holdings pays approximately \$21,000 in annual real estate taxes. So far, Sears has not paid its taxes and may be filing for bankruptcy.

Larry Carbohn stated that the Borough's red truck needs to get a state vehicle inspection. A motion to get the red truck inspected was made by Rick Kratz, seconded by Larry Carbohn, and passed by 5 yes.

A motion was made by Rick Kratz to begin a search for a new Borough Code Enforcement Officer, seconded by Sandra Wegrzynowicz, and passed by 4 yes. Larry Carbohn voted "no" on the motion.

A motion was made by Larry Carbohn to pay Ed Pegarella up to \$500.00 for his work and use of his equipment during storm "Stella," cleanup, seconded by Rick Kratz, and passed by 5 yes. Luke Matthews stated that Council should contact Ed Pegarella about this payment before the payment is actually made.

Larry Carbohn stated that Borough yard waste pickup will begin on Monday, 04/17/2017.

ATTORNEY AREGOOD'S REPORT: Attorney Aregood stated a letter dated 04/03/2017 was sent by the Borough to the Hanover Township Board of Commissions regarding Hanover Fire District Services to Warrior Run Borough. The letter stated that an inter-municipal agreement between the township and the Borough will be required. Also, that certain issues of Workman's Compensation premiums need to be resolved.

Attorney Aregood stated that he has reviewed the letter and attachments regarding the 03/08/2017 Storm Water Meeting, hosted by the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority. Attorney Aregood stated he had an extensive conversation with Attorney William Finnegan, who was the contact person for the letter and the attached documents.

Attorney Aregood informed council that these documents referred to the potential cooperation agreement for local municipalities concerning pollution control and storm water runoff. Attorney Aregood stated there could be a sign-on cost to the program of \$3,000-5,000.

After that, an ongoing additional cost could cost Borough residents anywhere from \$50/year to \$50/quarter, in addition to current sewer bills. The Borough could also have some fiscal responsibility for projects done in other municipalities. The option of getting a waiver from this program discussed in the Communications section would be most beneficial to the Borough.

Attorney Aregood stated he has reviewed the Borough's "Dog Ordinance," and it is appropriate, if the Borough publishes the ordinance incorporating it as a Borough Ordinance. A motion was made by Rick Kratz to have Attorney Aregood publish the ordinance, seconded by Matt Pilch, and passed by 5 yes.

Attorney Aregood stated that two Borough properties will be going up for tax sale on 05/09/2017. Attorney Aregood said he could attend the tax sale on behalf of the Borough, but Council decided the cost versus the benefit to the Borough, would not be worth it.

POLICE REPORT: The Hanover Township Police Report for the month ending on 03/31/2017 was read by the Mayor. There were 11 calls with 4.5 man hours expended to handle these calls. These hours do not include time spent patrolling the Borough.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor gave no report.

A motion to accept Attorney Aregood's and the Police Report was made by Larry Carbohn, seconded by Rick Kratz, and passed by 5 yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: A resident praised the work of the Borough keeping the roads open during the recent snowstorm. This resident also brought up the issue of storm water runoff near her property and the appearance of potholes in the Borough.

A resident asked if it was possible for the rear of Boyle Street to be paved. Council stated this could be a part of the discussion for a community development project.

A resident stated that his daughter was bitten by a Pitbull in the Borough. He stated that his daughter was in the street and not on the property of the Pitbull's owner, when the incident took place. Attorney Aregood briefly explained the potential effectiveness of a "Dog Ordinance," along with its limitations.

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A motion to adjourn was made by Larry Carbohn, seconded by Rick Kratz, and passed by 5 yes.

Thomas R. Kneidinger, Secretary
Warrior Run Borough
Submitted on 04/10/2017